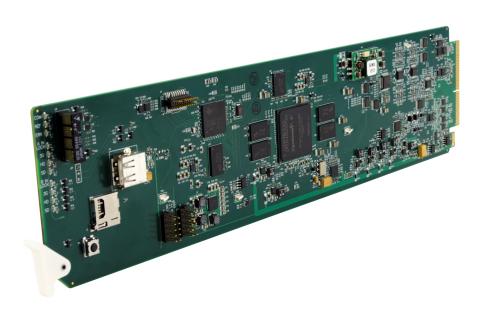
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# Multi-Input Framesync with Auto-Changeover and Character Burn

## **Product Manual**



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## Introduction

#### **Overview**

This manual provides installation and operating instructions for the 9940-ACO Multi-Input Framesync with Auto-Changeover and Character Burn card (also referred to herein as the 9940-ACO).

This manual consists of the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, "Introduction" Provides information about this manual and what is covered. Also provides general information regarding the 9940-ACO.
- Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup" Provides instructions for installing the 9940-ACO in a frame, and optionally installing a 9940-ACO Rear I/O Module.
- Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" Provides overviews of operating controls and instructions for using the 9940-ACO.

**This chapter** contains the following information:

- 9940-ACO Card Software Versions and this Manual (p. 1-2)
- Manual Conventions (p. 1-3)
- Safety Summary (p. 1-4)
- 9940-ACO Functional Description (p. 1-5)
- Technical Specifications (p. 1-14)
- Warranty and Service Information (p. 1-16)
- Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-17)

#### 9940-ACO Card Software Versions and this Manual

When applicable, Cobalt Digital Inc. provides for continual product enhancements through software updates. As such, functions described in this manual may pertain specifically to cards loaded with a particular software build.

The Software Version of your card can be checked by viewing the **Card Info** menu in DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>. See Checking 9940-ACO Card Information (p. 3-7) in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions" for more information. You can then check our website for the latest software version currently released for the card as described below.

**Note:** Not all functionality described in this manual may appear on cards with initial software versions.

Check our website and proceed as follows if your card's software does not match the latest version:

Card Software earlier than latest version	Card is not loaded with the latest software. Not all functions and/or specified performance described in this manual may be available.	
	You can update your card with new Update software by going to the <b>Support&gt;Firmware Downloads</b> link at www.cobaltdigital.com. Download "Firmware Update Guide", which provides simple instructions for downloading the latest firmware for your card onto your computer, and then uploading it to your card through DashBoard <sup>TM</sup> .	
	Software updates are field-installed without any need to remove the card from its frame.	
Card Software <b>newer</b> than version in manual	A new manual is expediently released whenever a card's software is updated and specifications and/or functionality have changed as compared to an earlier version (a new manual is not necessarily released if specifications and/or functionality have not changed). A manual earlier than a card's software version may not completely or accurately describe all functions available for your card.	
	If your card shows features not described in this manual, you can check for the latest manual (if applicable) and download it by going to the card's web page on www.cobaltdigital.com.	

#### **Cobalt Reference Guides**

From the Cobalt<sup>®</sup> web home page, go to **Support>Reference Documents** for easy to use guides covering network remote control, card firmware updates, example card processing UI setups and other topics.

**Introduction** Manual Conventions

#### **Manual Conventions**

In this manual, display messages and connectors are shown using the exact name shown on the 9940-ACO itself. Examples are provided below.

• Card-edge display messages are shown like this:

BOOT

Connector names are shown like this: SDI IN A

In this manual, the terms below are applicable as follows:

- **9940-ACO** refers to the 9940-ACO Multi-Input Framesync with Auto-Changeover and Character Burn card.
- **Frame** refers to the HPF-9000, OG3-FR, 8321, or similar 20-slot frame that houses Cobalt® or other cards.
- **Device** and/or **Card** refers to a Cobalt<sup>®</sup> or other card.
- System and/or Video System refers to the mix of interconnected production and terminal equipment in which the 9940-ACO and other cards operate.
- Functions and/or features that are available only as an option are denoted in this manual like this:



#### Warnings, Cautions, and Notes

Certain items in this manual are highlighted by special messages. The definitions are provided below.

#### **Warnings**

Warning messages indicate a possible hazard which, if not avoided, could result in personal injury or death.

#### **Cautions**

Caution messages indicate a problem or incorrect practice which, if not avoided, could result in improper operation or damage to the product.

#### **Notes**

Notes provide supplemental information to the accompanying text. Notes typically precede the text to which they apply.

**1** Safety Summary

#### **Labeling Symbol Definitions**

$\triangle$	Important note regarding product usage. Failure to observe may result in unexpected or incorrect operation.
	Electronic device or assembly is susceptible to damage from an ESD event. Handle only using appropriate ESD prevention practices.  If ESD wrist strap is not available, handle card only by edges and avoid contact with any connectors or components.
	Symbol (WEEE 2002/96/EC) For product disposal, ensure the following:  • Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.  • Collect this product separately.  • Use collection and return systems available to you.

#### **Safety Summary**

#### Warnings

! WARNING!

To reduce risk of electric shock do not remove line voltage service barrier cover on frame equipment containing an AC power supply. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

#### **Cautions**

CAUTION

This device is intended for environmentally controlled use only in appropriate video terminal equipment operating environments.

CAUTION

This product is intended to be a component product of an openGear® frame. Refer to the openGear® frame Owner's Manual for important safety instructions regarding the proper installation and safe operation of the frame as well as its component products.

CAUTION

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9940-ACO has a moderate power dissipation (<18 W). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

CAUTION

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9940-ACO into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

CAUTION

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

CAUTION

The 9940-ACO FPGA is designed for a normal-range operating temperature around 85° C core temperature. Operation in severe conditions exceeding this limit for non-sustained usage are within device operating safe parameters, and can be allowed by setting this control to Disable. However, the disable (override) setting should be avoided under normal conditions to ensure maximum card protection.

#### 9940-ACO Functional Description

Figure 1-1 shows a functional block diagram of the 9940-ACO. In addition to a basic signal presence input failover function, a Quality Check function allows failover to alternate inputs based on user-configurable subjective criteria such as black/frozen frame or audio silence. Two discrete character burn strings can be inserted on output video, with each string inserted as static text and/or insert only upon LOS. A moving-box insertion can be enabled to serve as a dynamic raster confidence check even in cases where the input video image is static or lost.

#### 9940-ACO Input/Output Formats

The 9940-ACO provides the following inputs and outputs:

#### • Inputs:

3G/HD/SD SDI IN A thru SDI IN D – four 3G/HD/SD-SDI inputs.
 SDI IN A or SDI IN B can be set to failover to A or B in absence of opposite channel of this pair.

#### Outputs:

- **3G/HD/SD-SDI OUT (1-4)** four 3G/HD/SD-SDI buffered video outputs. Each output can be independently set as processed output video or selected input video reclocked.
- RLY BYP B –3G/HD/SD-SDI which outputs a copy of SDI OUT 1 under normal conditions, or passive outputs the SDI input as a relay failover if card power is lost.

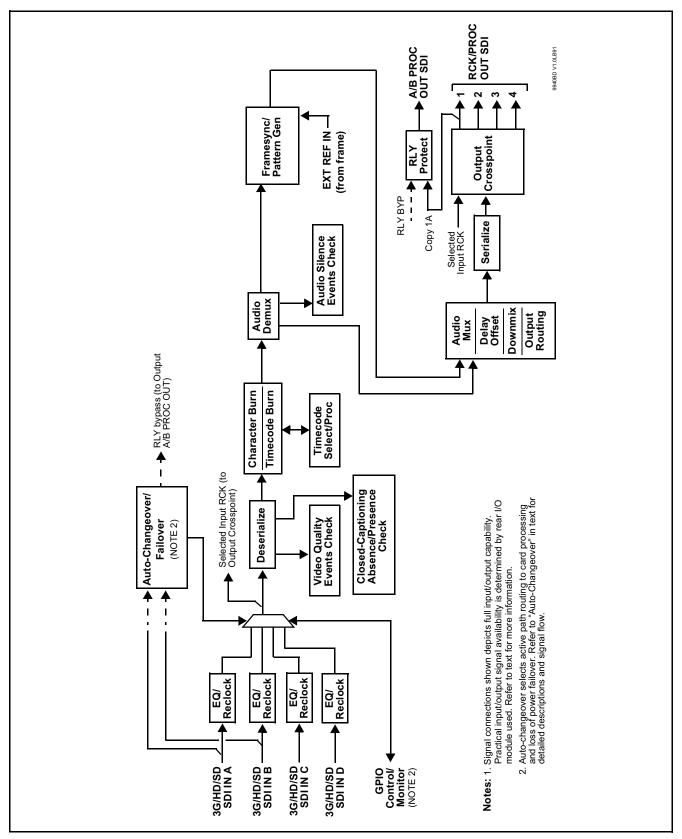


Figure 1-1 9940-ACO Functional Block Diagram

#### Video Processor Description

The 9940-ACO features a frame sync, character burner, and pattern generator. The 9940-ACO video subsystem also provides the functions described below.

#### Input Video Select/Quality Check Functions

A GUI-based control allows selection of one of four SDI inputs as the card processed video input.

The input can be selected using DashBoard manual control, set to failover to an alternate input upon loss of the target input, and can be externally selected via a GPI interface. Reclocked copies of any SDI input can be outputted by the card when selected as a choice on the output crosspoint.

A user-configurable Quality Check function allows subjective criteria such as black/frozen or no video frame events to propagate an event alert. This alert can be used by the card Presets function to invoke video routing changes, GPO, and other actions.

#### **Auto-Changeover Function**

(See Figure 1-2.) This function allows the card logic assert of input select and routing to the RLY BYP OUT card processed output under normal conditions, while providing latching relays at both the input and output nodes to provide input failover to select an alternate input, and also provides output failover which can passively relay-route the currently selected input directly to the output if the card loses power or is removed from the frame. (Both relays are located on the card rear module.)

The RLY BYP OUT SDI output retains selected routing regardless of whether a selection was manually invoked or by a unit-detected failover (such as loss of power). For example, prior to a power loss event if a changeover from SDI IN A to SDI IN B was active at the time, this selection is retained by the latching relays. In a power-loss event, **SDI IN B** would be directly routed to output RLY BYP OUT, and the card automatically removed from the signal path until normal operation again commences. In normal operation, the output relay always maintains routing from the card processed output to output **RLY BYP OUT.** 

- Note: The card also provides active (DA-driven) outputs RCK/PROC 1 thru RCK/PROC 4. These outputs are independent of the relay failover function and will lose signal in the event of a power loss.
  - The above failover uses basic signal presence as failover criteria and is limited to inputs A and B. Failover using active assessments (Quality Check) can be set to provide failovers using frozen/black frame and other criteria. See Video Quality Events Detect Function (p. 1-10) and Closed Captioning Events Detect Function (p. 1-10) for more information.

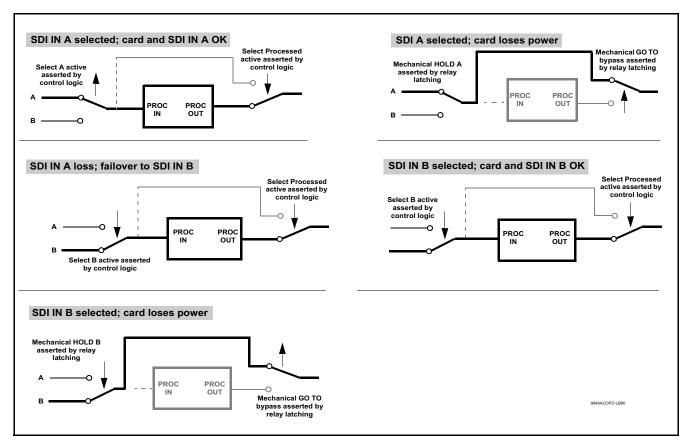


Figure 1-2 Auto-Changeover Function and Signal Flow

#### **Timecode Processor**

(See Figure 1-3.) This function provides for extraction of timecode data from input video source, and in turn allow individual timecode strings to be embedded and/or burned into the output video. The function can monitor any of the video inputs of the card for supported timecode formats such as ATC\_LTC or ATC\_VITC for HD, and ATC\_VITC or VITC waveform (with selectable odd/even field line number control) for SD SDI inputs. Waveform VITC timecode can also be extracted from a reference input and used as the output timecode value. If the preferred format is detected, the preferred format is used by the card; if the preferred format is not detected, the card uses other formats (where available) as desired. An internally-generated free-run timecode can be also be embedded on output video if desired.

The function also provides conversion between various timecode formats and provides independent insertion and line number controls for each SDI timecode output format.

Option When licensed with option **+LTC**, this function also can receive and translate audio LTC timecode (from Emb Ch 1-16) for insertion as SMPTE 12M ATC timecode formats onto the output video as described above.

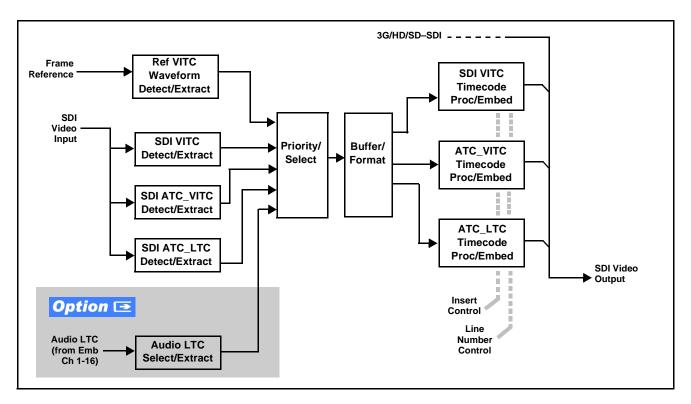


Figure 1-3 Timecode Processor

#### **Frame Sync Function**

This function provides for frame sync control using either one of two external **FRAME REF IN (1,2)** reference signals distributed with the card frame, or the input video as a frame sync reference. This function also allows horizontal and/or vertical offset to be added between the output video and the frame sync reference.

Frame sync can select from either of two card frame reference sources, or free-run input video sync. Selectable failover allows alternate reference selection should the initial reference source become unavailable or invalid. In the event of input video loss of signal, the output can be set to disable video, go to black, go to an internal test signal generator pattern, or freeze to the last intact frame (last frame having valid SAV and EAV codes).

An internal test signal generator provides a selection of nine standard patterns such as color bars, sweep patterns, and other technical patterns. The test patterns can be applied to the output video upon loss of input or manually inserted at any time.

#### Character/Image Burn-in Functions

Text strings and timecode (as selected using the timecode function) can be burned into the output video. Burn-in attributes such as size, position, background, color, and opacity are user-configurable. Two discrete character burn strings can be inserted on output video, with each string inserted as static text and/or insert only upon LOS. A moving-box insertion can be enabled to serve as a dynamic raster confidence check even in cases where the input video image is static or lost.

#### **Video Quality Events Detect Function**

A Video Quality Events user interface and an Event Triggers user interface provide for setting an area of concern across the program raster which can be monitored for frozen or black video events. Threshold controls allow setting the sensitivity of the function, while engage and disengage threshold timing controls allow setting how fast the event detection engages and releases when triggered. The Event Triggers user interface allows instructing the card as to the action to take upon an event (such as go to a changed signal routing, activate a GPO, send an automated email, or go to a user-defined preset).

#### **Closed Captioning Events Detect Function**

An **Event Triggers** user interface can detect Closed Caption Absence and Closed Caption Presence events. The **Event Triggers** user interface in turn allows instructing the card as to the action to take upon an event (such as go to a changed signal routing, activate a GPO, send an automated email, or go to a user-defined preset).

#### **Video Output Crosspoint**

A three-output video matrix crosspoint allows independently applying the card processed video output or reclocked input to any of the four card non-relay outputs RCK/PROC 1 thru RCK/PROC 4).

#### **Audio Processor Description**

The audio processor operates as an internal audio router. An Input Audio Status display shows the presence and peak level of each input audio channel received by the card. For digital audio inputs, payload is identified (PCM or data such as Dolby® Digital or E). As such, the audio subsection provides a full crosspoint between all supported audio inputs and output formats. Bulk and per-channel audio delay controls are provided.

#### **Audio Down Mix Function**

(See Figure 1-4.) The Audio Down Mixer function provides for the selection of any five embedded channels serving as Left (L), Right (R), Center (C), Left Surround (Ls), and Right Surround (Rs) individual signals to be multiplexed into stereo pair Down Mix Left (DM-L) and Down Mix Right (DM-R). The resulting stereo pair DM-L and DM-R can in turn be routed to any embedded audio pair as desired.

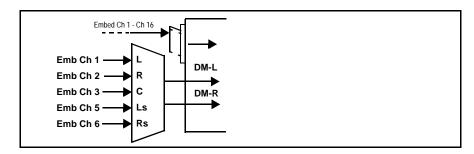


Figure 1-4 Audio Down Mix Functional Block Diagram with Example Sources

#### **Audio Silence Events Detect Function**

An **Audio Silence Events** user interface and an **Event Triggers** user interface provide for setting audio level screening and thresholds for audio silence event alerts. When a silence events occur, the event(s) can be used by the Presets function to invoke input routing or other changes.

An Audio Failover Threshold control allows setting the level at which channel content is considered to be silent, and correspondingly also a transition back to an untriggered condition with resumption of audio for the selected embedded channels. Trigger holdoff sets the period of time in which selected channel silence must occur before an Audio Silence Event trigger goes true. Release holdoff sets the time in which the trigger is revoked upon an event false condition. The **Event Triggers** user interface allows instructing the card as to the action to take upon an event (such as go to a changed signal routing, activate a GPO, send an automated email, or go to a user-defined preset).

#### **User Control Interface**

Figure 1-5 shows the user control interface options for the 9940-ACO. These options are individually described below.

**Note:** All user control interfaces described here are cross-compatible and can operate together as desired. Where applicable, any control setting change made using a particular user interface is reflected on any other connected interface.

• **DashBoard™ User Interface** – Using DashBoard™, the 9940-ACO and other cards installed in openGear®<sup>1</sup> frames can be controlled from a computer and monitor.

DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> allows users to view all frames on a network with control and monitoring for all populated slots inside a frame. This simplifies the setup and use of numerous modules in a large installation and offers the ability to centralize monitoring. Cards define their controllable parameters to DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>, so the control interface is always up to date.

The DashBoard™ software can be downloaded from the Cobalt Digital Inc. website: <a href="www.cobaltdigital.com">www.cobaltdigital.com</a> (enter "DashBoard" in the search window). The DashBoard™ user interface is described in Chapter 3,"Operating Instructions".

 Cobalt® OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels – The OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panels conveniently and intuitively provide parameter monitor and control of the 9940-ACO and other video and audio processing terminal equipment meeting the open-architecture Cobalt® cards for openGear<sup>TM</sup> standard.

In addition to circumventing the need for a computer to monitor and control signal processing cards, the Control Panels allow quick and intuitive access to hundreds of cards in a facility, and can monitor and allow adjustment of multiple parameters at one time.

The Remote Control Panels are totally compatible with the openGear<sup>TM</sup> control software DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>; any changes made with either system are reflected on the other. The Remote Control Panel user interface is described in Chapter 3, "Operating Instructions".

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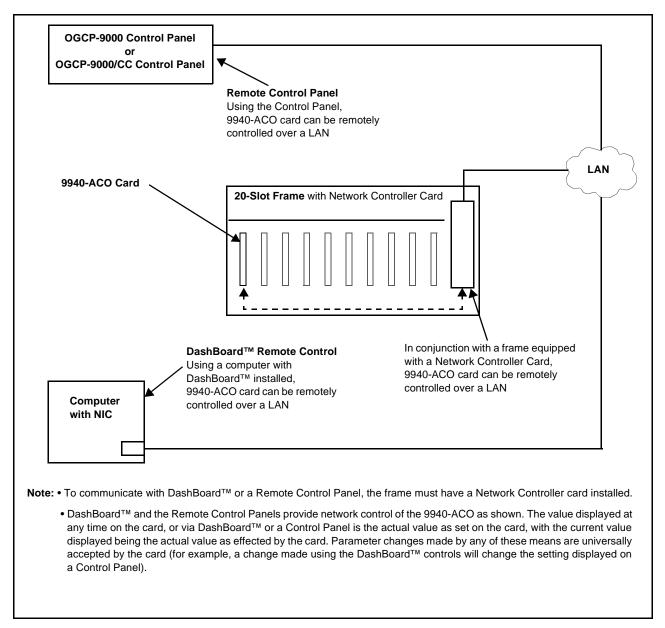


Figure 1-5 9940-ACO User Control Interface

Note: If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt® reference guide Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of Cobalt® cards using DashBoard™. (Cobalt® OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel product manuals have complete instructions for setting up remote control using a Remote Control Panel.)

Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the Support>Reference Documents link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt® as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-17).

#### 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules

The 9940-ACO physically interfaces to system video connections at the rear of its frame using a Rear I/O Module.

All inputs and outputs shown in the 9940-ACO Functional Block Diagram (Figure 1-1) enter and exit the card via the card edge backplane connector. The Rear I/O Module breaks out the 9940-ACO card edge connections to BNC and other connectors that interface with other components and systems in the signal chain. The full assortment of 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules is shown and described in 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-4) in Chapter 2, "Installation and Setup".

#### **Technical Specifications**

Table 1-1 lists the technical specifications for the 9940-ACO Multi-Input Framesync with Auto-Changeover and Character Burn card.

Table 1-1 Technical Specifications

Item	Characteristic		
Part number, nomenclature	9940-ACO Multi-Input Framesync with Auto-Changeover and Character Burn		
Installation/usage environment	Intended for installation and usage in frame meeting openGear™ modular system definition.		
Power consumption	< 18 Watts maximum		
Installation Density	Up to 20 cards per 20-slot frame		
Environmental: Operating temperature: Relative humidity (operating or storage):	32° – 104° F (0° – 40° C) < 95%, non-condensing		
Frame communication	10/100 Mbps Ethernet with Auto-MDIX.		
Indicators	Card edge display and indicators as follows:  • 4-character alphanumeric display  • Status/Error LED indicator  • Input Format LED indicator		
Serial Digital Video Input	Number of inputs: Four, with manual select or failover to alternate input.  Data Rates Supported: SMPTE 424M, 292M, SMPTE 259M-C Impedance: 75 Ω terminating Return Loss: > 15 dB up to 1.485 GHz > 10 dB up to 2.970 GHz		

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Table 1-1 Technical Specifications — continued

Item	Characteristic
Input Select/Auto-Changeover Failover	Failover to alternate input on loss of target input. Failover invoked upon LOS and/or user configurable parametric criteria such as black/frozen frame or audio silence.
	<ul> <li>Black frame trigger configurable for black intensity threshold and persistence time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Frozen frame trigger configurable for frozen percentage difference and persistence time.</li> </ul>
Post-Processor Serial Digital Video Outputs	Number of Outputs: One 3G/HD/SD-SDI BNC, relay-protected Four 3G/HD/SD-SDI BNC, selectable as processed or input reclocked output Impedance: 75 Ω Return Loss: > 15 dB at 5 MHz – 270 MHz Signal Level: 800 mV ± 10% DC Offset: 0 V ± 50 mV Jitter (3G/HD/SD):
5 1 11 10 11 0 1	< 0.3/0.2/0.2 UI
Embedded Audio Output	16-ch embedded. User crosspoint allows routing of any embedded channel to any embedded channel output. Multi-frequency tone generator for each audio output. Master delay control; range of -33 msec to +3000 msec.
Frame Reference Input	Number of Inputs: Two non-terminating (looping) Frame Reference inputs with selectable failover
	Standards Supported: SMPTE 170M/318M ("black burst") SMPTE 274M/296M ("tri-color")
	Return Loss: > 35 dB up to 5.75 MHz
GPIO	(2) GPI configurable to select input routing. (2) GPO configurable to invoke upon input selected. GPI acknowledge upon falling-edge input triggered by R $\leq$ 10 k $\Omega$ (or Vin $\leq$ 2.0 V) GPI release upon rising-edge input triggered by R $\geq$ 10 k $\Omega$ (or Vin $\geq$ 2.0 V) "G" (GND) terminal at chassis-ground potential Suitable for use with 3.3V LVCMOS logic Maximum Recommended Logic Control Voltage Range: 0 to 5 VDC GPO Maximum Recommended Voltage / Current:

#### **Warranty and Service Information**

#### **Cobalt Digital Inc. Limited Warranty**

This product is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of shipment to the original purchaser, except that 4000, 5000, 6000, 8000 series power supplies, and Dolby<sup>®</sup> modules (where applicable) are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year.

Cobalt Digital Inc.'s ("Cobalt") sole obligation under this warranty shall be limited to, at its option, (i) the repair or (ii) replacement of the product, and the determination of whether a defect is covered under this limited warranty shall be made at the sole discretion of Cobalt.

This limited warranty applies only to the original end-purchaser of the product, and is not assignable or transferrable therefrom. This warranty is limited to defects in material and workmanship, and shall not apply to acts of God, accidents, or negligence on behalf of the purchaser, and shall be voided upon the misuse, abuse, alteration, or modification of the product. Only Cobalt authorized factory representatives are authorized to make repairs to the product, and any unauthorized attempt to repair this product shall immediately void the warranty. Please contact Cobalt Technical Support for more information.

To facilitate the resolution of warranty related issues, Cobalt recommends registering the product by completing and returning a product registration form. In the event of a warrantable defect, the purchaser shall notify Cobalt with a description of the problem, and Cobalt shall provide the purchaser with a Return Material Authorization ("RMA"). For return, defective products should be double boxed, and sufficiently protected, in the original packaging, or equivalent, and shipped to the Cobalt Factory Service Center, postage prepaid and insured for the purchase price. The purchaser should include the RMA number, description of the problem encountered, date purchased, name of dealer purchased from, and serial number with the shipment.

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## Installation and Setup

#### **Overview**

This chapter contains the following information:

- Installing the 9940-ACO Into a Frame Slot (p. 2-1)
- Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-3)
- Setting Up 9940-ACO Network Remote Control (p. 2-5)

#### Installing the 9940-ACO Into a Frame Slot

#### CAUTION

Heat and power distribution requirements within a frame may dictate specific slot placement of cards. Cards with many heat-producing components should be arranged to avoid areas of excess heat build-up, particularly in frames using only convection cooling. The 9940-ACO has a moderate power dissipation (<18 W). As such, avoiding placing the card adjacent to other cards with similar dissipation values if possible.

#### CAUTION



This device contains semiconductor devices which are susceptible to serious damage from Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). ESD damage may not be immediately apparent and can affect the long-term reliability of the device.

Avoid handling circuit boards in high static environments such as carpeted areas, and when wearing synthetic fiber clothing. Always use proper ESD handling precautions and equipment when working on circuit boards and related equipment.

Note: If installing the 9940-ACO in a slot with no rear I/O module, a Rear I/O Module is required before cabling can be connected. Refer to Installing a Rear I/O Module (p. 2-3) for rear I/O module installation procedure.

#### CAUTION

If required, make certain Rear I/O Module(s) is installed before installing the 9940-ACO into the frame slot. Damage to card and/or Rear I/O Module can occur if module installation is attempted with card already installed in slot.

**Note:** Check the packaging in which the 9940-ACO was shipped for any extra items such as a Rear I/O Module connection label. In some cases, this label is shipped with the card and to be installed on the Rear I/O connector bank corresponding to the slot location of the card.

Install the 9940-ACO into a frame slot as follows:

- 1. Determine the slot in which the 9940-ACO is to be installed.
- **2.** Open the frame front access panel.
- **3.** While holding the card by the card edges, align the card such that the plastic ejector tab is on the bottom.
- **4.** Align the card with the top and bottom guides of the slot in which the card is being installed.
- **5.** Gradually slide the card into the slot. When resistance is noticed, gently continue pushing the card until its rear printed circuit edge terminals engage fully into the rear I/O module mating connector.

#### **CAUTION**

If card resists fully engaging in rear I/O module mating connector, check for alignment and proper insertion in slot tracks. Damage to card and/or rear I/O module may occur if improper card insertion is attempted.

- **6.** Verify that the card is fully engaged in rear I/O module mating connector.
- **7.** Close the frame front access panel.
- 8. Connect the input and output cables as shown in 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules (p. 2-4).
- **9.** Repeat steps 1 through 8 for other 9940-ACO cards.

**Note:** • The 9940-ACO BNC inputs are internally 75-ohm terminated. It is not necessary to terminate unused BNC inputs or outputs.

- External frame sync reference signals are received by the card over a
  reference bus on the card frame, and not on any card rear I/O module
  connectors. The frame has BNC connectors labeled REF 1 and REF 2
  which receive the reference signal from an external source such as a house
  distribution.
- To remove a card, press down on the ejector tab to unseat the card from the rear I/O module mating connector. Evenly draw the card from its slot.
- **10.** If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, perform setup in accordance with Setting Up 9940-ACO Network Remote Control (p. 2-5).

Note:

If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard™, no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard™ and be ready for use.

#### Installing a Rear I/O Module

**Note:** This procedure is applicable **only if a Rear I/O Module is not currently installed** in the slot where the 9940-ACO is to be installed.

If installing the 9940-ACO in a slot already equipped with a suitable I/O module, omit this procedure.

#### Install a Rear I/O Module as follows:

- 1. On the frame, determine the slot in which the 9940-ACO is to be installed.
- **2.** In the mounting area corresponding to the slot location, install Rear I/O Module as shown in Figure 2-1.

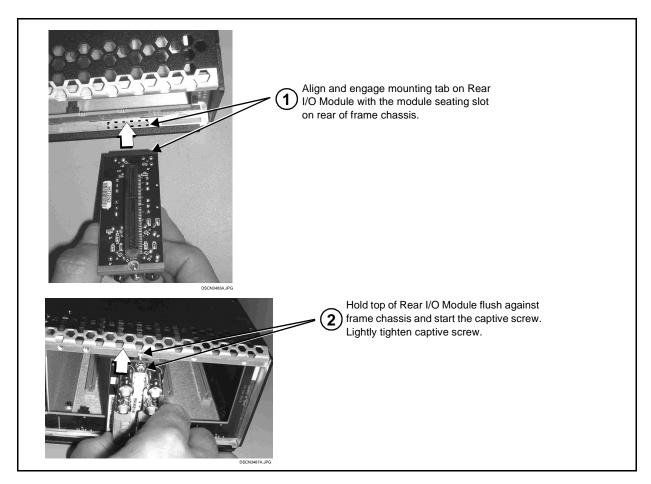


Figure 2-1 Rear I/O Module Installation

#### 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules

Table 2-1 shows and describes the full assortment of Rear I/O Modules specifically for use with the 9940-ACO.

**Notes:** • Rear I/O Modules equipped with 3-wire Phoenix connectors are supplied with removable screw terminal block adapters. For clarity, the adapters are omitted in the drawings below.

Table 2-1 9940-ACO Rear I/O Modules

#### 9940-ACO Rear I/O Module Description Note: RLY BYP B is the card processed output which uses either input SDI IN A or SDI IN B. This output uses relay latching to retain selected routing in the event of power loss regardless of whether a selection was manually invoked or by a unit-detected failover. RCK/PROC 1 thru RCK/PROC 4 are DA outputs which can be individually set as reclocked or processed outputs of the currently-selected input. These outputs are not relay-equipped and will lose signal in the event of power loss. RM20-9940-C Provides the following connections: • Two 3G/HD/SD-SDI video input BNCs (SDI IN A thru **SDI IN D**) 0 $\odot$ • Three 3G/HD/SD-SDI video output BNCs (RCK/PROC 1 thru RCK/PROC 3; each GUI selectable as selected-input reclocked or processed out) One relay-protected SDI processed output BNC (RLY BYP B) RLY BYP B • Two opto-isolated GPI inputs (terminals GPI 1-G and GPI 2-G) (·) Two SPST NO GPO relay closure contacts (floating) (terminals GPO 1/G and GPO 2/G) $\odot$ $\odot$ RM20-9940-F Provides the following connections: • Four 3G/HD/SD-SDI video input BNCs (SDI IN A thru **SDI IN D**) 0 0 • Four 3G/HD/SD-SDI video output BNCs SDLÎN A SDLIN B (RCK/PROC 1 thru RCK/PROC 4; each GUI Note: RCK/PROC 1 thru selectable as processed out, selected-input 0 0 RCK/PROC 4 are DA reclocked, or wings/key-fill preview where outputs which can be SDLING RLY BYP E available) individually set as reclocked or processed $\odot$ One relay-protected SDI processed output BNC outputs of the (RLY BYP B; outputs a copy of SDI OUT 1 under currently-selected input. SDLIND normal conditions, or passive outputs the SDI input RLY BYP B is a relav- $\odot$ on SDI IN B as a relay failover if card power is lost) protected path which carries processed RCK/PROC 1 RCK/PROC • COMM/GPIO RJ-45 connector. Provides the SDI out under normal following: conditions and passive 0 0 - Multi-format serial interface routes SDI IN B to this BNC upon loss of power. RCK/PROC 3 RCK/PROC 4 - Two opto-isolated GPI inputs - Two SPST NO GPO relay closure contacts

#### **GPIO/COMM Connections**

Figure 2-2 shows connections to the 3-pin Phoenix<sup>TM</sup> terminal block connectors (where used) GPIO connections and the RJ-45 connector GPIO/COMM connections (where used).

**Note:** It is preferable to wire connections to plugs oriented as shown in Figure 2-2 rather than assessing orientation on rear module connectors. Note that the orientation of rear module 3-wire connectors is not necessarily consistent within a rear module, or between different rear modules. If wiring is first connected to plug oriented as shown here, the electrical orientation will be correct regardless of rear module connector orientation.

#### **Setting Up 9940-ACO Network Remote Control**

Perform remote control setup in accordance with Cobalt<sup>®</sup> reference guide "Remote Control User Guide" (PN 9000RCS-RM).

Note: • If network remote control is to be used for the frame and the frame has not yet been set up for remote control, Cobalt<sup>®</sup> reference guide Remote Control User Guide (PN 9000RCS-RM) provides thorough information and step-by-step instructions for setting up network remote control of Cobalt<sup>®</sup> cards using DashBoard<sup>™</sup>. (Cobalt<sup>®</sup> OGCP-9000 and OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel product manuals have complete instructions for setting up remote control using a Remote Control Panel.)

Download a copy of this guide by clicking on the **Support>Reference Documents** link at www.cobaltdigital.com and then select DashBoard Remote Control Setup Guide as a download, or contact Cobalt<sup>®</sup> as listed in Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-17).

 If installing a card in a frame already equipped for, and connected to DashBoard<sup>™</sup>, no network setup is required for the card. The card will be discovered by DashBoard<sup>™</sup> and be ready for use.

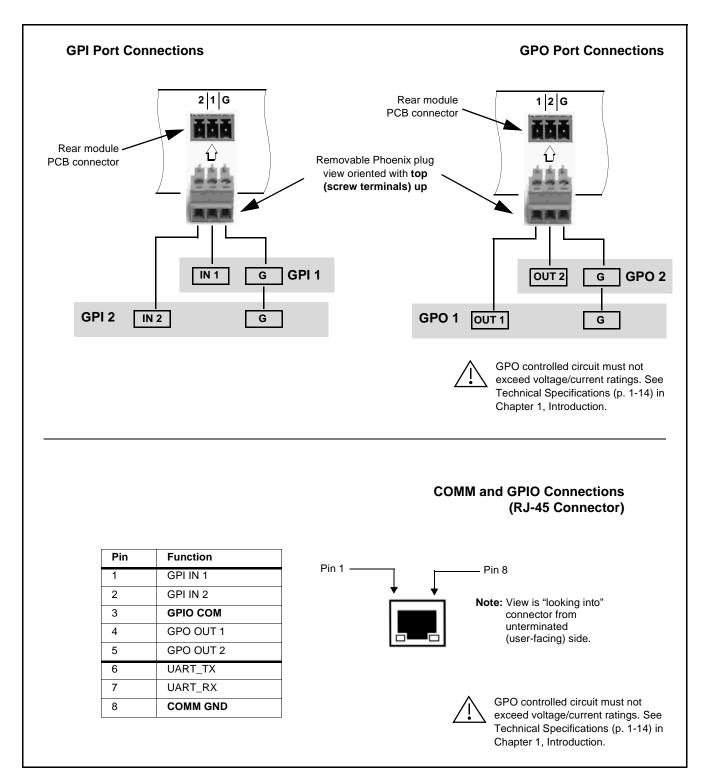


Figure 2-2 GPIO/COMM Connector Pinouts

## Operating Instructions

#### Overview

If you are already familiar with using DashBoard or a Cobalt Remote Control Panel to control Cobalt cards, please skip to 9940-ACO Function Menu List and Descriptions (p. 3-9).

This chapter contains the following information:

- Control and Display Descriptions (p. 3-1)
- Accessing the 9940-ACO Card via Remote Control (p. 3-5)
- Checking 9940-ACO Card Information (p. 3-7)
- Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges (p. 3-8)
- 9940-ACO Function Menu List and Descriptions (p. 3-9)
- Troubleshooting (p. 3-47)

#### **Control and Display Descriptions**

This section describes the user interface controls, indicators, and displays for using the 9940-ACO card. The 9940-ACO functions can be accessed and controlled using any of the user interfaces described here.

The format in which the 9940-ACO functional controls, indicators, and displays appear and are used varies depending on the user interface being used. Regardless of the user interface being used, access to the 9940-ACO functions (and the controls, indicators, and displays related to a particular function) follows a general arrangement of Function Menus under which related controls can be accessed (as described in Function Menu/Parameter Overview below).

**Note:** When a setting is changed, settings displayed on DashBoard<sup>™</sup> (or a Remote Control Panel) are the settings as effected by the card itself and reported back to the remote control; the value displayed at any time is the actual value as set on the card.

#### **Function Menu/Parameter Overview**

The functions and related parameters available on the 9940-ACO card are organized into function **menus**, which consist of parameter groups as shown below.

Figure 3-1 shows how the 9940-ACO card and its menus are organized, and also provides an overview of how navigation is performed between cards, function menus, and parameters.

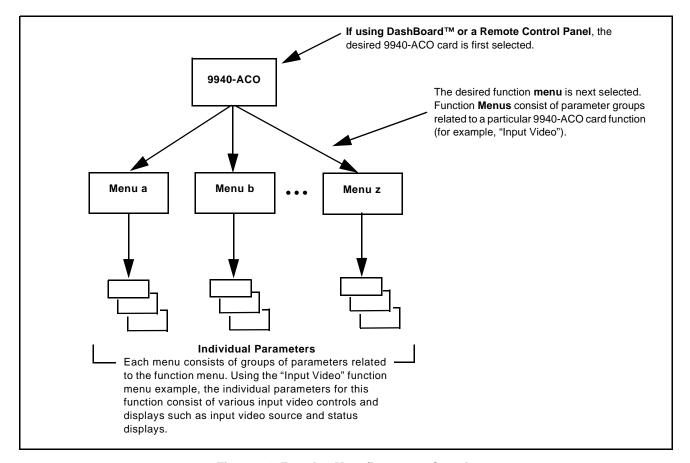


Figure 3-1 Function Menu/Parameter Overview

#### DashBoard™ User Interface

(See Figure 3-2.) The card function menus are organized in DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> using tabs. When a tab is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the GUI slider controls. Items in a list can then be selected using GUI drop-down lists.

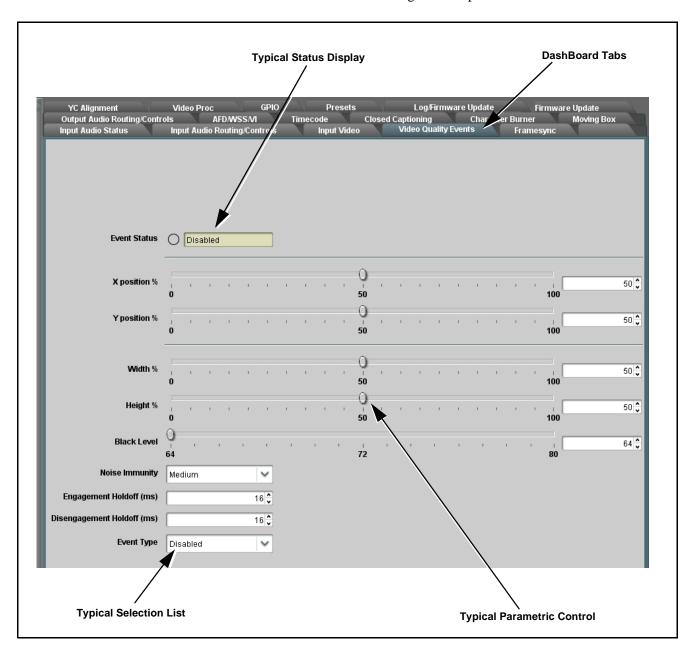


Figure 3-2 Typical DashBoard Tabs and Controls

#### Cobalt® Remote Control Panel User Interfaces

(See Figure 3-3.) Similar to the function menu tabs using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>, the Remote Control Panels have a Select Submenu key that is used to display a list of function submenus. From this list, a control knob on the Control Panel is used to select a function from the list of displayed function submenu items.

When the desired function submenu is selected, each parametric control or selection list item associated with the function is displayed. Scalar (numeric) parametric values can then be adjusted as desired using the control knobs, which act like a potentiometer. Items in a list can then be selected using the control knobs which correspondingly act like a rotary switch. (In this manner, the setting effected using controls and selection lists displayed on the Control Panel are comparable to the submenu items accessed and committed using the 9940-ACO card edge controls.)

Figure 3-3 shows accessing a function submenu and its parameters (in this example, "Video Proc") using the Control Panel as compared to using the card edge controls.

#### Note:

Refer to "OGCP-9000 Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000-OM) or "OGCP-9000/CC Remote Control Panel User Manual" (PN OGCP-9000/CC-OM) for complete instructions on using the Control Panels.

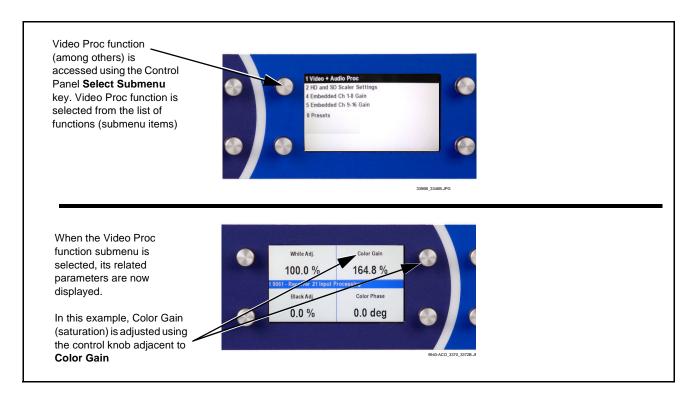


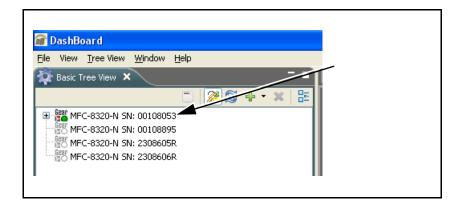
Figure 3-3 Remote Control Panel Setup of Example Video Proc Function Setup

#### Accessing the 9940-ACO Card via Remote Control

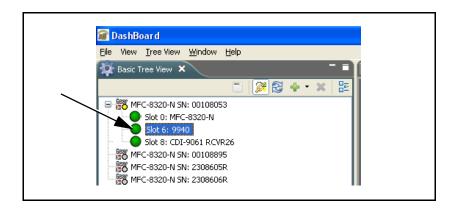
Access the 9940-ACO card using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or Cobalt<sup>®</sup> Remote Control Panel as described below.

#### Accessing the 9940-ACO Card Using DashBoard™

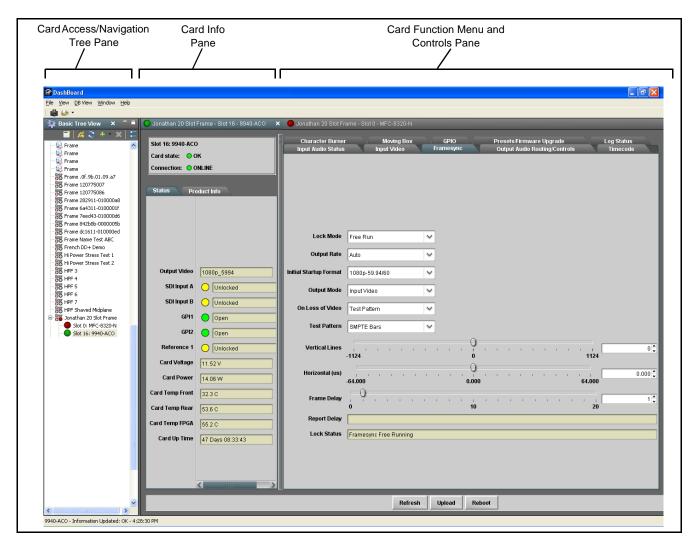
- 1. On the computer connected to the frame LAN, open DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>.
- **2.** As shown below, in the left side Basic View Tree locate the Network Controller Card associated with the frame containing the 9940-ACO card to be accessed (in this example, "MFC-8320-N SN: 00108053").



**3.** As shown below, expand the tree to access the cards within the frame. Click on the card to be accessed (in this example, "Slot 6: 9940").

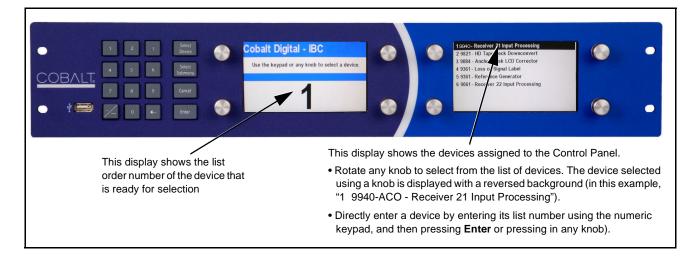


As shown on the next page, when the card is accessed in DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> its function menu screen showing tabs for each function is displayed. (The particular menu screen displayed is the previously displayed screen from the last time the card was accessed by DashBoard<sup>TM</sup>).



#### Accessing the 9940-ACO Card Using a Cobalt® Remote Control Panel

Press the **Select Device** key and select a card as shown in the example below.



#### **Checking 9940-ACO Card Information**

The operating status and software version the 9940-ACO card can be checked using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or the card edge control user interface. Figure 3-4 shows and describes the 9940-ACO card information screen using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> and accessing card information using the card edge control user interface.

**Note:** Proper operating status in DashBoard<sup>™</sup> is denoted by green icons for the status indicators shown in Figure 3-4. Yellow or red icons respectively indicate an alert or failure condition. Refer to Troubleshooting (p. 3-47) for corrective action.

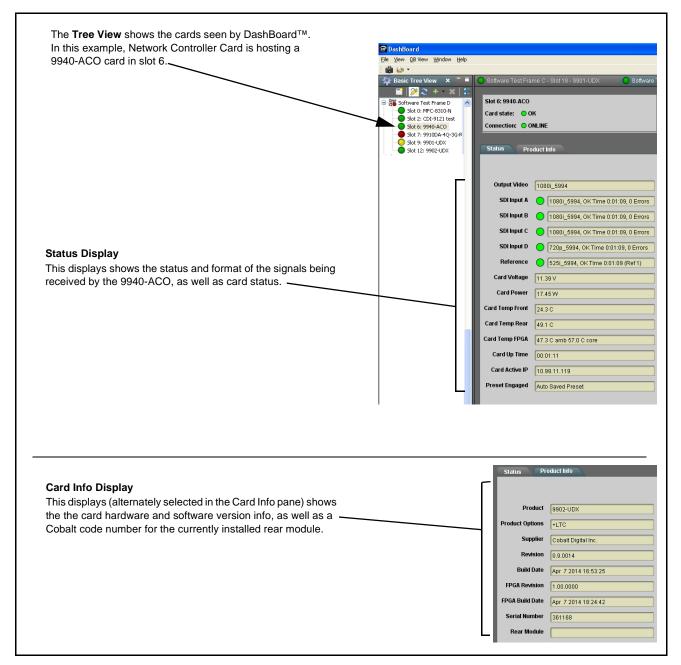


Figure 3-4 9940-ACO Card Info/Status Utility

#### **Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges**

Table 3-1 lists typical default output video VANC line number locations for various ancillary data items that may be passed or handled by the card.

Table 3-1 Typical Ancillary Data Line Number Locations/Ranges

	Default Line No. / Range		
Item	SD	HD	
AFD	12 (Note 2)	9 (Note 2)	
ATC_VITC	13 (Note 2)	9/8 (Note 2)	
ATC_LTC	_	10 (Note 2)	
Dolby <sup>®</sup> Metadata	13 (Note 2)	13 (Note 2)	
SDI VITC Waveform	14/16 (Note 2)	_	
Closed Captioning	21 (locked)	10 (Note 2)	

#### Notes:

- 1. The card does not check for conflicts on a given line number. Make certain the selected line is available and carrying no other data.
- 2. While range indicated by drop-down list on GUI may allow a particular range of choices, the actual range is automatically clamped (limited) to certain ranges to prevent inadvertent conflict with active picture area depending on video format. Limiting ranges for various output formats are as follows:

Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting	Format	Line No. Limiting
525i	12-19	720p	9-25	1080p	9-41
625i	9-22	1080i	9-20		

Because line number allocation is not standardized for all ancillary items, consideration should be given to all items when performing set-ups. Figure 3-5 shows an example of improper and corrected VANC allocation within an HD-SDI stream.

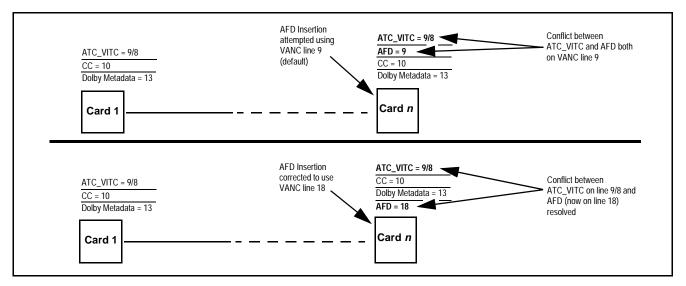


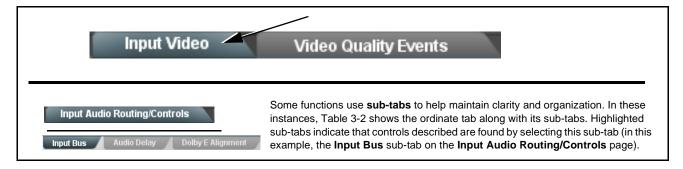
Figure 3-5 Example VANC Line Number Allocation Example

# 9940-ACO Function Menu List and Descriptions

Table 3-2 individually lists and describes each 9940-ACO function menu and its related list selections, controls, and parameters. Where helpful, examples showing usage of a function are also provided. Table 3-2 is primarily based upon using DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> to access each function and its corresponding menus and parameters.

**Note:** All numeric (scalar) parameters displayed on DashBoard<sup>™</sup> can be changed using the slider controls, A arrows, or by numeric keypad entry in the corresponding numeric field. (When using numeric keypad entry, add a return after the entry to commit the entry.)

On DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> itself and in Table 3-2, the function menu items are organized using tabs as shown below.



The table below provides a quick-reference to the page numbers where each function menu item can be found.

Function Menu Item	Page	Function Menu Item	Page
Input Video Controls	3-10	Timecode	3-25
Output Video Mode Controls	3-10	Reticules	3-31
Framesync	3-11	Character Burner	3-34
Input Audio Status	3-14	Moving Box Insertion	3-37
Input Audio Routing/Controls	3-15	Y/C Alignment Controls	3-38
Video Quality Events Setup Controls	3-18	COMM Ports Setup Controls	3-39
Audio Silence Events Setup Controls	3-19	Presets	3-40
Video Proc/Color Correction	3-20	Admin (Log Status/Firmware Update - Card IP Address)	3-44
Output Audio Routing/Controls	3-23		

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List

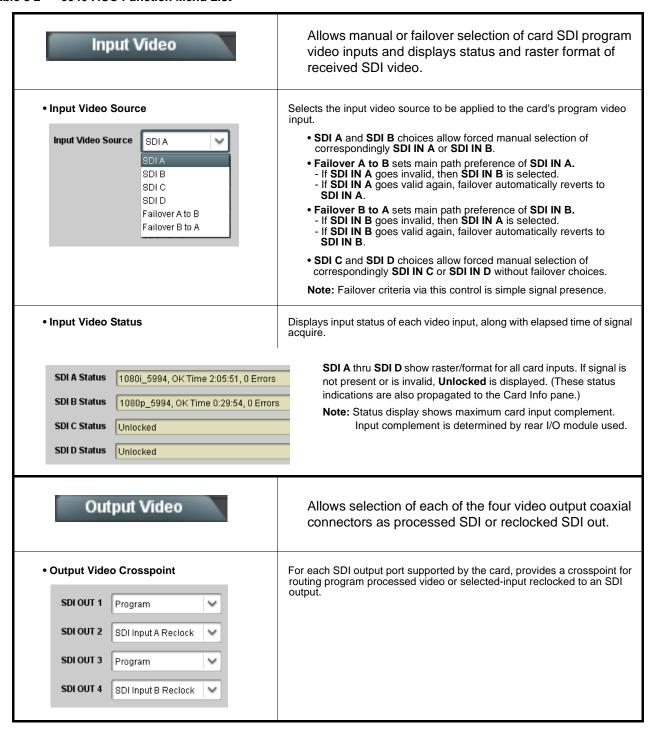


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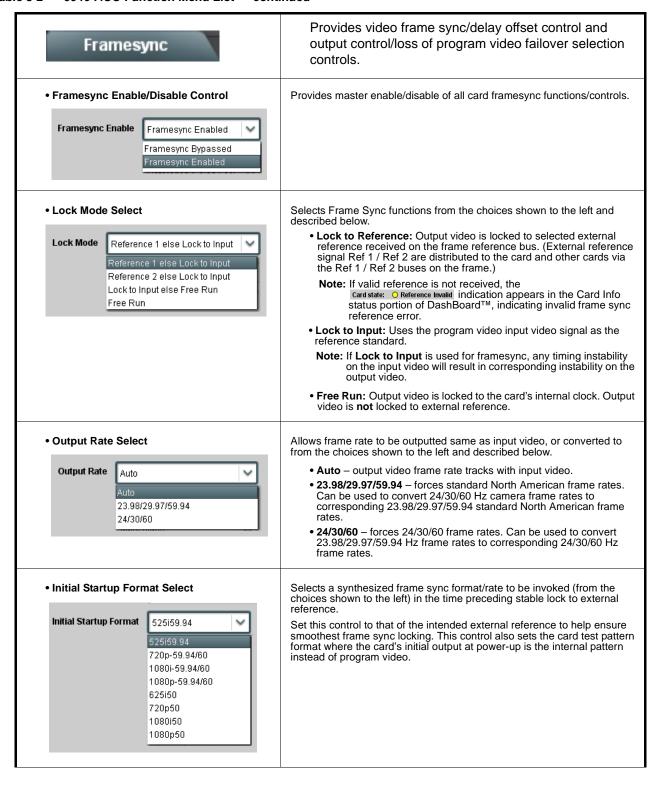


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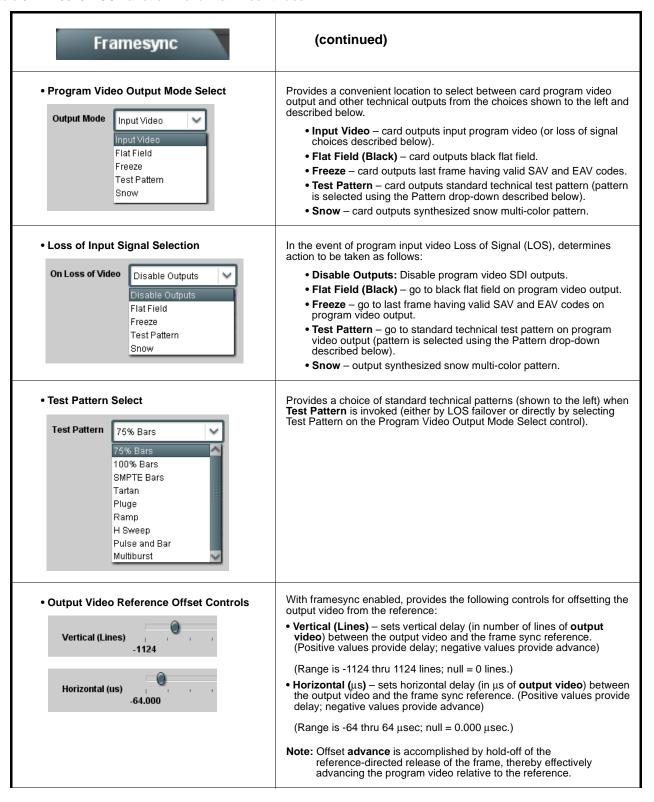


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

Framesync	(continued)	
• Frame Delay Control  Frame Delay 0	When Framesync is enabled, specifies the smallest amount of latency delay (frames held in buffer) allowed by the frame sync. The frame sync will not output a frame unless the specified number of frames are captured in the buffer. The operational latency of the frame sync is always between the specified minimum latency and minimum latency plus one frame (not one field).	
	Note: Due to card memory limits, the maximum available Minimum Latency Frames is related to the output video format selected.	
	When using this control, be sure to check the <b>Report Delay</b> display to kame certain desired amount of frames are delayed.	
Video Delay Display	Displays the current input-to-output video delay (in msec units) as well as in terms of Frames/fractional frame (in number of lines).	
Video Delay 34.13 ms Framesync: 34.13 ms / 1 frame	Status display shows total input-to-output video delay, including any framesync delays.	
Framesync Lock Status Display	Displays the current framesync status and reference source.	
Lock Status Framesync Locked to Reference		
Note: Audio timing offset from video is performed using the delay controls on the Input Audio Routing/Controls tab. Refer to Input Audio Routing/Controls (p. 3-15) for these controls.		

# Input Audio Status

Displays signal status and payload for embedded and discrete audio received by the card.

Individual signal status and peak level displays for embedded audio input pairs as described below.

- Absent: Indicates embedded channel pair does not contain recognized audio PCM data.
- Present PCM: Indicates embedded channel pair contains recognized audio PCM data.
- **Dolby E:** Indicates embedded channel pair contains Dolby<sup>®</sup> E encoded data.
- **Dolby Digital:** Indicates embedded channel pair contains Dolby<sup>®</sup> Digital encoded data.

**Note:** Dolby status displays occur only for valid Dolby<sup>®</sup> signals meeting SMPTE 337M standard.

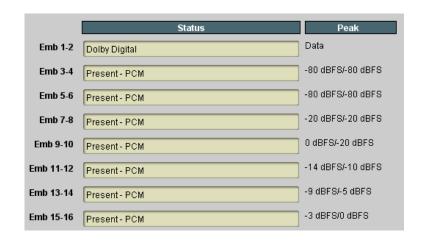
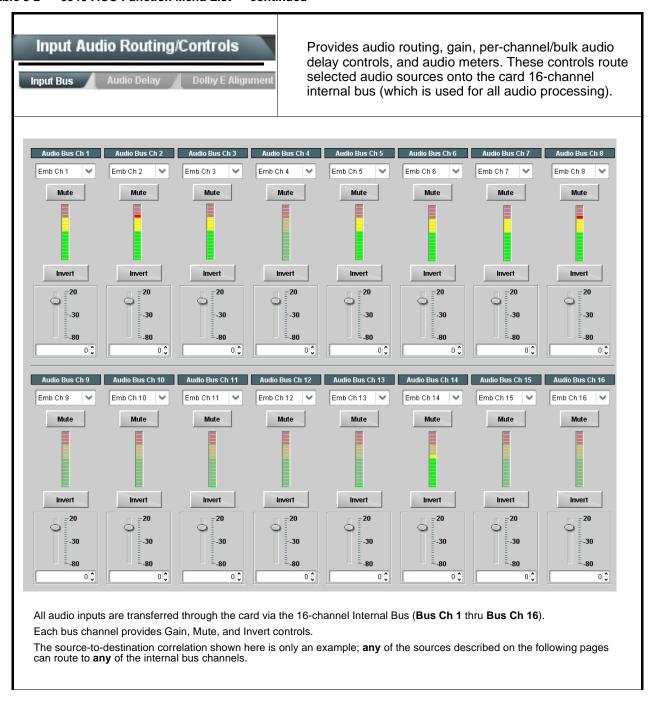


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



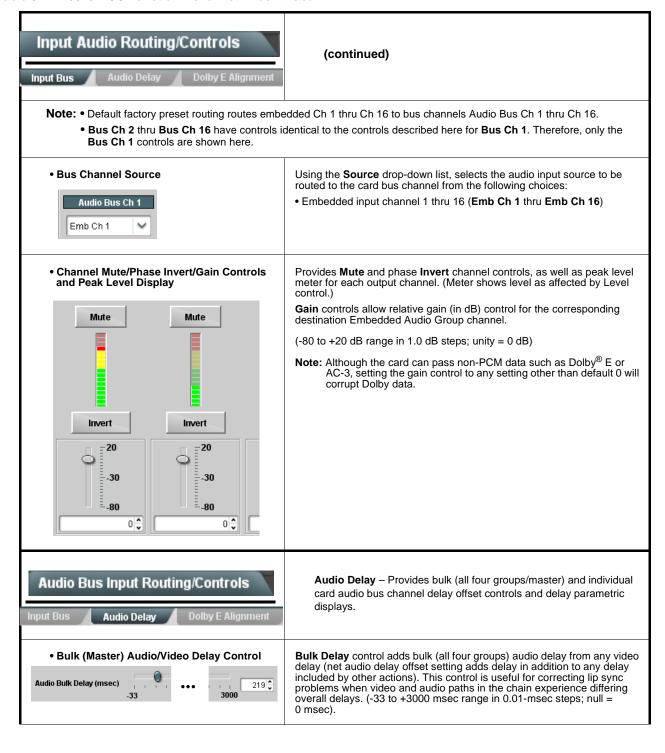
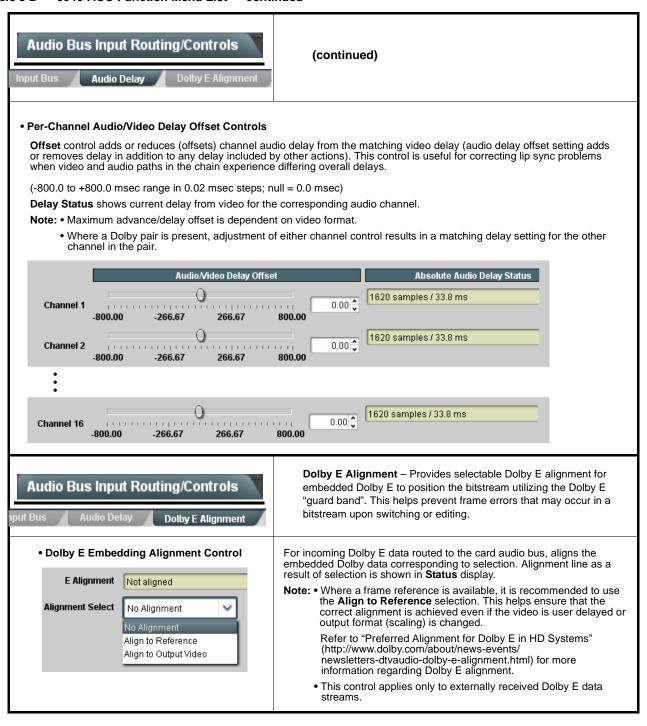
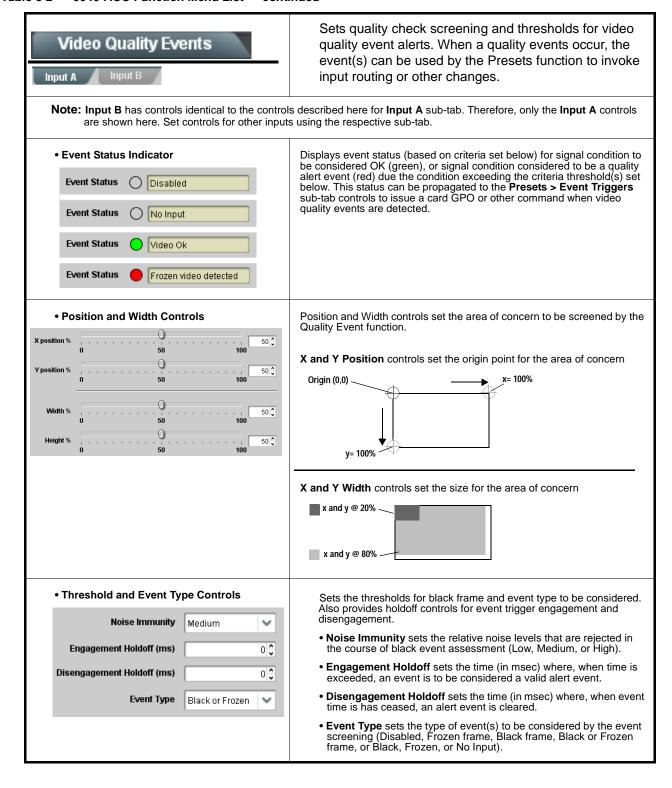


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued





# Audio Silence Events

Sets audio level screening and thresholds for audio silence event alerts. When a silence events occur, the event(s) can be used by the Presets function to invoke input routing or other changes.

**Note:** The audio source assessed consists of choices from the SDI source that is being routed to the card on its processed video path (for example, if SDI A is the selected Input Video Source, selected embedded channels on this source are checked using this function).

Any combination of the processed video path embedded channels can be selected to be screened for silence. In the example here, **Audio Silence Event 1** is set to trigger if audio on **both** Emb Ch 1 and Ch 2 fall below the selected threshold for an interval exceeding the selected threshold.

Up to eight different and separate audio silence events can be set to be screened (with descending priority of consideration from Event 1 down to Event 8). This status here can be propagated to the **Presets > Event Triggers** sub-tab controls to issue a card GPO or other command when audio silence events are detected.

	Emb Chan 1	Emb Chan 2	Emb Chan 3	Emb Chan 4	Emb Chan 5	Emb Chan 6	• • •	Emb Chan 16
Audio Silence Event 1	$\square$	$\square$						
Audio Silence Event 2								
:								
•								
Audio Silence Event 8								
Audio Failover Threshold (dBFS)	-60 🗘							
Trigger Holdoff (ms)	5000 🗘							
Release Holdoff (ms)	00							
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- Audio Failover Threshold sets the level at which channel content is considered to be silent, and correspondingly also a transition back to an untriggered condition with resumption of audio for the selected embedded channels. If the selected channels maintain levels above the selected Audio Failover Threshold, no triggering is invoked.
- Trigger Holdoff sets the period of time in which selected channel silence must occur before an Audio Silence Event trigger goes true.
- Release Holdoff control sets the time in which the trigger is revoked upon an event false condition.
- Note: Default threshold and holdoff settings shown here are recommended for typical use.
  - Checkboxes work as an AND function. Where multiple boxes are checked, a true (trigger) condition is not propagated unless all selected channels experience the configured silence criteria. (In the example shown above, **both** Emb Ch 1 and Emb Ch 2 would have to experience silence before a Silence Event was propagated.)

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

Video Proc  Color Correction	Provides the following Video Proc and Color Correction parametric controls.
Video Proc     Enabled	Video Proc (Enable/Disable) provides master on/off control of all Video Proc functions.  • When set to Disable, Video Proc is bypassed.  • When set to Enable, currently displayed parameter settings take effect.
Reset to Unity  Reset to Unity  Confirm	Reset to Unity provides unity reset control of all Video Proc functions.  When Confirm is clicked, a Confirm? pop-up appears, requesting confirmation.  • Click Yes to proceed with the unity reset.  • Click No to reject unity reset.
• Luma Gain  Luma Gain  0.0	Adjusts gain percentage applied to Luma (Y channel).  (0% to 200% range in 0.1% steps; unity = 100%)
• Luma Lift  Luma Lift -100.0	Adjusts lift applied to Luma (Y-channel).  (-100% to 100% range in 0.1% steps; null = 0.0%)
• Color Gain Color Gain 0.0	Adjusts gain percentage (saturation) applied to Chroma (C-channel).  (0% to 200% range in 0.1% steps; unity = 100%)
• Color Phase  Color Phase -360.0	Adjusts phase angle applied to Chroma.  (-360° to 360° range in 0.1° steps; null = 0°)
Gang Luma/Color Gain     Gang Luma/Color Gain     On	When set to <b>On</b> , changing either the <b>Luma Gain</b> or <b>Color Gain</b> controls increases or decreases both the Luma and Color gain levels by equal amounts.

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

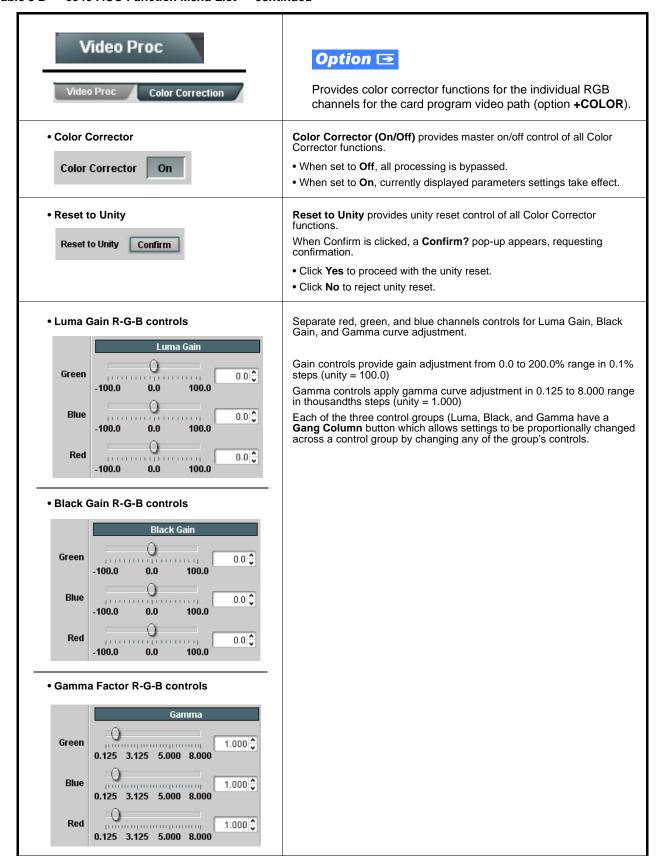


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

Video Proc  Color Correction	(continued)
Black Hard Clip  Black Hard Clip  -6.8	Applies black hard clip (limiting) at specified percentage.  (-6.8% to 50.0%; null = -6.8%)
White Hard Clip White Hard Clip 50.0	Applies white hard clip (limiting) at specified percentage. (50.0% to 109.1%; null = 109.1%)
White Soft Clip White Soft Clip 50.0	Applies white soft clip (limiting) at specified percentage. (50.0% to 109.1%; null = 109.1%)
Chroma Saturation Clip     Chroma Saturation Clip     50.0	Applies chroma saturation clip (limiting) chroma saturation at specified percentage.  (50.0% to 160.0%; null = 160.0%)

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



Provides an audio crosspoint allowing the audio source selection for each embedded audio output channel. Also provides Gain, Phase Invert, and Muting controls and peak level meters for each output channel.

Note: • Embedded Ch 2 thru Embedded Ch 16 have controls identical to the Source, Gain, Mute, and Invert controls described here for Embedded Ch 1. Therefore, only the Embedded Ch 1 controls are shown here.

• For each channel, its source and destination should be considered and appropriately set. Unused destination channels should be set to the **Silence** selection.

## • Group Enable/Disable Controls



Allows enable/disable of embedded audio groups 1 thru 4 on card program video output to accommodate some legacy downstream systems that may not support all four embedded audio groups.

Note: Changing the setting of this control will result in a noise burst in all groups. This control should not be manipulated when carrying on-air content.

# • Embedded Output Channel Source

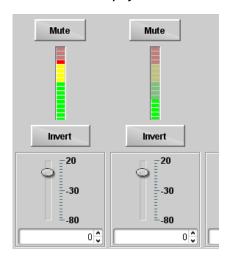


Using the drop-down list, selects the audio input source to be embedded in the corresponding embedded output channel from the following choices:

- Card Audio Bus Ch 1 thru Ch 16
- Built-in Tone generators Tone 1 thru Tone 16
   (all are -20 dBFS level; freq (Hz) in ascending order are 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1k, 2k, 4k, 6k, 8k, 12k, and 16k)

Note: Multiple tone generators, even if set to the same frequency, may not exhibit phase coherence. If identical tones with frequency and phase coherence are required, use a single tone generator (e.g., "Tone 1") across multiple channels instead of multiple generators set to the same frequency.

- Option **■** Audio LTC
- Downmixer L
- Downmixer R
- Channel Mute/Phase Invert/Gain Controls and Peak Level Display



Provides **Mute** and phase **Invert** channel controls, as well as peak level meter for each output channel. (Meter shows level as affected by Level control.)

**Gain** controls allow relative gain (in dB) control for the corresponding destination Embedded Audio Group channel.

(-80 to +20 dB range in 1.0 dB steps; unity = 0 dB)

Note: Although the 9940 can pass non-PCM data such as Dolby<sup>®</sup> E or AC-3, setting the gain control to any setting other than default 0 will corrupt Dolby data.

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

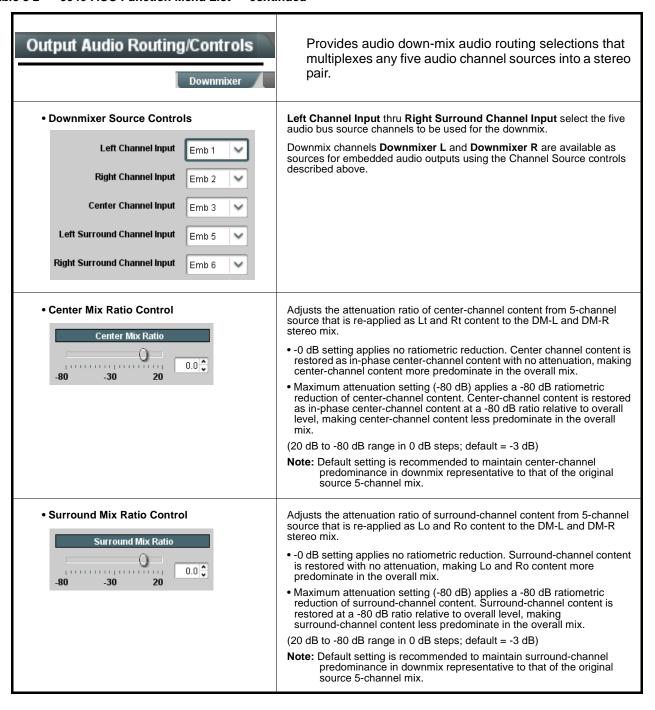


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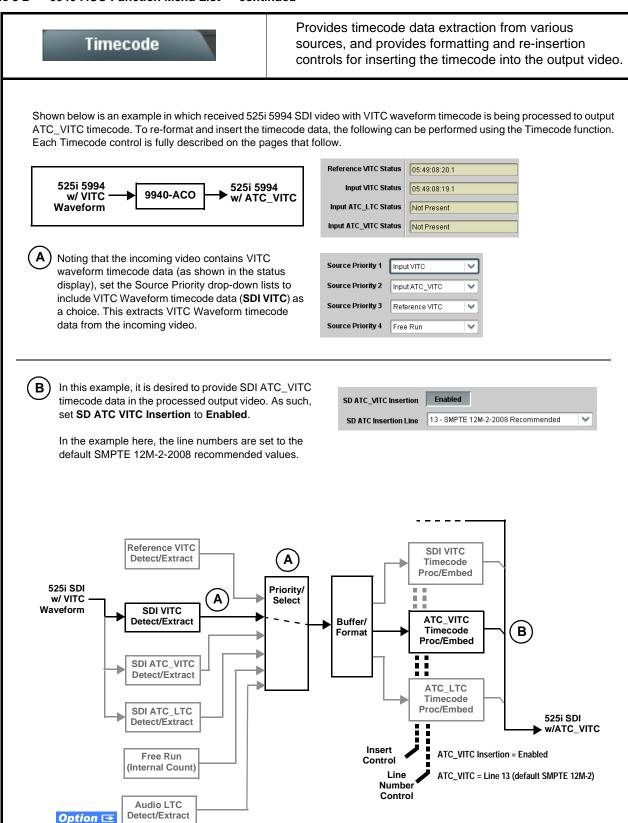


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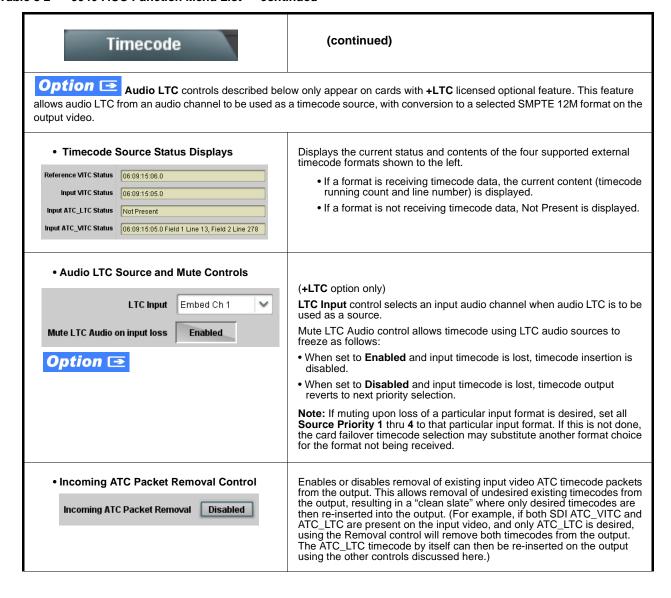


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

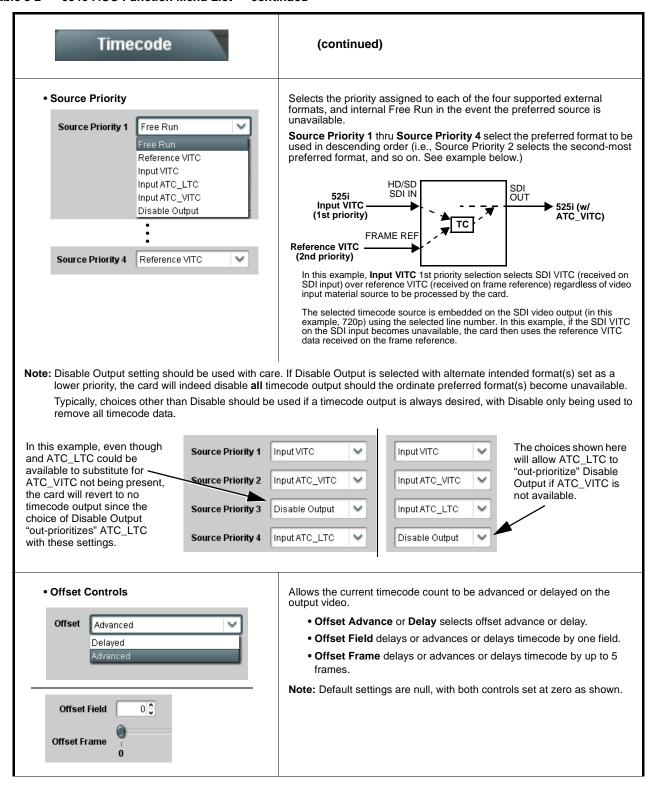


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

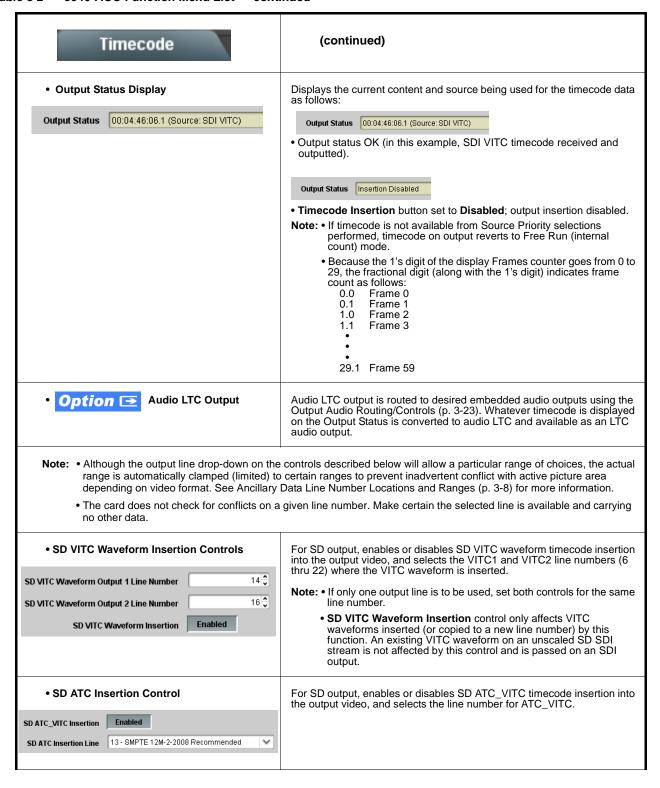


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

Timecode	(continued)
HD ATC_LTC Insertion Control  HD ATC_LTC Insertion Enabled  HD ATC_LTC Insertion Line 10 - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended   >>	For HD output, enables or disables ATC_LTC timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the line number for ATC_LTC timecode data.
HD ATC_VITC Insertion Control  HD ATC_VITC Insertion Enabled  HD ATC_VITC Insertion Line Field 1 9 - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended W  HD ATC_VITC Insertion Line Field 2 8 (671) - SMPTE 12M-2-2008 Recommended W	For HD output, enables or disables ATC_VITC timecode insertion into the output video, and selects the line number for ATC_VITC1 and ATC_VITC2.
ATC_VITC Legacy Support Control  ATC VITC Legacy Support Disabled	When enabled, accommodates equipment requiring ATC_VITC packet in both fields as a "field 1" packet (non-toggling).  Note: Non-toggling VITC1 and VITC2 packets do not conform to SMPTE 12M-2-2008 preferences. As such, ATC_VITC Legacy Support should be enabled only if required by downstream equipment.
• Free Run Timecode Controls  Free Run Hours 7  Free Run Minutes 0  Free Run Seconds 0  Apply Free Run Values Confirm	Allows an initial (starting) count to be applied to output video timecode when Free Run insertion is enabled.  Note: • Initialization can only be applied when card is outputting Free Run timecode (as shown by Output Status displaying "Free Run").  • If failover to Free Run occurs due to loss of external timecode(s), the Free Run count assumes its initial count from the last valid externally supplied count.

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

#### Provides controls for setting closed captioning absence Closed Captioning and presence detection thresholds. Closed Captioning Input Status Displays incoming Closed Captioning status as follows: • If closed captioning is present, a message similar to the example shown Input Status | CDP Packet on Line 16 left is displayed. Also displayed is the VANC line number of the incoming closed captioning packet (or SD waveform-based VANC line number). • If no closed captioning is present in the video signal, Not Present or Disabled is displayed. Note: • Packet closed captioning status Captioning Rejected Due To message can appear due to the items described below. The closed captioning function assesses cdp\_identifier, cdp\_frame\_rate, ccdata\_present, and caption\_service\_active items contained in the packet header to make the determinations listed below. Refer to CEA-708-B for more information. Message Description Unsupported Film rate closed-captioning (either as pass-through or up/down conversion) is Frame Rate not supported by the card. **Data Not Present** Packet is marked from closed captioning source external to the card that no data is present. No Data ID Packet from closed captioning source external to the card is not properly identified with 0x9669 as the first word of the header (unidentified packet). • caption service is marked as inactive display indicates bit in packet from upstream source may inadvertently be set as inactive. In this case, closed captioning data (if present) is still processed and passed by the card as normal. • The closed captioning function does not support PAL closed captioning standards. • Presence/Absence Check Controls Displays CC presence and/or absence event status. This status can be propagated to the **Presets > Event Triggers** sub-tab controls to issue a card GPO or other command when CC presence/absence events are Presence Event Delay (sec) detected. Controls for both presence and absence provide for a holdoff time (in seconds) where, when time is exceeded, an event is to be considered a Presence Event Status Active valid alert event. **Note:** Closed captioning presence/absence status here is forwarded to the **Presets** > **Event Triggers** controls where it is available as a screened criteria using the **ANC Data** column. See Event Triggers Absence Event Delay (sec) (p. 3-42) for more information. Absence Event Status Inactive

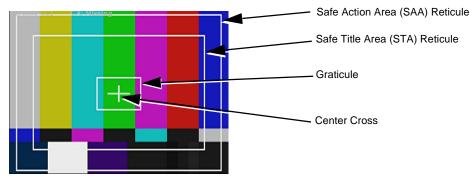
Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



Allows Safe Action and/or Safe Title overlays and other static markers to be added to the output video image.

# **Typical Reticule/Overlay Marker Insertions**

The 9940 allows any combination of the reticule/overlay markers to be applied to the output video. Sizing and other characteristics for each type of marker can be set as described below.



**Note:** • Overlay markers using this function are for setup only. When enabled, these markers are embedded in the output video and will appear in the image. Use this function **only** on preview video and not on-air video. Make certain any overlay tools are turned **off** when no longer needed.

• Multiple overlay markers described below can be simultaneously enabled as desired.

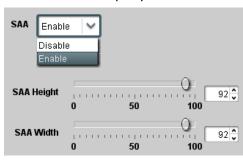
• Insertion Master Enable/Disable

SDI Out Reticule Disable Disable Enable

Provides master reticules enable/disable.

- When enabled, any combination of reticules or other markers described below can be inserted.
- When disabled, insertion of all reticules or other markers is disabled.

Safe Action Area (SAA) Controls



- SAA provides enable/disable of safe action area graticule insertion.
- SAA Height and SAA Width control height and width of insertion (from 0% to 100% of 4:3 outputted image area).

**Note:** Reticule Size control is locked to Custom for this card, with safe action area size control as described above.

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

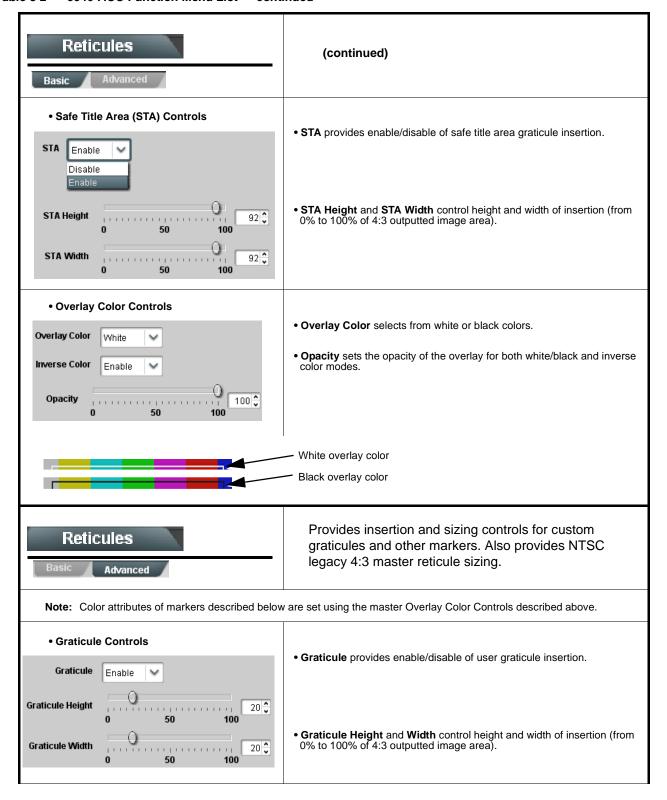
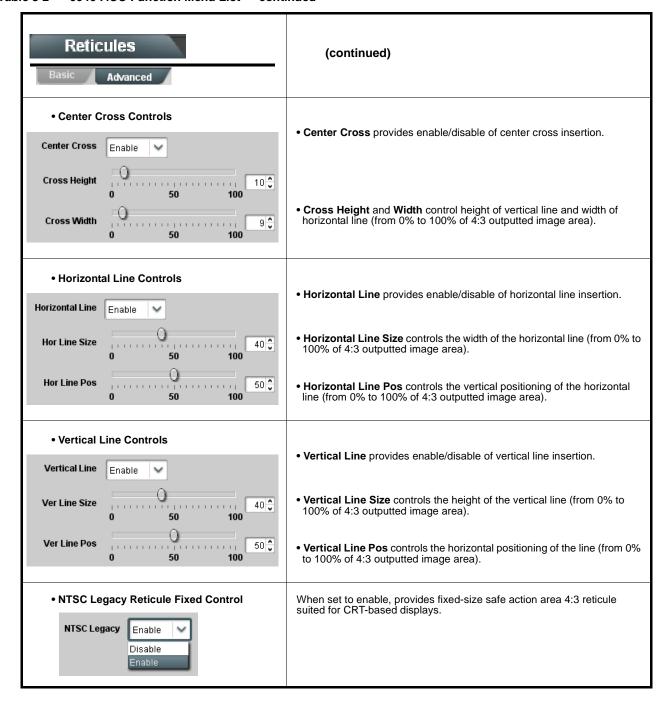


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



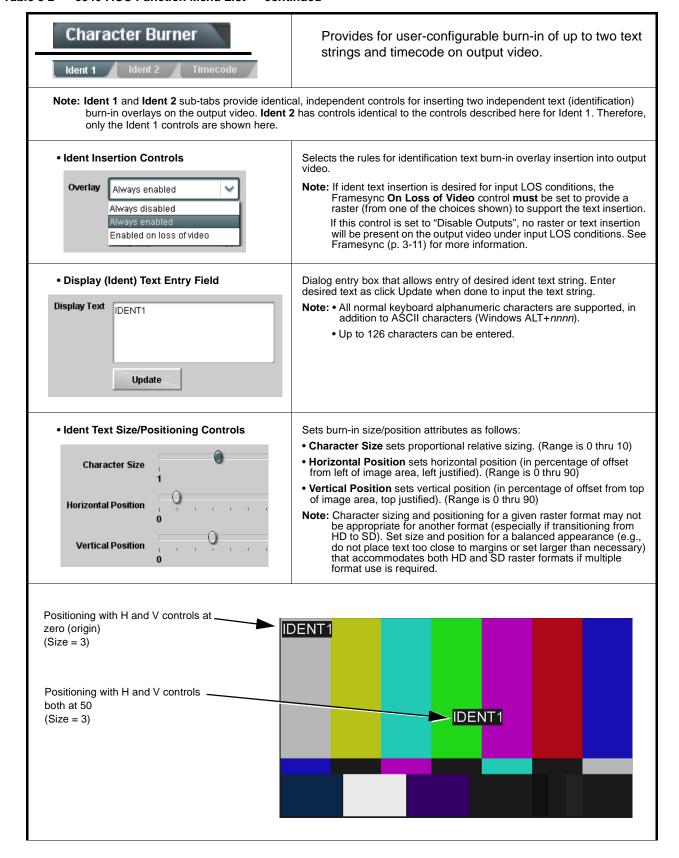


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

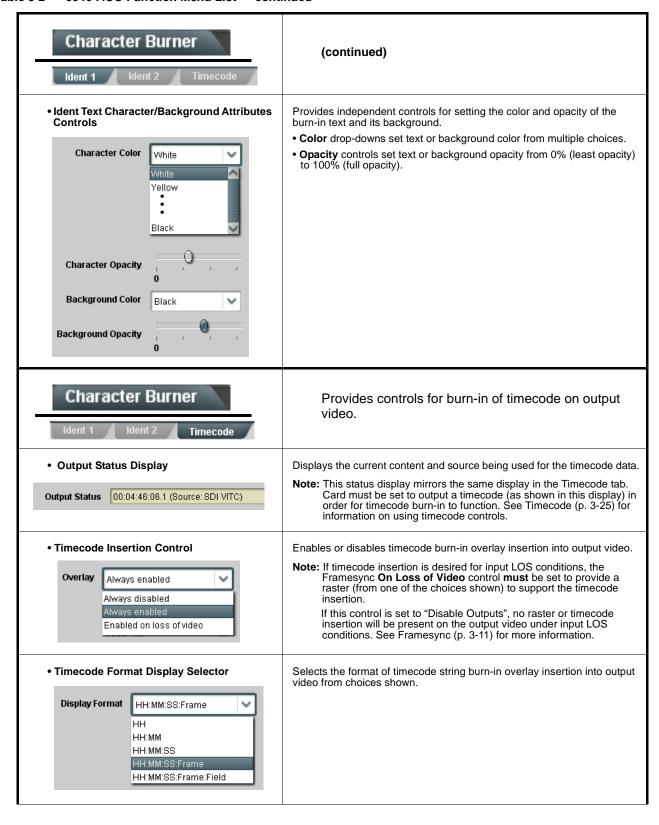


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

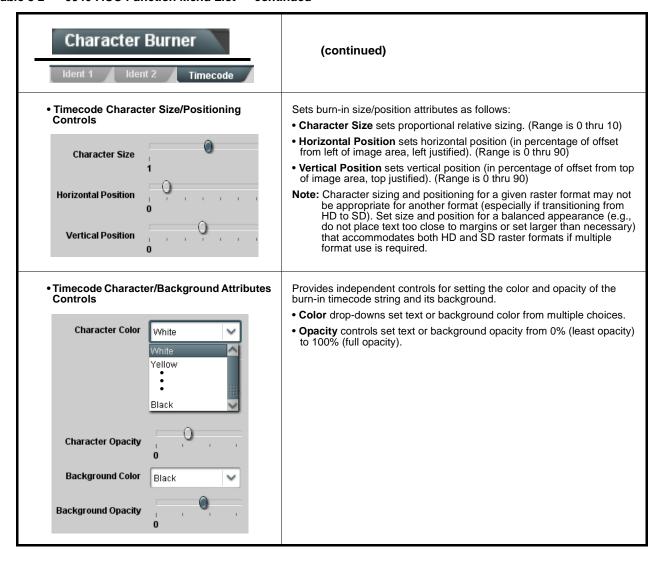


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

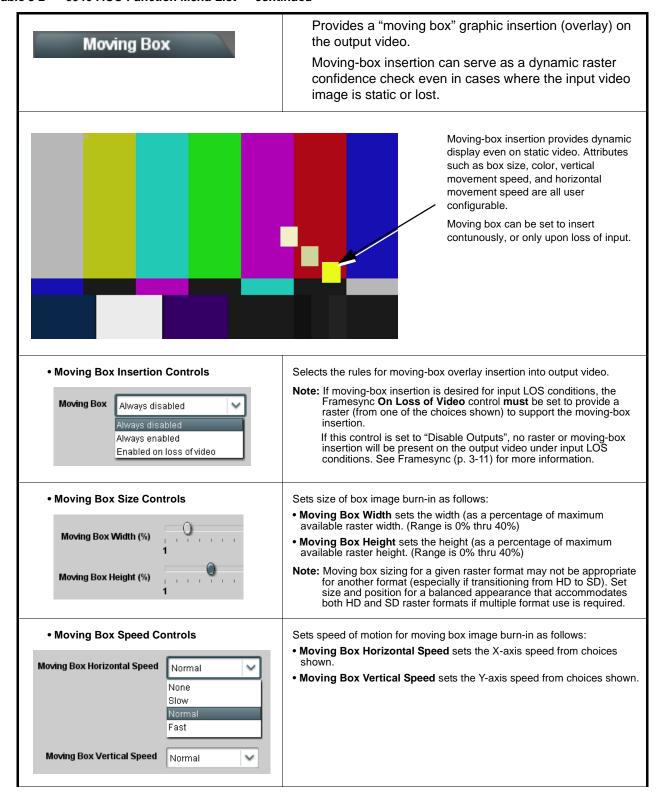


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

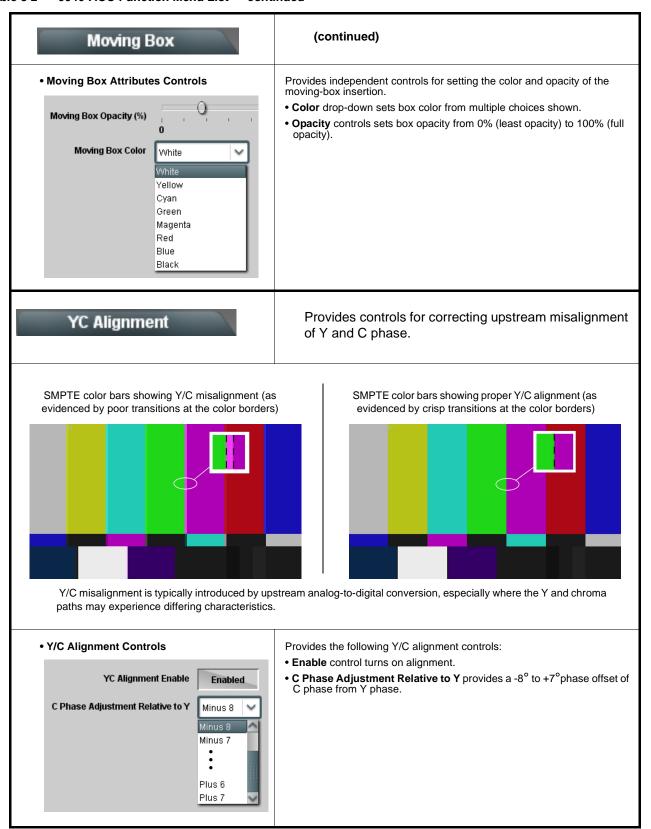
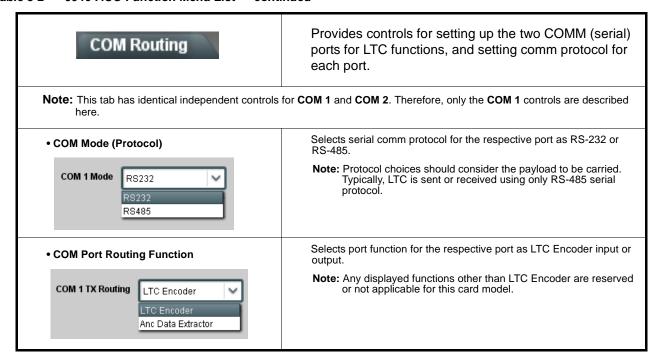


Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued





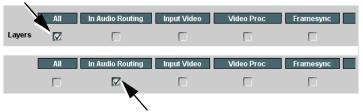
Allows user control settings to be saved in a Preset and then loaded (recalled) as desired, and provides a one-button restore of factory default settings.

Also provides event-based loading allowing a defined preset to be automatically engaged upon various received signal status. Also provides automated Email alerts when an event has occurred.

## • Preset Layer Select

Allows selecting a functional layer (or "area of concern") that the preset is concerned with. Limiting presets to a layer or area of concern allows for highly specific presets, and masks changing card settings in areas outside of the layer or area of concern.

Default All setting will "look" at all card settings and save all settings to the defined preset with no masking.

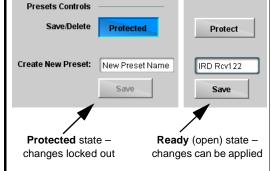


Selecting a layer (in the example, "In Audio Routing") will set the preset to **only** "look at" and "touch" audio routing settings and save these settings under the preset. When the preset is loaded (recalled), the card will only "touch" the audio routing layer.

**Example:** Since EAS audio routing can be considered independent of video proc settings, if normal audio routing was set up with a particular

video proc setting in effect, and at a later time EAS audio routing is desired to be saved and invoked as a preset, selecting **In Audio Routing** here tells the preset save and load to not concern itself with video proc settings. In this manner, any video proc settings in effect when the EAS preset is invoked will not affect any video proc settings that might be currently in effect.

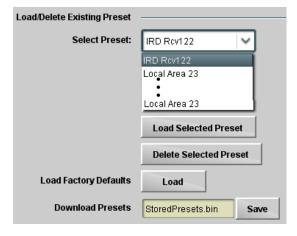
# Preset Enter/Save/Delete



Locks and unlocks editing of presets to prevent accidental overwrite as follows:

- Protect (ready): This state awaits Protected and allows preset Save/ Delete button to save or delete current card settings to the selected preset. Use this setting when writing or editing a preset.
- Protected: Toggle to this setting to lock down all presets from being inadvertently re-saved or deleted. Use this setting when all presets are as intended.
- Create New Preset: Field for entering user-defined name for the preset being saved (in this example, "IRD Rcv122").
- Save: Saves the current card settings under the preset name defined above

## Preset Save/Load Controls

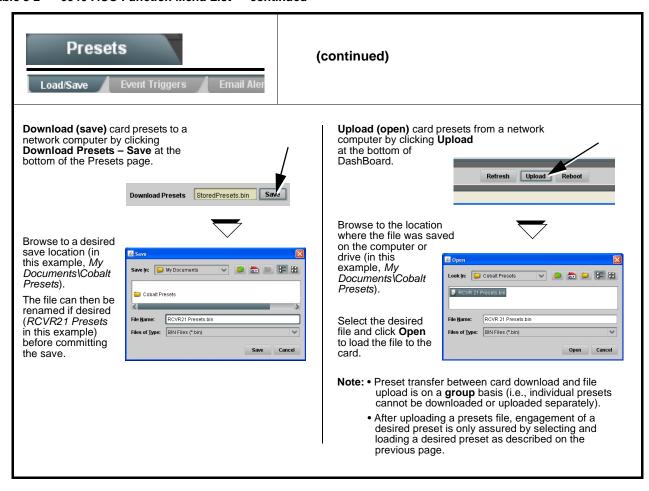


- Select Preset: drop-down allows a preset saved above to be selected to be loaded or deleted (in this example, custom preset "IRD Rcv122").
- Load Selected Preset button allows loading (recalling) the selected preset. When this button is pressed, the changes called out in the preset are immediately applied.
- Delete Selected Preset button deletes the currently selected preset.
- Load Factory Defaults button allows loading (recalling) the factory default preset. When this button is pressed, the changes called out in the preset are immediately applied.

Note: Load Factory Defaults functions with no masking. The Preset Layer Select controls have no effect on this control and will reset all layers to factory default.

 Download Presets saving the preset files to a folder on the connected computer.

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued





Provides event-based loading allowing a defined action to be automatically engaged upon various received signal status. Actions can be "canned" control commands or user-defined by going to a user preset.



- Event based preset loading is not passive and can result in very significant and unexpected card control and signal processing changes if not properly used. If event based presets are not to be used, make certain the **Event Based Loading** button is set to **Disabled**.
- Because event based preset loading can apply card control changes by invoking presets, loading conditions cannot be nested within a called preset (event-based loading settings performed here cannot be saved to presets, although the settings are persistent across power cycles).

Event triggers allow a variety of event screening criteria, and in turn provide an Event Action "go to" in response to the detected event(s). For each screened criteria, categories can be set as "Don't Care" or set to specific criteria to broaden or concentrate on various areas of concern.

- The **Event based loading** button serves as a master enable/disable for the function.
- Go-to **Event Actions** can be user-defined presets, "canned" (hard-coded) selections (such as GPO triggers or routing changes), or automated E-mail alert to a respondent (see Email Alerts (p. 3-44) for setting up e-mail alerts).
- Each Event definer (Event 1 thru Event 32) can be set to screen for any or several criteria as shown in the example below. Up to 32 separate events can be defined.
- Event 1 thru Event 32 are arranged with Event 1 having the highest priority, descending down to Event 32. Where multiple event screening is enabled, lower-priority events are serviced first, with the highest-priority event being the final event serviced and last action taken as well as last item logged in the Event History (see below). This helps ensure that a lower-priority event does not mask detection of higher-priority event(s).
- The **Status** indicator and message shows the activation status of each Event. Green indicator means event is currently engaged.



**Note:** Event criteria settings in any row comprise an AND function. Where multiple criteria are selected, a true (trigger) condition is not propagated unless **all** specified criteria are true. To independently screen for multiple criteria, rows should be set up where each criteria is screened in its own Event row. Examples of this are shown on the following pages.



The **Event History** log shows any triggered events in groups of five most recent events (newest at the top).

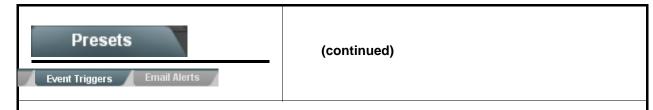
In the example here, log shows Event 2 as the most recent event, and its user-selected action of GPO 1 Close.

Pressing the **Force Event Refresh** button updates the list.

ao to B

normal path A

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



In the example here for Event 1, the **Video Quality Events** tab is set to screen for frozen video on Input A. When detected, this status can be used here (Video Quality set to "Input A Event Engaged" indicating black or frozen video detected). Using the Event Action selector, go-to action of "**go to B**" can be invoked (which in this example is a user preset that changes card routing to use an alternate input source).

Conversely, to go back to the original source, an event could be set up with Video Quality here looking for "Input A Event Disengaged" and in turn invoke an event action returning routing to the original video source (in this example, user preset "normal path A").

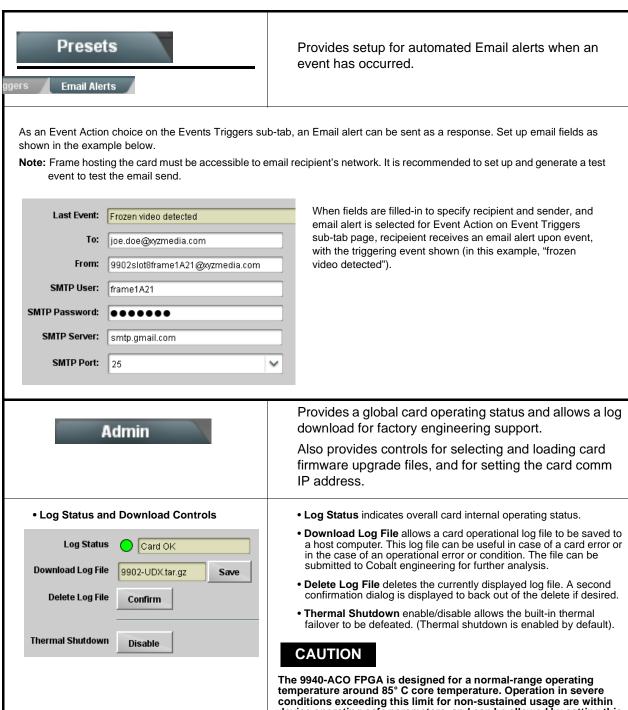


In the example here, **Event 1** and **Event 3** are respectively set for frozen video and closed captioning absence detection. Using separate Event rows for Video Quality and ANC Data (closed-captioning absence) screening allows these conditions to be independently detected and acted upon with user actions tailored to the event (when either of the conditions are detected, different actions can be taken as selected).

In this example, frozen video calls a preset using an input video routing change, while loss of closed captioning calls a preset to burn a "no CC" message on the raster. Both Events 1 and 3 have corresponding go-to actions to resume normal operation when the event ceases (in this example, a preset "normal path A").



- **Note:** Screened conditions are triggered upon start of event. Any event-based setup must be done in advance of the triggering event in order for event to be detected.
  - If a desired user preset does not appear in the Event Action drop-down, press the DashBoard **Refresh** button at the bottom of the page to update the list in the drop-down.
  - Loss of true conditions does not disengage an event-based triggering. A new set of true conditions must be defined and then occur to transition from one event-based trigger to another.
  - Time required to engage an event-based trigger depends upon complexity of the called preset. (For example, a preset that invokes a video change will take longer to engage than a preset involving only an audio routing change.)
  - Make certain all definable event conditions that the card might be expected to "see" are defined in any of the Event 1 thru Event 32 rows. This makes certain that the card will always have a defined "go-to" action if a particular event occurs. For example, if the card is expected to "see" a 720p5994 stream or as an alternate, a 525i5994 stream, make certain both of these conditions are defined (with your desired go-to presets) in any two of the Event 1 thru Event 32 condition definition rows.
  - Event Actions defined using user presets must be used with care to prevent conditions that could cause looping
    or the removal or "override" of desired expected settings. When using presets, the Preset Layer selection
    should be used such that only required aspects are touched (for the example above, the preset "no-cc-msg"
    should be set to only touch the character burner layer to invoke a character burn).
  - Where multiple event screening is set up, the event you consider to be the highest priority should be set as
    higher priority than lesser events (as shown in the example above where Video Quality screening trumps CC
    absence). Also, this prioritization helps ensure that all desired events are screened for before a significant
    change (such as input video source change) is effected.



conditions exceeding this limit for non-sustained usage are within device operating safe parameters, and can be allowed by setting this control to Disable. However, the disable (override) setting should be avoided under normal conditions to ensure maximum card protection.

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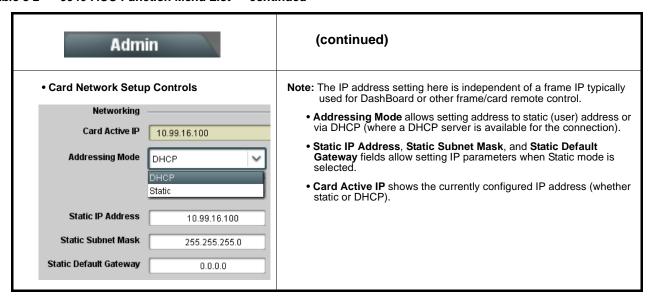
Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued

#### (continued) Admin Firmware upgrade controls allow a selected firmware version (where multiple versions can be uploaded to the card's internal memory) to • Firmware Upgrade Controls invoke an upgrade to a selected version either instantly, or set to install on the next card reboot (thereby allowing card upgrade downtime to be controlled at a scheduled point in time). Note: The page/tab here allows managing multiple firmware versions saved on the card. New upgrade firmware from our web site can always be directly uploaded to the card without using this page. Instructions for firmware downloading to your computer and uploading to the card can be found at the Support>Firmware Downloads link at www.cobaltdigital.com. 1. Access a firmware upgrade file from a network computer by clicking Upload at the bottom of DashBoard. Refresh Upload Reboot 2. Browse to the location of the firmware upgrade file (in this example, My Documents\v1.0.0019.bin). Look jn: (a) My Documents O Ø D == -3. Select the desired file and click Open to upload the file to the card. File name v1.0.0019.bin <u>0</u>pen • Immediate firmware upload. The card default setting of Automatically Automatically Reboot After Upgrade Reboot After Upgrade checked allow a selected firmware version to be immediately uploaded as follows: v0.9.0019 v0.9.0010 1. Click Firmware To Load and select the desired upgrade file to be loaded (in this example, "v1.0.0019"). v0.9.0019 v1.0.0000 2. Click Load Selected Firmware. The card now reboots and the selected v1.0.0001 (Currently Installed) firmware is loaded. Deferred firmware upload. With Automatically Reboot After Upgrade Automatically Reboot After Upgrade unchecked, firmware upgrade loading is held off until the card is manually rebooted. This allows scheduling a firmware upgrade downtime event until v0.9.0019 (installs On Next Reboot) when it is convenient to experience to downtime (uploads typically take about v1.0.0010 60 seconds). v1 0 0018

- this example, "v1.0.0019"). Note now how the display shows "Installs on Next Reboot". 2. Click Load Selected Firmware. The card holds directions to proceed with the upload, and performs the upload only when the card is manually rebooted (by pressing the Reboot button).
- 3. To cancel a deferred upload, press Cancel Pending Upgrade. The card reverts to the default settings that allow an immediate upload/upgrade.

1. Click Firmware To Load and select the desired upgrade file to be loaded (in

Table 3-2 9940-ACO Function Menu List — continued



This section provides general troubleshooting information and specific symptom/corrective action for the 9940-ACO card and its remote control interface. The 9940-ACO card requires no periodic maintenance in its normal operation; if any error indication (as described in this section) occurs, use this section to correct the condition.

#### **Error and Failure Indicator Overview**

The 9940-ACO card itself and its remote control systems all (to varying degrees) provide error and failure indications. Depending on how the 9940-ACO card is being used (i.e, standalone or network controlled through DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> or a Remote Control Panel), check all available indications in the event of an error or failure condition.

The various 9940-ACO card and remote control error and failure indicators are individually described below.

**Note:** The descriptions below provide general information for the various status and error indicators. For specific failures, also use the appropriate subsection listed below.

- Basic Troubleshooting Checks (p. 3-51)
- 9940-ACO Processing Error Troubleshooting (p. 3-52)
- Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors (p. 3-53)

### 9940-ACO Card Edge Status/Error Indicators and Display

Figure 3-6 shows and describes the 9940-ACO card edge status indicators and display. These indicators and the display show status and error conditions relating to the card itself and remote (network) communications (where applicable). Because these indicators are part of the card itself and require no external interface, the indicators are particularly useful in the event of communications problems with external devices such as network remote control devices.

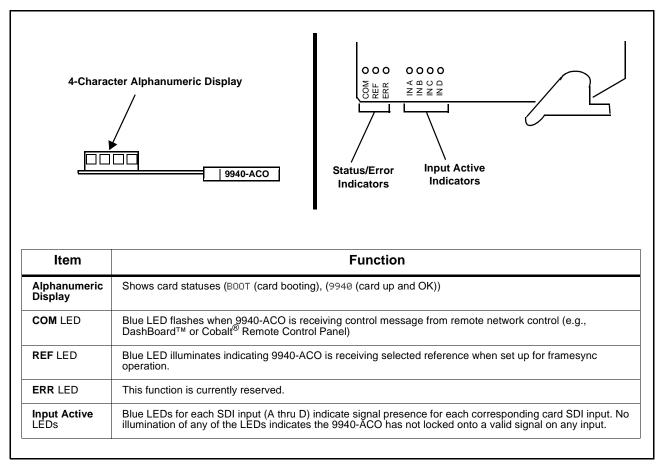


Figure 3-6 9940-ACO Card Edge Status Indicators and Display

#### DashBoard™ Status/Error Indicators and Displays

Figure 3-7 shows and describes the DashBoard<sup>TM</sup> status indicators and displays. These indicator icons and displays show status and error conditions relating to the 9940-ACO card itself and remote (network) communications.

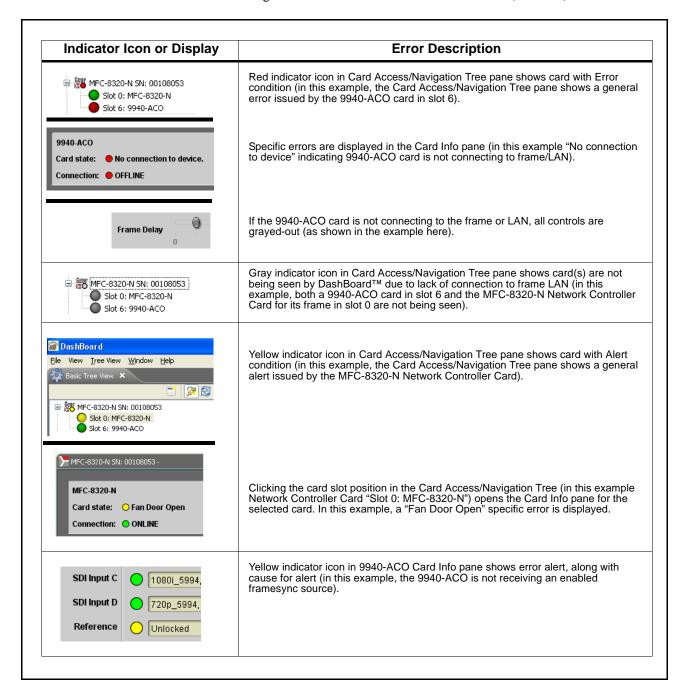


Figure 3-7 DashBoard™ Status Indicator Icons and Displays

Access Card Info panes for specific cards by clicking the card slot position in the Card Access/Navigation Tree pane (as shown in the example in Figure 3-8).

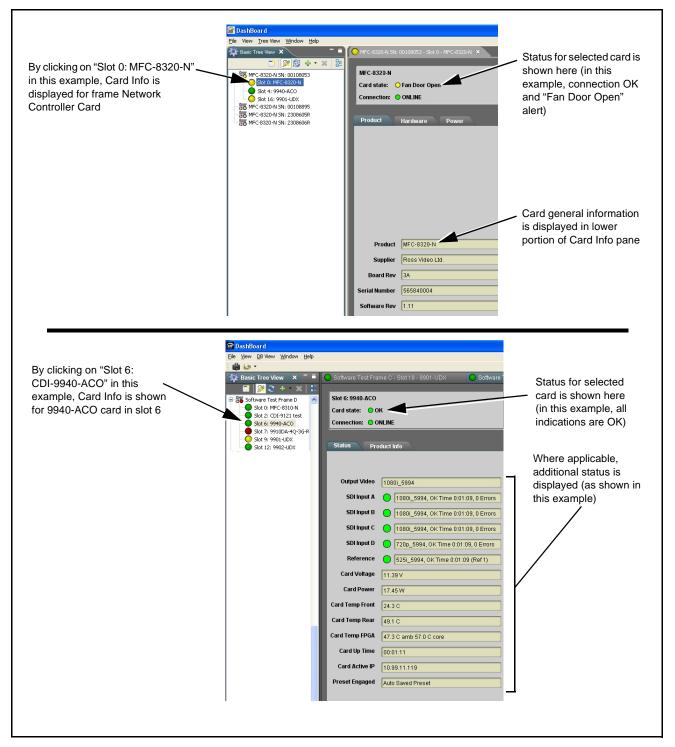


Figure 3-8 Selecting Specific Cards for Card Info Status Display

### **Basic Troubleshooting Checks**

Failures of a general nature (affecting many cards and/or functions simultaneously), or gross inoperability errors are best addressed first by performing basic checks before proceeding further. Table 3-3 provides basic system checks that typically locate the source of most general problems. If required and applicable, perform further troubleshooting in accordance with the other troubleshooting tables in this section.

Table 3-3 Basic Troubleshooting Checks

Item	Checks		
Verify power presence and characteristics	<ul> <li>On both the frame Network Controller Card and the 9940-ACO, in all cases when power is being properly supplied there is always at least one indicator illuminated. Any card showing no illuminated indicators should be cause for concern.</li> <li>Check the Power Consumed indication for the 9940-ACO card. This can be observed using the DashBoard™ Card Info pane.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If display shows no power being consumed, either the frame power supply, connections, or the 9940-ACO card itself is defective.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>If display shows excessive power being consumed (see Technical Specifications (p. 1-14) in Chapter 1, "Introduction"), the 9940-ACO card may be defective.</li> </ul>		
Check Cable connection secureness and connecting points	Make certain all cable connections are fully secure (including coaxial cable attachment to cable ferrules on BNC connectors). Also, make certain all connecting points are as intended. Make certain the selected connecting points correlate to the intended card inputs and/or outputs. Cabling mistakes are especially easy to make when working with large I/O modules.		
Card seating within slots	Make certain all cards are properly seated within its frame slot. (It is best to assure proper seating by ejecting the card and reseating it again.)		
Check status indicators and displays	On both DashBoard <sup>™</sup> and the 9940-ACO card edge indicators, red indications signify an error condition. If a status indicator signifies an error, proceed to the following tables in this section for further action.		
Troubleshoot by substitution	All cards within the frame can be hot-swapped, replacing a suspect card or module with a known-good item.		

### 9940-ACO Processing Error Troubleshooting

Table 3-4 provides 9940-ACO processing troubleshooting information. If the 9940-ACO card exhibits any of the symptoms listed in Table 3-4, follow the troubleshooting instructions provided.

In the majority of cases, most errors are caused by simple errors where the 9940-ACO is not appropriately set for the type of signal being received by the card.

Note:

The error indications shown below are typical for the corresponding error conditions listed. Other error indications not specified here may also be displayed on DashBoard™ and/or the 9940-ACO card edge status indicators.

Note:

Where errors are displayed on both the 9940-ACO card and network remote controls, the respective indicators and displays are individually described in this section.

Table 3-4 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action	
DashBoard™ shows     Unlocked message in     9940-ACO Card Info pane      SDI Input A     Unlocked     SDI Input B     Unlocked  Card edge Input LED     corresponding to input is not illuminated	No video input present	Make certain intended video source is connected to appropriate 9940-ACO card video input. Make certain BNC cable connections between frame Rear I/O Module for the card and signal source are OK.	
Ancillary data (closed captioning, timecode) not transferred	Control(s) not enabled	Make certain respective control is set to <b>On</b> or <b>Enabled</b> (as appropriate).	
through 9940-ACO	VANC line number conflict between two or more ancillary data items	Make certain each ancillary data item to be passed is assigned a unique line number (see Ancillary Data Line Number Locations and Ranges on page 3-8).	
Audio not processed or passed through card	Enable control not turned on	On Output Audio Routing/Controls tab, Audio Group Enable control for group 1 thru 4 must be turned on for sources to be embedded into respective embedded channel groups.	
Selected upgrade firmware will not upload	Automatic reboot after upgrade turned off	Card Presets > Automatically Reboot After Upgrade box unchecked. Either reboot the card manually, or leave this box checked to allow automatic reboot to engage an upgrade upon selecting the upgrade.	

Table 3-4 Troubleshooting Processing Errors by Symptom — continued

Symptom	Error/Condition	Corrective Action
Card does not pass video or audio as expected. Control settings spontaneously changed from expected settings.	Event-based preset inadvertently invoked	Event-based preset loading ( <b>Presets</b> tab > Event Triggers sub-tab) should be set to Disabled if this function is not to be used. Read and understand this control description before using these controls to make sure engagement for all expected conditions is considered. See Presets (p. 3-40) for more information.
Card will not retain user settings, or setting changes or presets spontaneously invoke.	Event Based Loading sub-tab inadvertently set to trigger on event	If event based loading is not to be used, make certain <b>Event Based Presets</b> is disabled (either using master <b>Enable/Disable</b> control or through events settings. See Presets (p. 3-40) for more information.
Event triggering results in unexpected or unrelated processing changes.	Event Action selected (or processing change embedded in a called preset) touches aspects not intended as action.	Event Actions defined using user presets must be used with care to prevent conditions that could cause looping or the removal or "override" of desired expected settings. When using presets, the Preset Layer selection should be used such that only required aspects are touched (for example, if a go-to preset for closed captioning absence is only to put up a "no cc" message on the raster, this preset should be set to only touch the character burner layer to invoke a character burn).

### Troubleshooting Network/Remote Control Errors

Refer to Cobalt® reference guide "Remote Control User Guide" (PN 9000RCS-RM) for network/remote control troubleshooting information.

#### In Case of Problems

Should any problem arise with this product that was not solved by the information in this section, please contact the Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department.

If required, a Return Material Authorization number (RMA) will be issued to you, as well as specific shipping instructions. If required, a temporary replacement item will be made available at a nominal charge. Any shipping costs incurred are the customer's responsibility. All products shipped to you from Cobalt Digital Inc. will be shipped collect.

The Cobalt Digital Inc. Technical Support Department will continue to provide advice on any product manufactured by Cobalt Digital Inc., beyond the warranty period without charge, for the life of the product.

See Contact Cobalt Digital Inc. (p. 1-17) in Chapter 1, "Introduction" for contact information.

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