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1. IMPORTANT - Read before starting

1.1. Safety instructions

Before starting, read the **Important Safety Instructions** supplied with the equipment. For your own safety and that of the operator, technical crew and performers, follow all instructions and heed all warnings printed on the sheet and on the equipment panels.

1.2. System operating firmware

The function of this product is determined by the firmware (operating software) that runs it. Firmware is updated regularly as new features are added and improvements made.

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1.3. Software licence agreement

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1.4. Further information

Please refer to the **Allen & Heath website** for further information, knowledgebase and technical support.

 Check for the latest version of this Getting Started Guide.

1.5. General precautions

- Protect the equipment from damage through liquid or dust contamination.
- If the equipment has been stored in sub-zero temperatures allow time for it to reach normal operating temperature before use at the venue.
- Avoid using the equipment in extreme heat and direct sunlight. Make sure the ventilation slots are not obstructed and that there is adequate air movement around the equipment.
- Clean the equipment with a soft brush and dry lint-free cloth. Do not use chemicals, abrasives or solvents.
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Register your product online via www.allen-heath.com/register.

2. Packed items

Check you have received the following:

- SQ-Rack Digital Audio Mixer
- 2x Rack Ears (left/right)
- 6x Rack Ear Fixings
- 4x Push fit feet
- QR Code Card
- Safety booklet
- IEC mains lead

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4. Introduction

SQ-Rack is part of the SQ range of digital audio mixers, which also includes the SQ-5, SQ-6 and SQ-7.

Designed for applications where high-quality audio mixing and processing is required in a compact and reliable unit, and built on an Allen & Heath XCVI core, the SQ series of digital mixers feature 96kHz, variable bit-depth processing and ultra-low latency.

All SQ models can be used standalone or expanded with a range of expanders and option cards. They can also be customised with additional processing 'Add-on' options.

Having the same processing core means all models have the same processing, routing, connectivity and external control capabilities. The differences between models are as follows:

| SQ Model | SQ-Rack | SQ-5 | SQ-6 | SQ-7 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Faders | - | 16+Mix | 24+Mix | 32+Mix |
| Faders Screen | ✓ | - | - | - |
| CQ-Control Screen | ✓ | - | - | - |
| Built-in Preamps | 16+Talkback | 16+Talkback | 24+Talkback | 32+Talkback |
| XLR Outputs | 12 | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| SoftKeys | 8 | 8 | 16 | 16 |
| SoftRotaries | 4 | - | 4 | 8 |

4.1. SQ-Rack Features

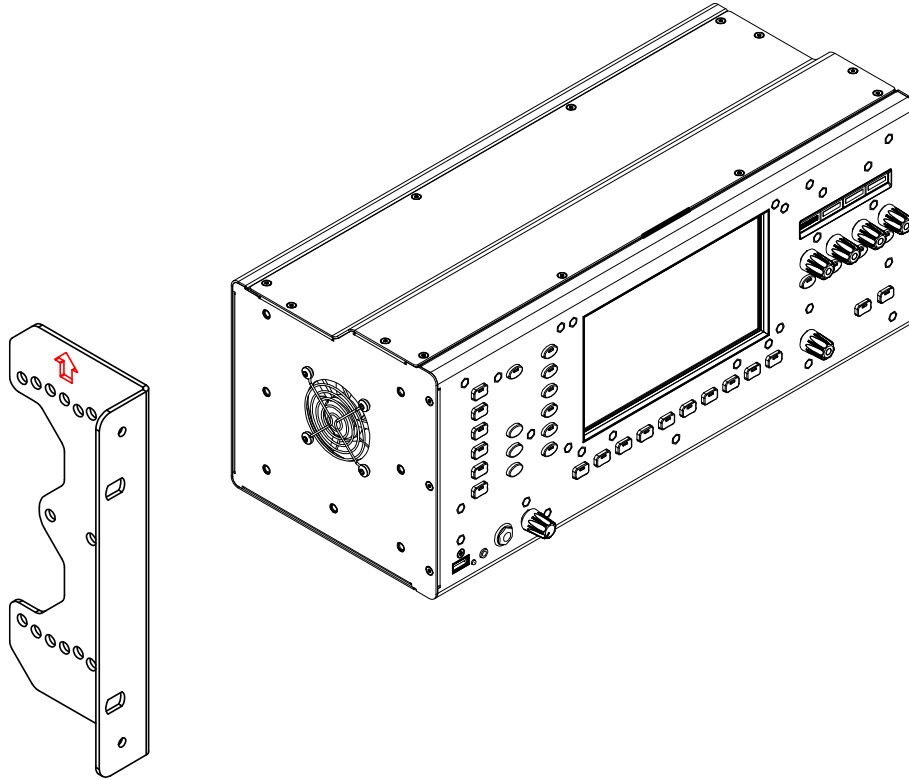
- Rack-mountable 4U digital mixer for Live, Studio and Installation use
- 48x Input Channels
- 16x Local Mic/Line Inputs (XLR)
- 2x ¼" Stereo Inputs (TRS)
- 1x 3.5mm Stereo Input
- 36x Total Busses
- 12x Stereo Mix (Aux or Group) + Main
- PAFL Bus
- 14x Assignable Local Analogue Outputs (12x XLR + 2x ¼" TRS)
- AES Digital Output
- Dedicated Talkback mic input (XLR)
- ¼" TRS Stereo Headphone out with dedicated control
- SLink EtherCON connection for remote audio using dSnake/ME, DX or GigaACE/GX protocol (128x128 channels)
- I/O Port for Option Card (including 3rd party protocols – Dante/Waves/MADI)
- 8x Mute Groups
- 8x DCA Groups
- 8x Stereo FX with dedicated FX Returns
- DEEP Processing Ready
- RackExtraFX Effects suite
- 7" capacitive touchscreen
- 8x Assignable SoftKeys
- 4x Assignable SoftRotaries
- 6x Layers for 96 assignable Channel Strips across Fader, Processing and Routing screens
- Dedicated Faders screen
- Dedicated SQ-Control screen
- Single/Dual Footswitch Control
- Input channel pairs switchable mono/stereo
- Patchable Insert points
- Input processing – Trim, HPF, Gate, PEQ, Compressor, Delay
- Output processing – Graphic EQ, PEQ, Compressor, Delay
- DEEP Automatic Mic Mixing
- 2x 31/61 Band Real Time Analysers
- Quick copy/paste/reset for parameters
- User Permissions to restrict operator access
- 300x Scene memories per Show
- Channel Safes, Global and per Scene Recall Filters
- FX, processing and channel Libraries
- SQ-Drive for stereo and multitrack recording/playback direct to USB drive
- USB transfer of Scenes, Libraries, Shows
- 32x32 channel, class compliant USB-B audio interface
- A&H MIDI Control driver for MIDI control via USB or TCP/IP
- Remote mixing apps for iPad, Android, Mac and PC
- Compatible with ME personal monitoring range

5. Fitting Rack Ears

The SQ-Rack is supplied with 2x 4U rack ears which can be fitted to the unit in multiple ways using the supplied fixings. This enables the unit to be used freestanding or fixed to a flat surface, or to be mounted in different orientations and angles in a standard 19" rack.

5.1. Left and right rack ear orientation

Either one, or both rack ears include an arrow to show the intended upward direction when fitting in a rack.



This mounts the SQ-Rack a few millimetres higher in the rack and is only important when rack mounting with the feet already fitted, directly above another unit.

5.2. Attaching the ears to the SQ-Rack

- Hold the first ear to the unit in roughly the position it will be attached (see Mounting Options)
- Align and fit the centre fixing, but do not fully tighten
- Rotate the ear to align the other two fixing holes
- Fit the outer fixings and tighten fully
- Tighten the centre fixing
- Repeat the process for the second ear, matching orientation and angle

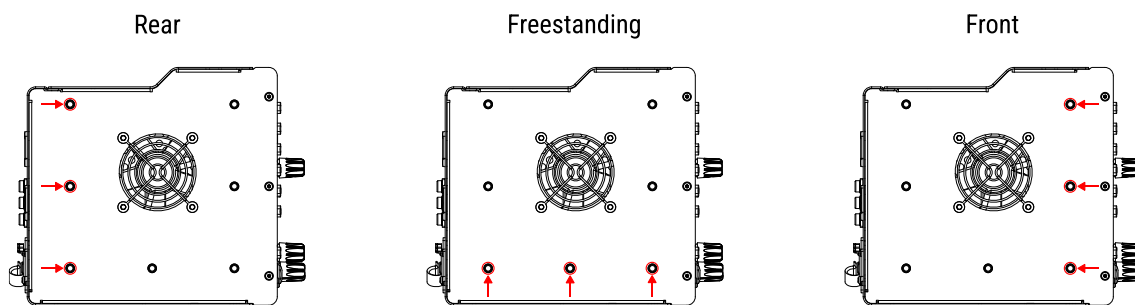
5.3. Freestanding (desktop stand) use

When using the rack ears affixed to the bottom edge of the unit for freestanding use, the 4 'push fit' feet supplied with the SQ-Rack can be fitted to the small holes in the rack ears instead of the unit itself.

When fitted for freestanding use, ears can be angled outward (as when rack mounting) or angled inward (under the unit).

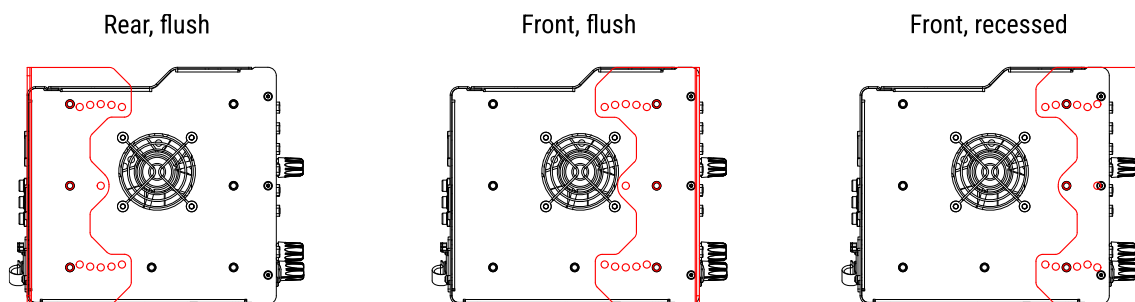
5.4. Mounting options

Front, rear or freestanding options are decided by which fixing holes on the SQ-Rack are used.

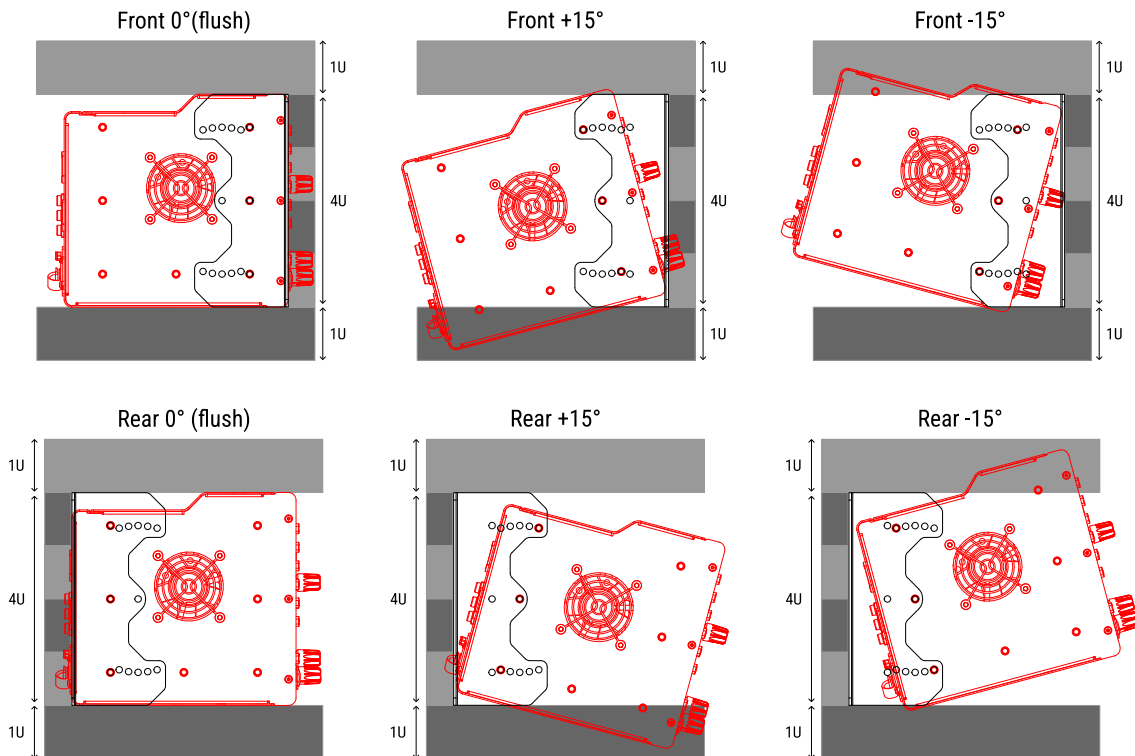


Flush or recessed positions are available when mounting straight (0°), with the rack strip or surface parallel to the front, rear or base of the SQ-Rack.

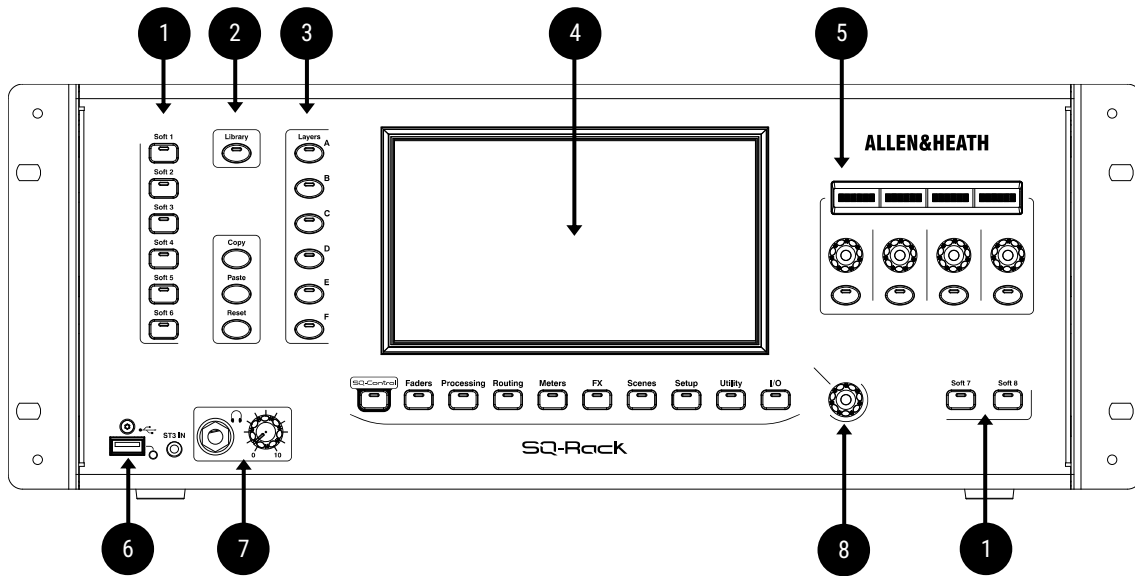
i In the front recessed position, the tops of rotary controls are parallel with the rack strip.



The entire unit can be angled by $\pm 7.5^\circ$ or $\pm 15^\circ$ by turning the ears about the centre fixing. Note that when mounting at an angle in a rack, more than 4U space may be required.



6. Front Panel



1. SoftKeys

SoftKeys can be assigned custom functions by the user and their function can be changed on a Scene-by-scene basis. For the full list of available functions, refer to the latest firmware reference guide.

2. Library and Copy/Paste/Reset keys

The Library Key illuminates when a library is available for the screen being viewed and is used to store or recall settings and parameters.

The Copy, Paste and Reset Keys are used in conjunction with the touchscreen to copy and paste settings and parameters from one channel to another or to reset parameters to their default value.

3. Layer keys

Layer Keys work alongside the Faders, Processing and Routing screens to navigate through channels and make changes. Each of the 6 layers can include up to 16 channel strips.

4. Touchscreen and Screen keys

The touchscreen displays, and allows adjustment of, all mixer settings and parameters. Use the Screen Keys and on-screen tabs to navigate, then touch to select parameters and use the touchscreen rotary control (8) to adjust them.

5. Soft Rotaries

Like SoftKeys, the Soft Rotaries can be assigned custom functions by the user and their function can be changed on a Scene-by-scene basis. For the full list of available functions, refer to the latest firmware reference guide.

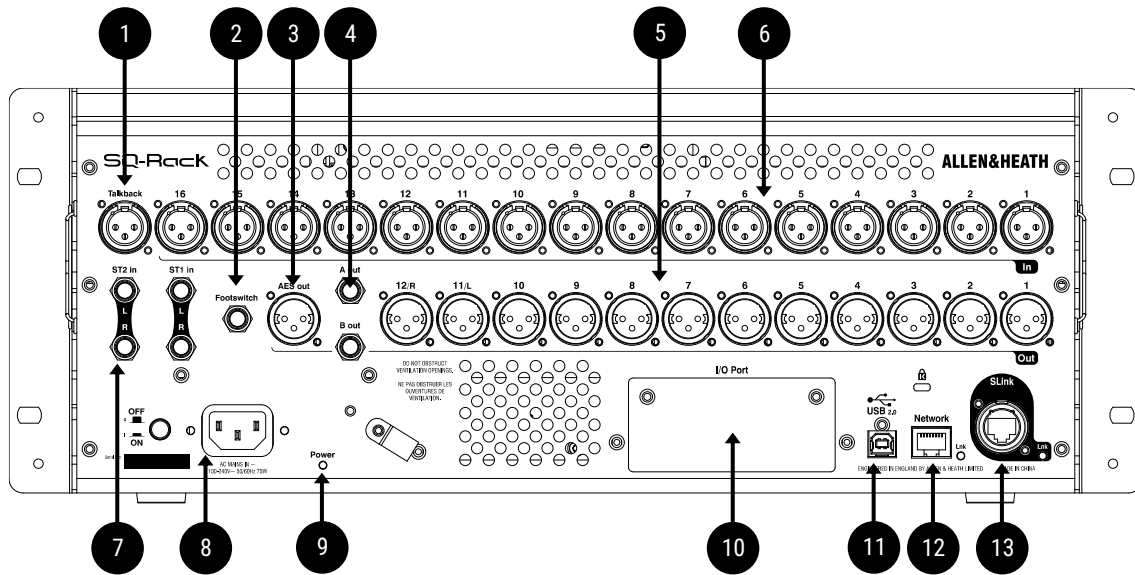
6. SQ-Drive port

The SQ-Drive (USB-A) port can be used to record/play audio direct to/from a USB drive, transfer Show/Scene/Library data and update SQ firmware.

7. Headphone output and headphone level control

8. Touchscreen rotary control

7. Rear Panel



1. Talkback microphone input

2. Dual footswitch connection

For connection of a single or dual footswitch, compatible with momentary or latching types. Like SoftKeys, a footswitch can be assigned custom functions by the user and their function can be changed on a Scene-by-scene basis. For the full list of available functions, refer to the latest firmware reference guide.

3. AES3 digital stereo output

4. Local Outputs - TRS line level

5. Local Outputs – XLR line level

6. Local Inputs – XLR mic/line level

7. Local Inputs – TRS line level

8. Mains power inlet and switch

9. Power LED

Illuminated only when powered on and all voltage rails are good.

10. I/O Port

For digital expansion or system integration using SQ option cards, including Dante, Waves, MADI or SLink.

11. USB-B port

Class compliant USB audio/MIDI interface for multichannel recording and playback and MIDI communication.

12. Network port

For connection to a dedicated (recommended) or existing network for remote wired or wireless control of the mixer.

13. SLink port

Intelligent digital audio port with up to 128x128 channels supported (SLink). Enables connection to the Allen & Heath 'Everything I/O' ecosystem of 48kHz or 96kHz expanders, system-to-system connections and personal monitoring devices.

8. Digital Audio I/O and Expansion

The SQ-Rack has built-in 'local' input and output sockets. Local inputs include mic/line inputs on XLR with associated preamp and ADC and line level TRS connections with ADC. Local outputs include both XLR and TRS line level analogue outputs with associated DAC, as well as a stereo digital AES3 output on XLR.

In addition to the Local I/O, SQ features multiple digital I/O connections. These are presented to the user in the same way as the local sockets and can also be used in the same way, as sources for input channels and destinations for outputs, or for insert points and tie lines.

8.1. USB-B and SQ-Drive

SQ features a built-in, class compliant audio/MIDI USB-B interface which can be used without drivers on any device/OS that supports class compliant audio/MIDI devices.

For improved performance, software compatibility and enhanced system options, a Windows driver can be downloaded from <https://www.allen-heath.com>.

The USB-B audio interface is bidirectional with 32 inputs and 32 outputs running at either 48kHz or 96kHz. It can be used with all leading DAW's and professional audio software for multichannel recording and playback.

The SQ-Drive connection is USB-A and can be used with USB storage directly to either record or playback up to 16 channels at 96kHz or up to 32 channels at 48kHz.

- ❗ Record and playback patching for USB-B and SQ-Drive is presented as simply 'USB' in the SQ. Playback can only be from either USB-B or SQ-Drive at any one time.

8.2. SLink Port

The SLink Port is used to connect to the Everything I/O range of A&H digital stageboxes/expanders (<https://www.allen-heath.com/everything-i-o/>) for bidirectional multichannel audio and, where possible, control preamp and SRC options. It can also be used to connect directly to another SLink port or GigaACE option card in a mixer to transmit and receive multichannel audio.

SLink is not a protocol itself, but an intelligent port which switches mode depending on the first device connected and can run one of three protocols at one time. It carries out Sample Rate Conversion when required as the SQ always runs at 96kHz internally for all processing and mixing.

For more information and examples of possible SLink configurations, refer to the 'SLink Connections' document available to download from <https://www.allen-heath.com/>.

| Protocol | Sample Rate | Total Possible Inputs | Total Possible Outputs |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| dSnake (+ME) | 48kHz | 40 | 20 (+40 ME) |
| DX | 96kHz | 32 | 32 |
| GigaACE/GX | 96kHz | 128 | 128 |

- ❗ Expanders do not alter the number of processing channels available in the mixer core but increase the number of input and output sockets available for use in the system.
- ❗ Control of preamps in an expander is always from the mixer the expander is connected to. Unless using Dante DT expanders, where multiple mixers can control the same preamp.
- ❗ For all digital audio connections using network connections, use CAT5e (or higher specification) STP cables up to 100m long.
- ❗ Refer to <https://www.allen-heath.com/> for cable requirements, recommendations, and a list of CAT cables available to order.

8.3. I/O Port

The I/O Port enables the fitting of an SQ option card for 3rd party protocols or an additional SLink port.

Available option cards include:

- **SLink**
Provides a secondary SLink port with independent SRC to connect up to 128x128 channels at 96kHz. Can be used to run two different A&H protocols with a single SQ and/or to connect to expanders at the same time as other mixers.
- **Dante 32x32**
Provides a 32x32 channel connection to a Dante network at either 48kHz or 96kHz. Can also be used for connection of DT expanders.
- **Dante 64x64**
Provides a 64x64 channel connection to a Dante network at either 48kHz or 96kHz. Can also be used for connection of DT expanders.
- **Waves**
Provides a 64x64 channel connection to a Waves SoundGrid network at either 48kHz or 96kHz. Can be used with Waves hardware and software (e.g. Waves SoundGrid Server and SuperRack).
- **MADI**
Provides two MADI I/O pairs on BNC for 48kHz (64 channel with redundancy options) or 96kHz (32x32 on each pair) operation. Includes switchable (In/Out) BNC Wordclock connection.

9. Control of the mixer

The audio processing core is controlled by the 'control layer' comprising local 'surface' control, network control and MIDI control.

With all Allen & Heath digital mixers, the audio core and control layer are kept somewhat separate to prevent any issue with the control network from having an impact on audio.

Changes to the core are made from the control layer and any changes to the core are reflected back to the control layer. In this way the current state of the mixer core is always visible and accurate.

9.1. Local 'Surface' control

The front panel of the SQ-Rack features a touchscreen with surrounding screen selection keys, layer keys and a rotary control. Select a screen using the screen keys and choose a layer if using Fader, Processing or Routing screens, then touch on screen to navigate and action any on screen buttons. Select parameters on screen which have a value bar, and the touchscreen rotary will illuminate to show it can be used for adjustment.

Copy, Paste and Reset keys are provided which can be held when touching channels, processing parameters or scenes on the screen for easy duplication or resetting of parameters and data. The dedicated Library key illuminates whenever viewing a screen that has an accompanying Library. This allows storing of user data and recall of factory and user data.

SoftKeys and Soft Rotaries can be set to control specific functions and parameters, including options for control of the currently selected channel. Their functions can be changed on a scene-by-scene basis if required.

The headphone level is an analogue control for the headphone amplifier.

- ❗ Refer to the relevant firmware reference guide available from <https://www.allen-heath.com/> for more information on the navigation and features of the installed firmware.

9.2. Network control

There are 3 remote control apps available for the SQ series:

- **SQ-MixPad – for the engineer**
Provides control over almost all parameters and settings of the mixer, including many setup functions. Can also be used in Offline mode as an editor.
- **SQ4You – for the performer**
Provides easy to use control over a single mix, allowing control of monitoring levels without the risk of affecting other performers' mixes.
- **SQ-Control – for simplified control**
5 tabs with up to 48 widgets in each can be setup by the Admin user to provide simplified access to key parameters including levels, mutes and SoftKeys.

These all require that the device running the app and the SQ itself are clients on the same network and in the same address range.

The SQ's network port can be connected to a LAN port on a router, access point or switch, or directly to the device. By default, the SQ is set to receive an address via DHCP. If no address is assigned, it will assign itself an address automatically. It is also possible to set a static address for the SQ.

Devices running apps can then be connected to the same network and their addresses set within the same range.

- ❗ A total of 8 remote apps can be connected to an SQ at one time, with up to 3 of these being SQ-MixPad.
- ❗ All SQ Network settings can be found in the Setup > Network Setup screen.
- ❗ For more information on app connection and functionality, please refer to the in-app help document and firmware reference guide.

9.3. MIDI control

MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) is a standardised communication protocol that enables digital devices to communicate and allows one piece of equipment to control another.

The SQ sends and receives MIDI over USB (via the USB-B port) as well as over ethernet (using MIDI over TCP/IP via the network port).

Messaging can be broken down into two sets of bi-directional messages. Those that are used with SQ mixing parameters (i.e. level control of SQ audio channels), and those used to control external software or equipment (i.e. to control a DAW).

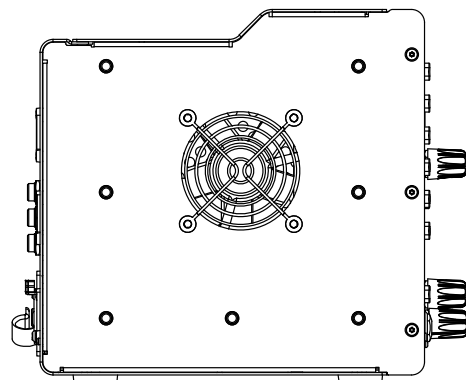
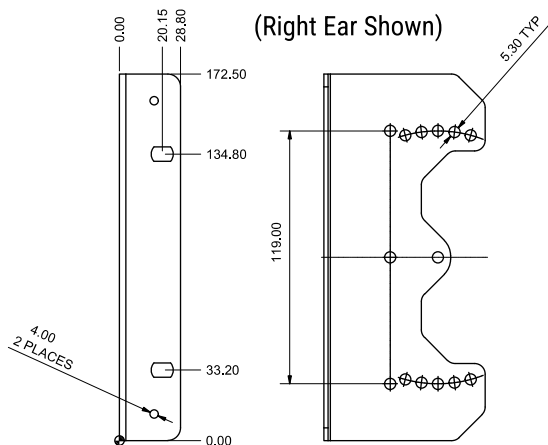
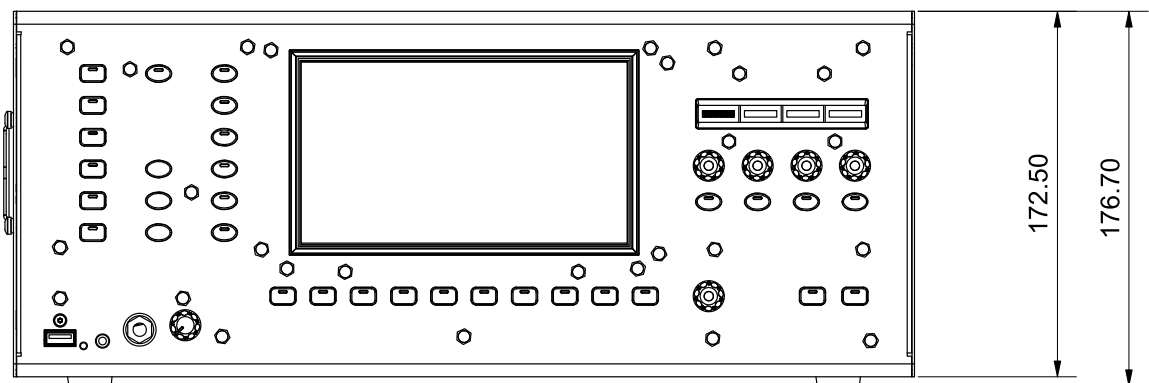
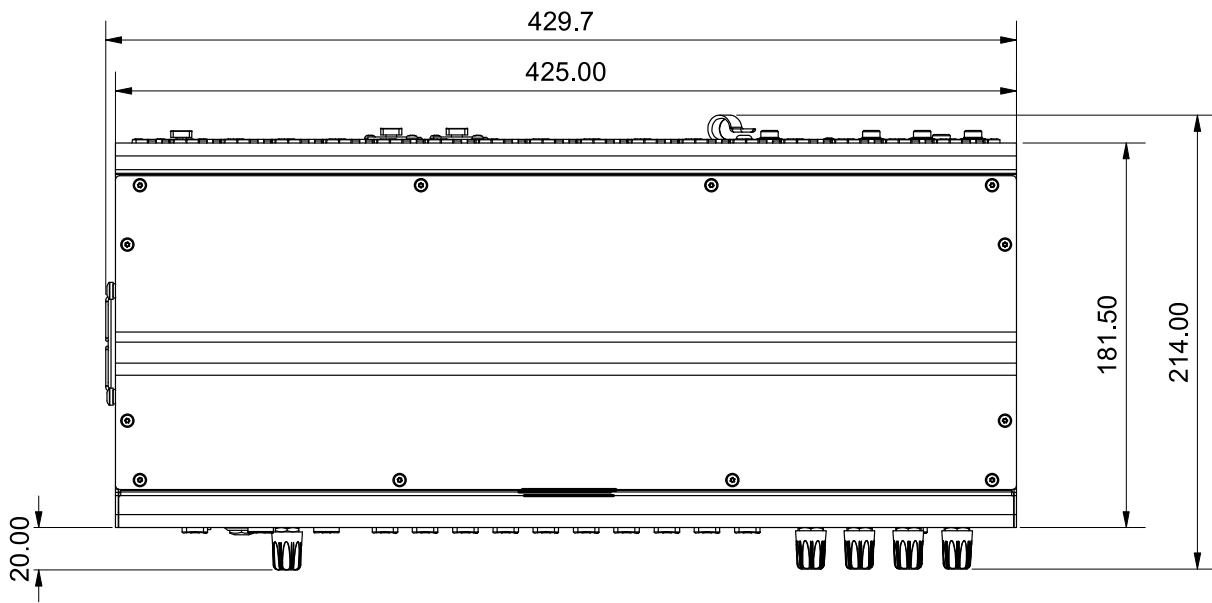
When connected to a device using the USB-B port, the SQ will appear as a class compliant MIDI input and output device. This can be used with software directly or through use of the Allen & Heath MIDI Control application.

To connect a device to the SQ over a network, Allen & Heath MIDI Control can be used. All other clients used for network communication should be configured to send messages to the SQ's IP address and use port 51325.

Refer to the SQ MIDI Protocol document available from <https://www.allen-heath.com> for full details on MIDI messaging for the SQ series.

Download the most recent version of the Allen & Heath MIDI Control app from <https://www.allen-heath.com> and refer to the associated help document for information on installation, setup and use.

10. Dimensions



11. Technical Specifications

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|----------------------|--|---|
| Inputs | Mic/Line Inputs | Balanced XLR, fully recallable |
| | Input Sensitivity | -60 to +0dBu |
| | Switchable Pad | -20dB |
| | Analogue Gain | 0dB to +60dB, 1dB steps |
| | Maximum Input Level | +30dBu |
| | Input Impedance | >5kΩ |
| | THD+N, Unity gain 0dB | 0.002% -92dBu (20Hz-20kHz, AES Direct Out, @0dBu 1kHz) |
| | THD+N, Mid gain +30dB | 0.003% -91dBu (20Hz-20kHz, AES Direct Out, @-30dBu INPUT 1kHz) |
| | Phantom Power | +48V (+3V / -2V) |
| | Stereo Line Inputs | |
| | ST1, ST2 connectors | Balanced, 1/4" TRS jack |
| | ST3 connector | Unbalanced, stereo 3.5mm Mini Jack |
| | Input Sensitivity (ST1, ST2 / ST3) | Nominal +4dBu ST1, ST2 / 0dBu ST3 |
| | Trim | +/-24dB |
| | Maximum Input Level (ST1,ST2 / ST3) | +22dBu / +18dBu |
| | Input Impedance | >7kΩ |
| | | |
| Outputs | XLR Outputs | Balanced, XLR |
| | Outputs A and B | Balanced 1/4" TRS Jack |
| | Source | Patchable |
| | Output Impedance | <75Ω |
| | Nominal Output | +4dBu = 0dB meter reading |
| | Maximum Output Level | +22dBu |
| | Residual Output Noise | -90dBu (muted, 20Hz-20kHz) |
| | AES Digital Output | Balanced XLR 2 channel, 96kHz sampling rate (Default with SRC Bypassed) Switchable output sample rates, 44.1kHz/ 48kHz/ 88.2kHz/ (96kHz) 2.5Vpp balanced terminated 110Ω |
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| SLink | Connection | Neutrik EtherCON (RJ45) |
| | dSnake mode | 40 input 20+40(ME) output channels, 48kHz |
| | DX mode | 32 input 32 output channels, 96kHz |
| | GigaACE/GX | 128 input 128 output channels, 96kHz |
| | Inputs | Fully Patchable |
| | Outputs | Fully Patchable |
| | Sync/SRC | Assignable as audio clock source, 48kHz<->96kHz SRC |
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| I/O Port | Inputs | Multi-channel I/O option module |
| | Outputs | Fully Patchable |
| | Sync/SRC | Fully Patchable |
| | | Assignable as audio clock source, SRC on option card |
| | | |
| System | | Measured balanced XLR in to XLR out, 0dB gain, 0dBu input |
| | Dynamic Range | 112 dB |
| | Frequency Response | +0/-0.5dB 20Hz to 20kHz |
| | Headroom | +18dB |
| | Internal operating Level | 0dBu |
| | THD+N, Mic/Line routed to Main L/R Out | Unity gain faders@0dB, 0.006%, -84dBu (20 - 20kHz) |
| | dBFS Alignment | +18dBu = 0dBFS (+22dBu at XLR output) |
| | Meter Calibration | 0dB meter = -18dBFS (+4dBu at XLR out) |
| | Main Meter Type | 2 x 12 segment, fast (peak) response |
| | Channel Meter Type | Chromatic Channel Metering, fully programmable colour/brightness |
| | Peak Indication | -3dBFS (+19dBu at XLR out), multi-point sensing |
| | Sampling Rate | 96kHz |
| | Bit Depth | Uses XCVI core custom bit widths in algorithms, up to 96bits |
| | Latency | <0.7mS, Local Mic Input to Main L/R |
| | Operating Temperature Range | 0 deg C to 40 deg C (32 deg F to 104 deg F) |
| | Mains Power | 100-240V AC, 50/60Hz |
| | Max Power Consumption | 75W |
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| Dimensions & Weights | | Width x Depth x Height |
| | Unit only (rack ears not fitted) | 430 x 214 x 173 mm (16.9" x 8.4" x 6.8") |
| | Packed in shipping box | 545 x 350 x 265 mm (21.5" x 13.8" x 10.5") |
| | Unpacked weight | 5.8 kg (12.8 lbs) |
| | Packed weight | 8 kg (17.7 lbs) |

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| Control | Touch Screen | 7" Capacitive, 800 x 480 resolution, 24 bit RGB |
| | SoftKeys | 8 |
| | SoftRotarys | 4 |
| | Mute Groups / DCA Groups | 8 / 8 |
| | Network | TCP/IP Ethernet for MIDI and Control |
| | MIDI | TCP/IP and USB-B |
| | Footswitch | Single or Dual, Momentary or Latching |
| Input Processing | Source | |
| | CH1-48 | Fully patchable |
| | USB Global Source | SQ-Drive or USB-B Streaming (Auto Switching) |
| | Polarity | Normal/Invert |
| | Trim | -24 to +24dB |
| | High Pass Filter | 12/18/24dB per octave 20Hz – 2kHz |
| | Insert (Pre EQ/Comp) | Fully Patchable |
| | Delay | Up to 341ms |
| | Gate | Patchable Sidechain |
| | Sidechain filter | Hi-pass (20-5k), band-pass (120-10k), Lo-pass (120-20k) |
| | Threshold / Depth | -72dBu to +18dBu / 0 to 60dB |
| | Attack / Hold / Release | 50µs to 300ms / 10ms to 5s / 10ms to 1s |
| | PEQ | 4-Band fully parametric, 20-20kHz, +/-15dB |
| | Band 1, Band 4 | Selectable Shelving (Baxandall), Bell, HPF/LPF 12dB/octave |
| | Band 2, Band 3 | Bell |
| | Bell Width | Variable Q, 1.5 to 1/9th octave |
| | Compressor | Patchable Sidechain, DEEP options |
| | Sidechain filter | Hi-pass (20-5k), band-pass (120-10k), Lo-pass (120-20k), Q=1 |
| | Threshold / Ratio | -46dBu to 18dBu / 1:1 to infinity |
| | Attack / Release | 30µs to 300ms / 50ms to 2s |
| Mix Processing | Knee | Soft/Hard |
| | Detector response | Peak/RMS switchable |
| | Parallel Path Compression | dry/wet -inf to 0dB |
| | Channel Direct Out | Follow Fader, Mute, Mute Group, DCA (global all ch) |
| | Source select | Post-Preamp, Post-HPF, Post-Gate, Insert Return, Post-PEQ, Post-Comp, Post-Delay |
| | | trim -inf to 10dB per channel |
| | Insert (Pre EQ/Comp) | Fully Patchable |
| | Delay | Up to 682ms |
| | GEQ | 28 bands 31Hz-16kHz, +/-12dB Gain, Constant 1/3 oct, DEEP options |
| | PEQ | As Input PEQ |
| FX | Compressor | As Input Compressor |
| | Internal FX | 8 x RackFX engine, Send>Return or Inserted (4 dedicated FX bus) |
| | Types | SMR Reverb, Stereo Tap Delay, Gated Reverb, ADT, Blue Chorus |
| Audio Tools | | Symphonic Chorus, Flanger, Phaser |
| | | Fader, Pan, Mute, Routing to Mix/LR, 4-Band PEQ |
| | 8 dedicated Stereo FX returns | |
| | PAFL | PFL or stereo in-place AFL, 0 to -24dB Trim, PAFL Delay Up to 682ms |
| USB Audio | Talkback | Dedicated input, Assignable to any mix, Gain, Pad, 48V, 12dB/oct HPF |
| | Signal Generator | Assignable to any input or mix, Sine/White/Pink/Bandpass Noise |
| | RTA's | 2x 31-Band 1/3 octave (Stereo) or 61-Band 1/6 octave (Mono) 20-20kHz. |
| | | PAFL/Selected Channel or Fixed Source |
| USB Audio | SQ-Drive | USB-A |
| | Stereo Record | 2 channel, WAV, 96kHz, 24-bit, source fully patchable |
| | Stereo Playback | 1/2 channel, WAV, 44.1, 48, 96kHz 16,24-bit, source fully patchable |
| | Multitrack Record | 1-16 channel 96kHz, 1-32 channel 48kHz, 24-bit, WAV, fully patchable |
| | Multitrack Playback | 1-16 channel 96kHz, 1-32 channel 48kHz, 24-bit, WAV, fully patchable |
| | USB Audio Streaming | USB-B, Core Audio compliant, ASIO/WDM for Windows |
| | Send (upstream) | 32 channel, 48/96kHz, 24-bit |
| | Return (downstream) | 32 channel, 48/96kHz, 24-bit |
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| AMMs | Configuration | 2x 24ch or 1x 48ch, freely assignable |
| | Type | Gain Sharing |
| | Sidechain Filter HPF / LPF | 12dB/octave 20Hz – 5kHz / 120Hz - 20kHz |
| | Priority | -15dB to +15dB per channel |
| Add-ons | DEEP Preamps | Tube Stage |
| | DEEP Compressors | Opto, 16T, 16VU, PeakLimiter76, Mighty, OptTronik, Bus |
| | DEEP GEQ's | Proportional-Q, DiGi-GEQ, Hybrid |
| | RackFX units | De-Esser, DynEQ4, MultiBD3, MultiBD4, Bucket Brigade, Echo, Hypabass |