

# Revival 4000

## User Guide



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# Overview

## Introduction

Experience the definitive sound of SSL console heritage, with Revival 4000 - an all-in-one analogue channel strip brimming with character and versatility. For the first time ever, the most revered circuits from the B and E-Series consoles unite to deliver the ultimate analogue channel strip for your studio productions.

The 4000-Series revolutionised music production, setting a new industry standard that went on to shape countless iconic records. It all began with the rare SL 4000 B console. Originally launched in 1976, and later installed in London's Townhouse Studios, the 4000 B was used to create ground-breaking hits like 'Intruder' by Peter Gabriel and the seminal gated-drum sensation 'In the Air Tonight' by Phil Collins.

This set the tone for the most influential mixing console of all time - the SL 4000 E. Launched in 1979, the 4000 E became the heartbeat of legendary studios like Abbey Road, Electric Lady, and The Hit Factory, empowering engineers like Hugh Padgham (David Bowie, Paul McCartney, The Police), Chris and Tom Lord-Alge (James Brown, The Rolling Stones, Santana), and Andy Wallace (Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Nirvana) to craft the sonic signatures of generations.

With its revolutionary channel strip design, surgical yet musical EQ and punchy compression, the 4000 E transformed the way records were made, delivering the clarity and cohesion that defines platinum-selling hits to this day. Its signature, focused mid-range clarity, unmatched precision, and the unmistakable glue and punch of its channel and bus compression, became the sound of popular music. Feedback from producers and engineers who first used the 4000 E's EQ and dynamics processing was unanimous: it was an incredibly musical and intuitive tool. Designed by people who truly understood the recording and mixing process, it reassured engineers and producers in an era where you had to get things right the first time - when mistakes were costly, the 4000 E made it significantly easier to realise your creative vision.

From Bruce Springsteen and Madonna to Dr Dre and Daft Punk, artists across pretty much every genre relied on its unmistakable sound. By 1996, a staggering 83% of Billboard #1 hits had been produced on an SSL console. The 4000-Series didn't just change music - it immortalised an era, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire to this day.

### Some legends fade away – the 4000-Series is immortal.

With Revival 4000, you can now tap into that rich legacy, giving your mixes the same punch, presence and precision heard on records that have defined generations.



# Features

- Classic SSL 4000 E Jensen transformer-balanced mic preamp
- Musical one-knob 4000 B De-esser
- +48V, Polarity invert, Pad and Line Input
- Ultimate 4000 E-Series Dynamics
  - Discrete Class A VCA compressor
    - ◇ Soft or Hard Knee modes
    - ◇ Fast attack on/off
    - ◇ Logarithmic or Linear Release modes
- Classic Gate/Expander
  - With Fast attack on/off
- Classic 4-band SSL EQ
  - Fully parametric mid-bands
  - Switchable 'Brown Knob' 02 and 'Black Knob' 242 EQ Circuits
- High and Low-Pass Filters
  - 'Brown Knob' 02 mode – 12 dB per octave HPF & LPF
  - 'Black Knob' 242 mode – 18 dB per octave HPF & 12 dB per octave LPF
- Balanced Insert point for connecting external devices into the signal path
- Extensive 'to side-chain' functionality
  - Filters to Dynamics side-chain
  - EQ to Dynamics side-chain
- Flexible process-order routing
  - Filters to input, Dynamics and De-esser post-EQ options, Insert to output
- Line Output Trim
- Switchable input/output metering
- External side-chain (key) input
- Dynamics side-chain link – allows 2 x Revival 4000s compressors to work as a stereo pair

# Installation

## Unpacking

The unit has been carefully packed and inside the box you will find the following items.

- Revival 4000
- IEC power cord for your country
- Safety Sheet

It is always a good idea to save the original box and packaging, just in case you ever need to send the unit in for service.

## Rack Mounting, Heat and Ventilation

Revival 4000 is a 1U, 19" rackmount piece of equipment designed to sit in the racking of a producer's desk or similar. It is recommended that ventilation space is left above and below the unit so any heat generated by Revival 4000 can naturally disperse. The sides of the unit's chassis have cut-outs that should under no circumstances be blocked or covered. Always allow the unit to cool down before handling.

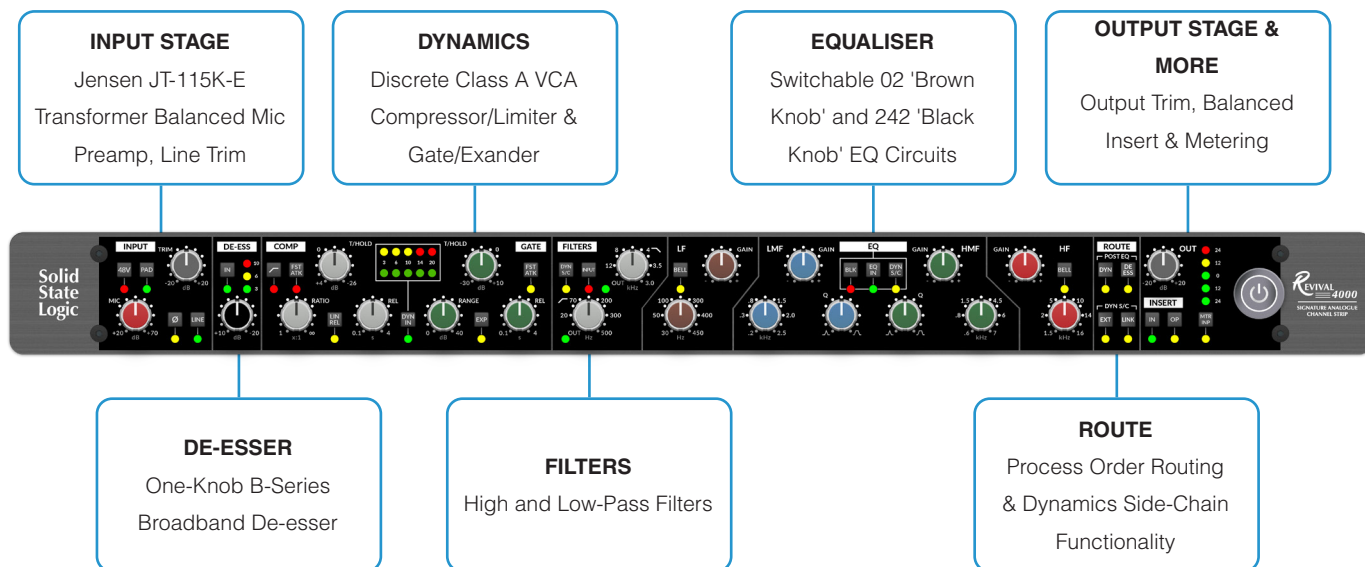
## Safety Notices

Please read the safety notice information included on the Safety Sheet inside the box before using Revival 4000. This information is also available in Appendices section of this User Guide.

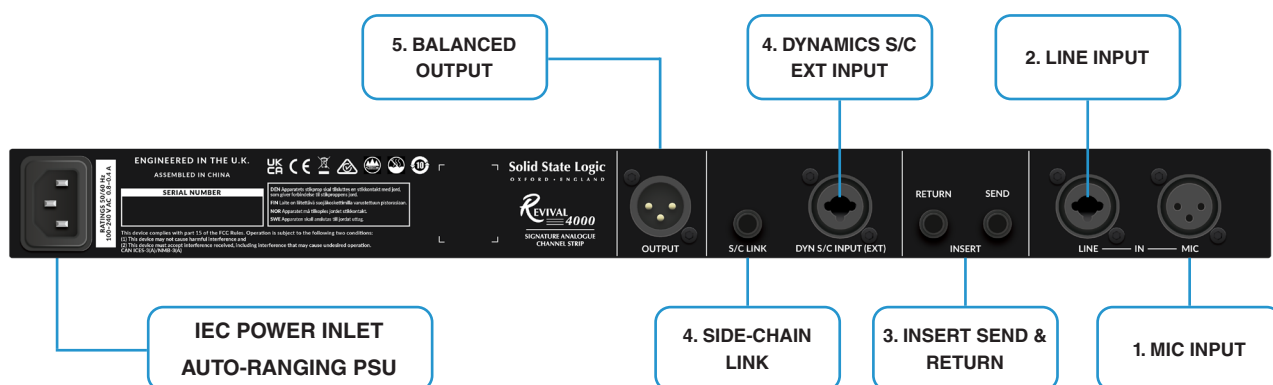
# Hardware Overview

This page provides an overview of the Revival 4000 hardware. The tutorial section covers each control in more detail.

## Front Panel



## Rear Panel



# Connections Overview

## 1 - MICROPHONE INPUT

*Female XLR*

The XLR labelled **MIC IN** is for microphone signals.

## 2 - LINE-LEVEL INPUT

*Combo XLR/TRS Jack*

The Combo XLR/TRS jack labelled **LINE IN** is for line level signals such as a synthesiser or a DAW output.

## 3 - INSERT SEND & RETURN

*TRS Jacks*

The TRS jacks labelled **INSERT SEND** and **INSERT RETURN** are for incorporating line-level outboard analogue processing equipment into Revival 4000's signal path. The inserts are fully-balanced.

## 4 - DYNAMICS SIDE-CHAIN EXTERNAL INPUT

*Combo XLR/TRS Jack*

The Combo XLR/TRS labelled **DYN S/C INPUT (EXT)** is for external line-level signals that can be used to drive the dynamics side-chain (key input).

## 5 - SIDE-CHAIN LINK

*TRS/TS Jack*

The TRS/TS jack labelled **S/C LINK** can be used to link the compressor side-chain control voltages of 2 x Revival 4000 units for stereo pair use.

## 6 - BALANCED OUTPUT

*Male XLR*

The XLR labelled **OUTPUT** is a line-level output. Connect this to the line-level input of your DAW recording system (audio interface/converter) or mixing desk etc.

# Tutorial

## Power

Power on the unit by pressing the silver power button on the right-hand side.



## Input Stage

### Microphone Preamp & Line Trim

Revival 4000 uses the exact same Jensen JT-115K-E transformer-balanced preamp circuit as found on the original 4000 E-Series console.

#### MIC

The microphone preamp control provides +20 to +70 dB of gain.

This control does not affect the line-level input path.

#### 48V

Provides +48V phantom power, required for certain condenser and active ribbon microphones.

#### PAD

Introduces a 20 dB pad ahead of the microphone preamp gain control.

Useful for microphones that have higher sensitivity/a high output level and therefore require less gain.

#### Ø

The Ø (polarity) button inverts the polarity, useful for multi-miked sources that may be suffering from phase cancellation. It affects whichever input path is selected (Mic or Line).

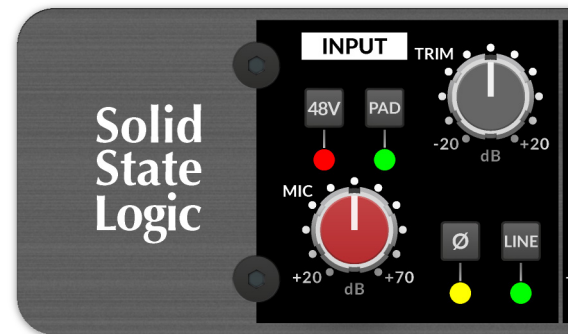
#### LINE

Switches the input to the line-level input on the rear panel (**LINE IN**), instead of the microphone input. The line-level input is sourced post the microphone preamp and therefore the **MIC** control does not function when **LINE** is selected.

#### TRIM

The line trim provides an additional +/- 20 dB of clean gain post the microphone preamp gain.

This control also affects the line-level input path if **LINE** is selected.



## One-Knob De-esser

The de-esser section deploys the original de-esser circuit from the 4000 B console's channel compressor/limiter (set to 'ds' mode), with a 10:1 ratio and 7 kHz high-pass filtered side-chain, delivering broadband compression triggered by sibilance. A key element of the musicality comes from the fact that the circuit design mirrors that of the SSL Bus Compressor (but with the additional filtering in the side-chain). It is ideal for tasks such as taming harsh vocals or drum overheads.

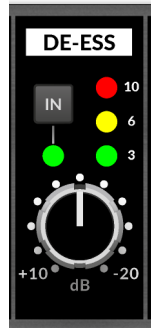
### IN

Toggles the De-esser circuit in/out.

### THRESHOLD

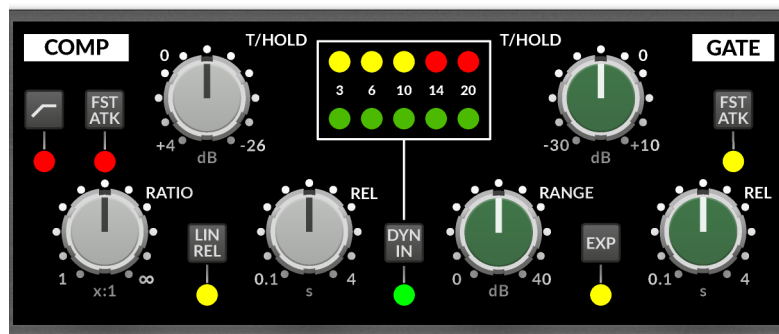
A threshold from +10 to -20 dB allows you to dial in the amount of de-essing required to tame harsh 'ess' sounds - great for vocals and drum overheads. 3 x LEDs are indicate the amount of de-essing (3, 6 and 10 dB)

By default, the De-esser is located near the front end of the signal flow (pre-Dynamics and EQ) but it can be re-positioned to be post-EQ via the **DE-ESS POST EQ** button in the **ROUTE** section.



## Dynamics

The compressor/gate design returns faithfully to the circuit and components that defined the sound of the original 4000 E-Series channel strip. The side-chain uses a true RMS converter and the gain reduction element is an all-discrete design, identical to the Class A VCA chip used in the original console. The compressor also contains additional switching options to defeat the soft-knee curve, a fast attack mode and choice of logarithmic or linear release curve. The result is a compressor with many distinct voicings, all of which contributed to the many classic records tracked and mixed on E-Series consoles.



As in the original E-Series channel strip, the Filter and/or the Equaliser section can be assigned to the dynamics side-chain allowing further technical or creative manipulation of the signal the compressor reacts to. e.g. Filtering out some low-end in the compressor side-chain may be especially important for bass-heavy music. This is achieved by engaging the **DYN S/C** button(s) in the Filters and EQ sections. The Dynamics side-chain can also source from an external input - see the **ROUTE** section for more details.

By default, the Dynamics section is ahead of the Equaliser in processing order but this can be reversed by engaging the **DYN POST EQ** button in the **ROUTE** section (4000-Series console owners may be more au fait with this button being labelled as 'CH OUT' ;) Processing order and side-chain options are covered in more detail in the Signal Flow Options and To Side-Chain Processing sections of the user guide.

If you have two Revival 4000 units in use across a stereo source, the **S/C LINK** allows the side-chain control signals of multiple units to be linked. For more detail, refer to the Routing section of the user guide.


### DYN IN

Toggles the Dynamics section (Compressor/Limiter & Gate circuits) in/out.

## Compressor/Limiter

### RATIO

When turned to 1:1, the Compressor/Limiter section is inactive. Turning the control clockwise increases the compression ratio to give a true limiter at the fully clockwise position.

The compressor ordinarily has a soft-knee. Engaging the  button changes this to a hard knee, providing an alternative, more aggressive character.

### THRESHOLD

Whenever a signal exceeds the level set by this control, the compressor will start to act at the ratio set by the **RATIO** control. This control also provides automatic make-up gain, so as you lower the threshold and introduce more compression, the output level is increased, maintaining a steady output level regardless of the amount of compression.

### RELEASE

Sets the time constant (speed) with which the compressor returns to normal gain settings once the signal has passed its maximum.

### FAST ATT

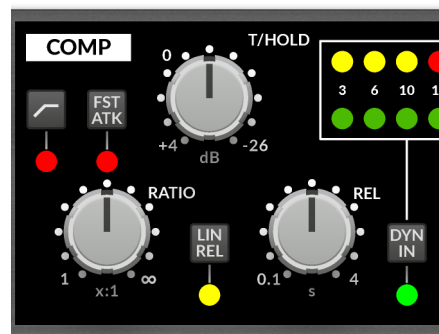
Provides a faster attack time (3 ms for 20 dB gain reduction). When off the attack time is slower and less aggressive (30 ms for 20 dB gain reduction).

### LIN REL

Changes the release curve from logarithmic to linear. This also raises the threshold by 6dB.

### GAIN REDUCTION LEDS

The yellow and red LEDs, on the top of the LED display area, indicate the amount of gain reduction (compression).



## Gate/Expander

The Expander/Gate section can act either as a  $\infty$ :1 Gate or, when the **EXP** switch is pressed, a 2:1 Downwards Expander.

### RANGE

Determines the depth of gating or expansion. When turned fully anti-clockwise, the Expander/Gate section will be inactive. When turned fully clockwise, a range of 40 dB can be obtained.

### THRESHOLD

Variable hysteresis is incorporated in the threshold circuitry. For any given 'open' setting, the Expander/Gate will have a lower 'close' threshold. The hysteresis value is increased as the threshold is lowered. This is very useful in music recording as it allows instruments to decay below the open threshold before gating or expansion takes place.

### RELEASE

This determines the time constant (speed), variable from 0.1 – 4 seconds, at which the Gate/Expander reduces the signal level once it has passed below the threshold. Note that this control interacts with the **RANGE** control.

### FAST ATT

Provides a fast attack time (100  $\mu$ s per 40 dB). When off, a controlled linear attack time of 1.5ms per 40 dB is selected. The attack time is the time taken for the Expander/Gate to 'recover' once the signal level is above the threshold. When gating signals with a steep rising edge, such as drums, a slow attack may effectively mask the initial 'THWACK', so you should be aware of this when selecting the appropriate attack mode.

The green LEDs in the display section indicate Expander/Gate activity (the amount of gain reduction).

## Filters

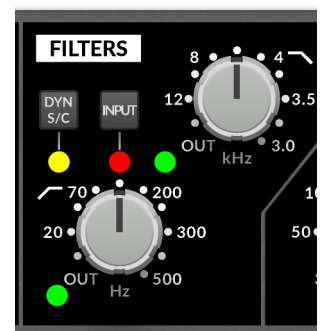
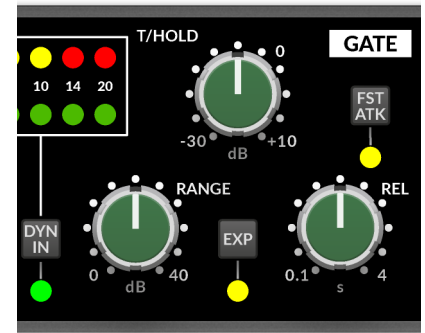
In common with the original E-Series Channel strip, a pair of High and Low-Pass Filters are provided. Both Filter controls incorporate bypass switching, which is activated when turned fully anti-clockwise; turning either control up will put that band in circuit, illuminating the LED adjacent to the control to indicate this state. The Filters are normally placed post EQ but can be repositioned to be just after the input stage (post-Insert), or, into the dynamics side-chain. Both Filters normally exhibit a 12dB/octave but pressing the **BLK** switch in the EQ section will modify the slope of the High-Pass Filter to 18dB/octave.

### DYN S/C

Switches the Filters into the side-chain of the Dynamics section. The Equaliser can also be switched into the side-chain independently. Note that **DYN S/C** overrides the **INPUT** function (see below).

### INPUT

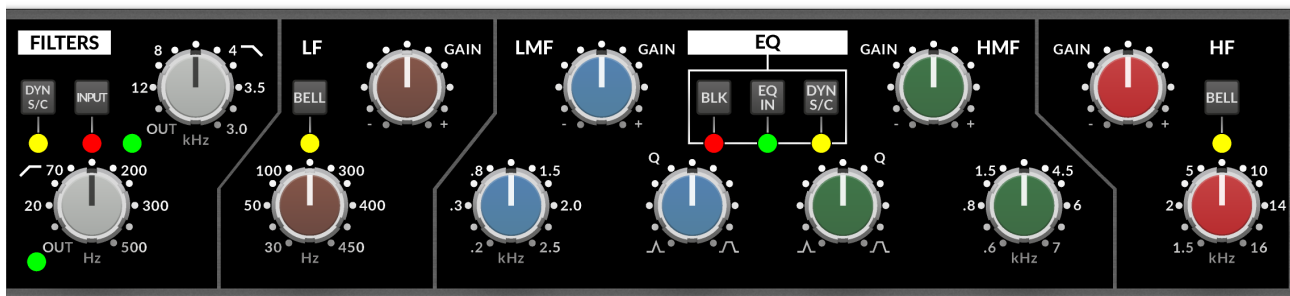
Moves the Filters to put them in circuit near the front-end of the channel strip - post Input Stage and Insert Point, pre-De-esser, Dynamics and EQ. This allows the Filters to be used to clean up signals before compressing or equalising them.



## Equaliser

The Revival 4000 Equaliser section defaults to the original 'Brown Knob' circuit that was standard on all early production E-Series consoles. The two parametric mid-band sections feature SSL's classic logarithmically symmetric design that ensures that the  $\pm 3\text{dB}$  up/down points retain the same musical interval from the centre frequency regardless of frequency and amplitude settings. The two shelving sections are traditional 6 dB/octave designs with an option for a fixed Q parametric response (Bell). The '02' EQ, to give it its correct name, was used on countless recordings and mixes in the early eighties.

In 1983 a new EQ circuit, the '242', was developed in conjunction with the legendary George Martin for the first SSL console to be installed in AIR studios. The 'Black Knob' EQ, as it became known, featured enhanced cut and boost ranges ( $\pm 18\text{ dB}$  instead of  $\pm 15\text{ dB}$ ) together with a different control law and a steeper 18 dB/octave High-Pass Filter for tighter control of low frequencies. The design is activated by pressing the **BLK** switch.



As mentioned above, the EQ section has some function buttons associated with it:

### EQ IN

Switches the EQ section into circuit.

### BLK

Switches the EQ from 02 'Brown Knob' operation to 242 'Black Knob' operation.

### DYN S/C

Switches the EQ into the side-chain of the Dynamics section. The Filter section can be switched independently of the EQ section. If both Filter and EQ sections are assigned to the dynamic side-chain, the Filter section precedes the EQ.

## Routing

The **ROUTE** section provides a number of processing order and side-chain routing possibilities.

### DYN (POST EQ)

Moves the Dynamics section to be post the EQ.

### DE-ESS (POST EQ)

Moves the De-esser section to be post the EQ.

### EXT (DYN S/C)

Enables the Dynamics side-chain to be sourced from an external (key) input, connected to the rear panel **DYN S/C INPUT EXT** Combo XLR/TRS Jack input. For full flexibility, **FILTERS TO DYN S/C** and **EQ TO DYN S/C** will still affect the external side-chain source if engaged.

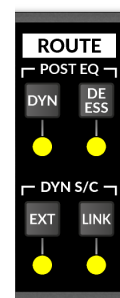
### LINK

If you have 2 x Revival 4000 units connected together using the **S/C LINK** TRS/TS jack connections on the rear of the unit, the side chain control signals will be linked by pressing the **LINK** buttons on the front panel of *both* units. When two Dynamics sections are linked, the control voltages of each section sum together, so that whichever section has the most gain reduction will control the other one (loudest signal wins).

This is particularly useful and important when using 2 x Revival 4000s as a stereo pair. as it ensures that both channels react uniformly to the loudest signal present in either the left or right side of the mix. This prevents the stereo image from shifting or “wobbling” due to one side being compressed more heavily than the other. By letting the loudest signal trigger equal gain reduction across both compressors, the stereo balance remains stable and musical, which is critical for preserving a solid, punchy stereo image on busses like drums, guitars, or the mix bus.

There are some important things to be aware of when linking in this way:

- You can use either a TRS or TS jack for linking two units - it does not matter which type is used.
- Ensure *both* units have their **LINK** buttons engaged.
- Both sets of front panel Compressor control positions, button states and gain staging into the compressor must be manually matched across both units.
- The front panel Dynamics compression LEDs continue to monitor the individual internal side-chains, *not* the combined control voltage that is actually driving the VCA for compression. Therefore, the front panel compressor gain reduction LEDs may make it *seem* like one unit is compressing more than the other. However, providing all steps above have been followed, the reality is the compressor will be maintaining a rock solid stereo image. The LEDs continuing to monitor their individual side-chains is useful as it gives you an indication of which side-chain signal is 'winning' at any particular moment and therefore driving the compression activity.



## Balanced Insert

Revival 4000 has a balanced insert point for incorporating additional outboard processing equipment into the signal chain. The **SEND** and **RETURN** TRS Jacks are located on the rear of the unit.

### IN

In true SSL fashion, the Insert Send is always active and engaging the **IN** button activates the Return path to introduce the processed audio into Revival's signal path.

### OP

By default, the Insert point is located immediately after the input stage, ahead of the De-esser, Dynamics, EQ and Filters. Pressing the **OP** button relocates the insert point to be at the end of the processing chain (post all of the sections mentioned above) but pre the Output Trim control.

## Output Stage and Metering

### OUT

A dedicated Output Trim provides an additional +/- 20 dB of clean gain at the end of the signal chain for full control of the signal level exiting via the Balanced Output.

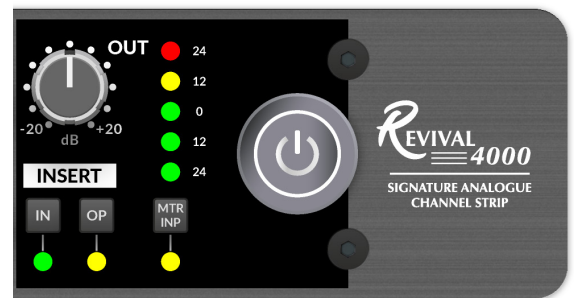
### METER

5 LEDs provide signal level metering at the following points:

- +24 dBu
- 12 dBu
- 0 dBu
- -12 dBu
- -24 dBu

### MTR INP

Normally, the meter reads the output of the channel but selecting **MTR INP** will meter the signal immediately after the input section.



# Signal Flow Options

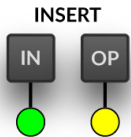
There are four switches that control the order of the signal processing elements in the main signal path. These are Filters to **INPUT**, **DYN(AMICS) POST EQ**, **DE-ESS(ER) POST EQ** and **INSERT OP** (To Output). Many processing orders are possible.

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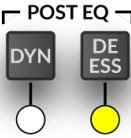
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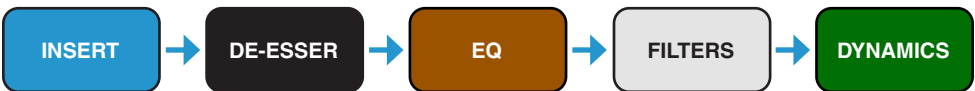
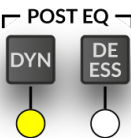
## Insert To Output



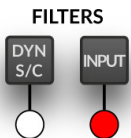
## De-esser Post EQ



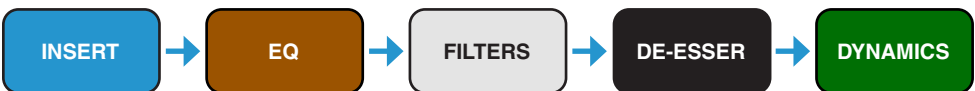
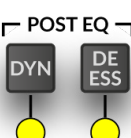
## Dynamics Post EQ



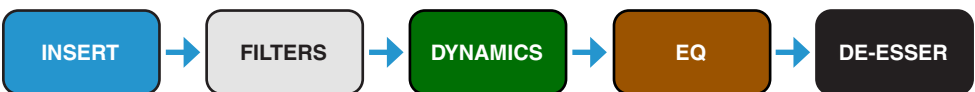
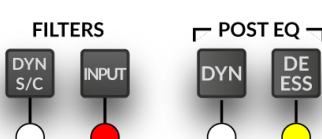
## Filters To Input

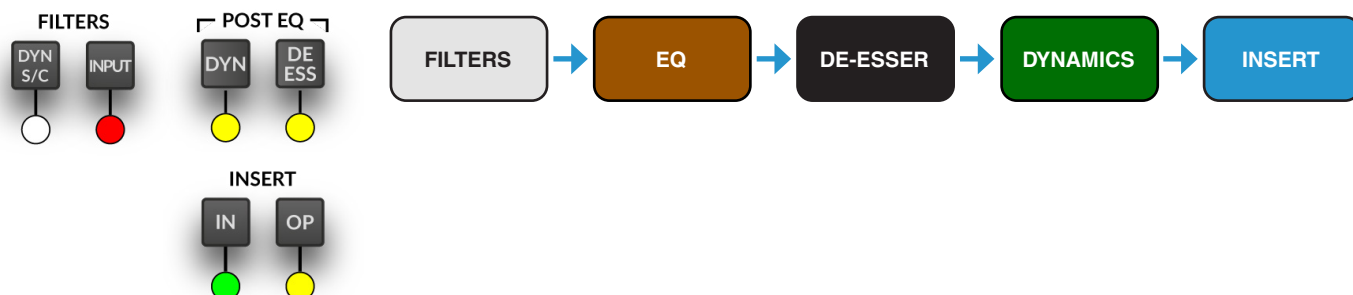


## De-esser & Dynamics Post EQ



## Filters To Input, De-esser Post EQ

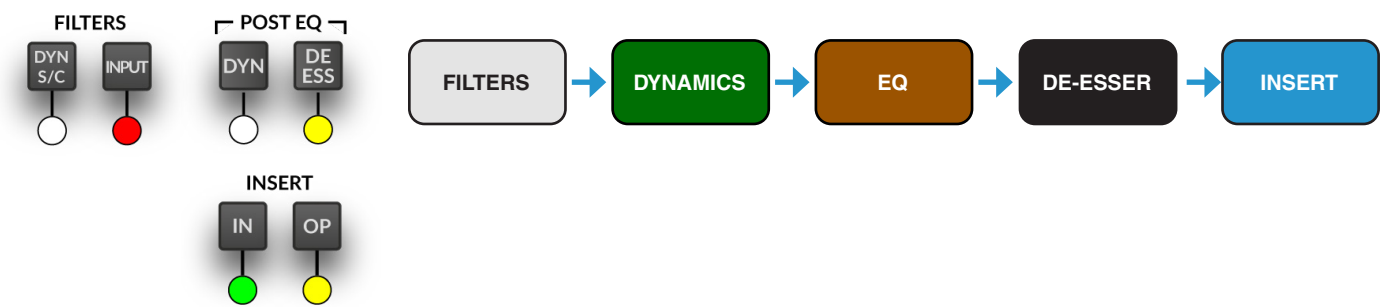


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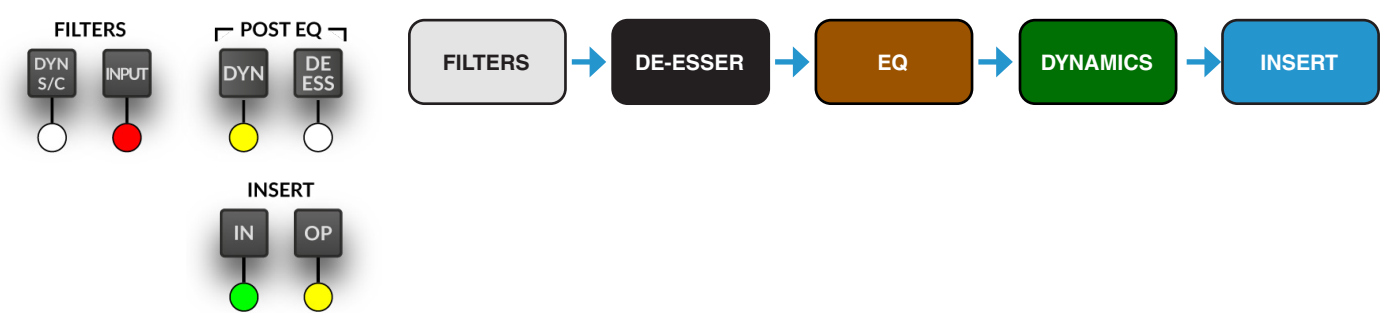
Filters To Input, Insert To Output



Filters To Input, Insert To Output, De-esser Post EQ



Filters To Input, Insert To Output, Dynamics Post EQ

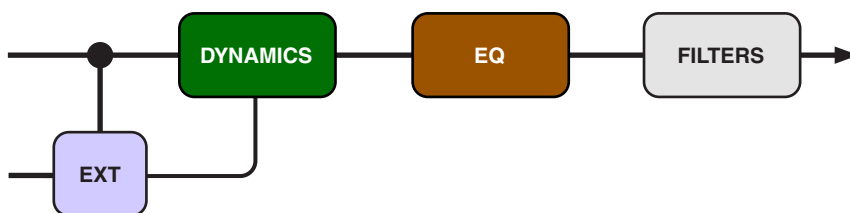


## To Side-chain Processing

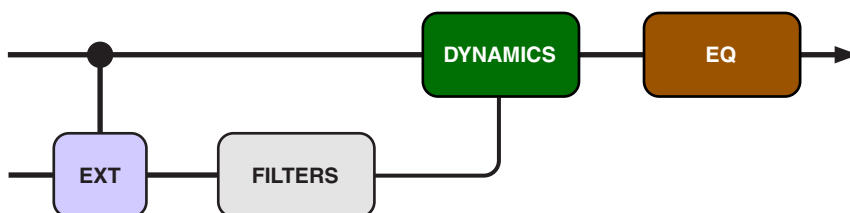
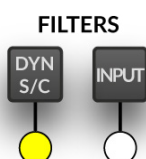
The EQ and Filters can be assigned to the dynamics side chain using the **DYN S/C** switches in their respective sections. The table below shows the side-chain source and processing order for the various combinations:

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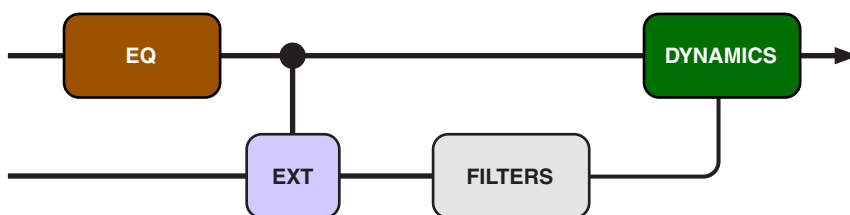
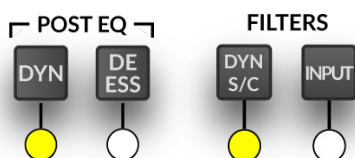
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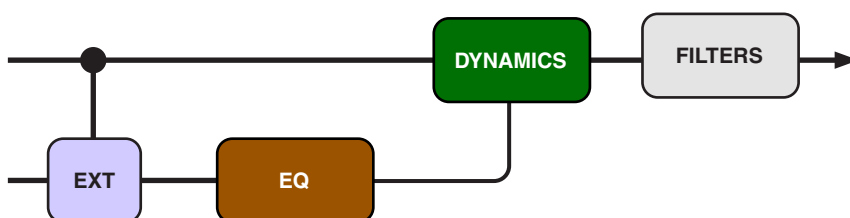
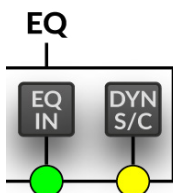
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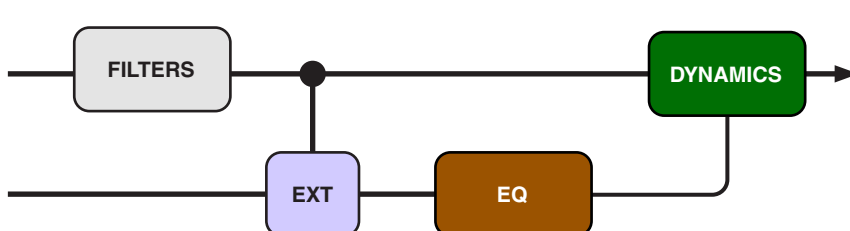
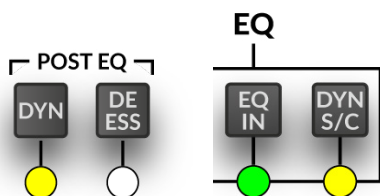
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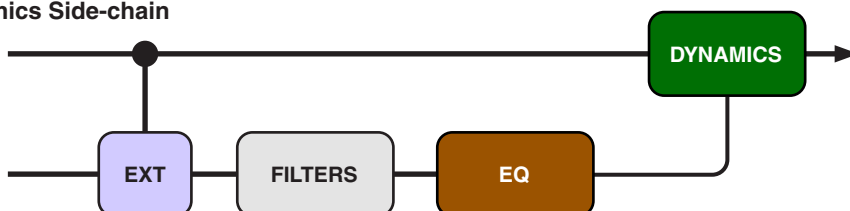
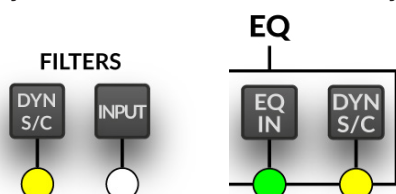
### EQ to Dynamics Side-chain



### EQ to Dynamics Side-chain & Dynamics Post EQ



### EQ to Dynamics Side-chain & Filters to Dynamics Side-chain



# Specifications

## Connector Details

### Mic Input

Location: Rear Panel	
Connector Type: XLR Female	
Pin	Description
1	Chassis
2	Audio +ve
3	Audio -ve

### Output

Location: Rear Panel	
Connector Type: XLR Male	
Pin	Description
1	Chassis
2	Audio +ve
3	Audio -ve

### Line Input

Location: Rear Panel		
Connector Type: Combo XLR Jack		
Pin		Description
1	Sleeve	Chassis
2	Tip	Audio +ve
3	Ring	Audio -ve

### Dynamics Side-chain Input (External)

Location: Rear Panel		
Connector Type: Combo XLR Jack		
Pin		Description
1	Sleeve	Chassis
2	Tip	Audio +ve
3	Ring	Audio -ve

### Insert Send

Location: Rear Panel	
Connector Type: TRS Jack	
Pin	Description
Tip	Audio +ve
Ring	Audio -ve
Sleeve	Chassis

### Insert Return

Location: Rear Panel	
Connector Type: TRS Jack	
Pin	Description
Tip	Audio +ve
Ring	Audio -ve
Sleeve	Chassis

### Side-chain Link

Location: Rear Panel	
Connector Type: TRS Jack	
Pin	Description
Tip	Link Bus
Ring	Disconnected
Sleeve	Ground

*TRS or TS jacks can be used*

### Physical

Width	482.6 mm / 19 inches
Height	43.18 mm / 1.7 inches (1 RU)
Depth	276.86 mm / 10.9 inches
Weight	3.74 kg / 8.25 lbs
Boxed Dimensions	609.6 mm x 83.82 mm x 335.28 mm (24" x 3.3" x 13.2")
Boxed Weight	4.88 kg / 10.76 lbs

## Power

Power Supply	Auto-Ranging 100-240 VAC
Operating Power	<20 Watts

## Audio Performance

### Default test conditions (unless otherwise stated):

Source impedance of test set: 50Ω

Input impedance of test set: 100 kΩ

Reference frequency: 1 kHz

Reference level: 0 dBu

All unweighted measurements are specified as 20 Hz to 20 kHz bandwidth limited, expressed in dBu.

Onset of clipping (for headroom measurements) should be taken as 1% THD.

All levels are intended balanced, unless explicitly defined otherwise.

Line Input by default (unless otherwise stated)

TRIM set to center position (0 dB)

Gain set to minimum

*All figures have a tolerance of ±0.5dB or 5%. If 'typical' is stated, then the tolerance may be greater than 5%.*

### Mic Input to Insert Send

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Gain	+20 dB to +70 dB typical Independently switchable 20 dB Pad available	
Input Impedance	1.3 kΩ	
Max Input Level	> 23.2 dBu	+20 dB (with Pad)
Noise Floor (Unweighted)	< 94.5 dBu	20 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
EIN (A-weighted)	< -130.6 dBu	70dB, Aweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
Frequency Response	±0.175 dB	20 Hz to 20 kHz, any gain
THD+N Ratio	< -103.5 dB / 0.00067%	-25 dBu applied, 45dB gain, 20 dBu out, 1 kHz
CMRR	> 100.9 dB > 98.9 dB	50 Hz 1 kHz

### Line To Insert Send

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Gain	-20 dB to + 20 dB typical, with centre indent at 0 dB	
Input Impedance	10 kΩ	
Max Input Level	> 27.6 dBu	Unity gain
Noise Floor (Unweighted)	< -94.9 dBu	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
Frequency Response	±0.035 dB	20 to 20 kHz, any gain
THD+N Ratio	< -109.6 dBu / 0.00033%	20 dBu applied, 0 dB gain, 20 dBu out, 1 kHz

## Insert Return to Output

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Impedance	10 k $\Omega$	
Max Input Level	> 27.4 dBu	0 dB
Noise Floor (Unweighted)	< 97.4 dBu	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
Frequency Response	$\pm 0.035$ dB	20 to 20 kHz, any gain
THD+N Ratio	< -102.3 dBu / 0.00077%	20 dBu applied, 0 dB gain, 20 dBu out, 1 kHz

## Channel Output

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Gain	-20 dB to + 20 dB typical, with centre indent at 0 dB	
Output Impedance	70 $\Omega$	
Output Headroom	> 27.4 dBu	0 dB

## EQ Controls

This is a four band equaliser that can be switched between two different sets of curves; one based on SSL's 02 ('Brown Knob') EQ and the other based on the 242 E-Series ('Black Knob') EQ. High and Low-Pass Filters are also available.

HF Band Controls	Parameter Ranges
Frequency	Variable from 1.5 kHz to 16 kHz
Gain	Variable between $\pm 15$ dB typical ('02') Variable between $\pm 18$ dB typical ('242')
Q (on 'BELL' setting)	0.8 ('02') 1.3 ('242')

HMF Band Controls	Parameter Ranges
Frequency	Variable from 600 Hz to 7 kHz
Gain	Variable between $\pm 15$ dB typical ('02') Variable between $\pm 18$ dB typical ('242')
Q	0.5 to 2.5 ('02') 0.5 to 4 ('242')

LMF Band Controls	Parameter Ranges
Frequency	Variable from 200 Hz to 2.5 kHz
Gain	Variable between $\pm 15$ dB typical ('02') Variable between $\pm 18$ dB typical ('242')
Q	0.5 to 2.5 ('02') 0.5 to 4 ('242')

LF Band Controls	Parameter Ranges
Frequency	Variable from 30 Hz to 450 Hz
Gain	Variable between $\pm 15$ dB typical ('02') Variable between $\pm 18$ dB typical ('242')
Q (on 'BELL' setting)	0.8 ('02') 1.3 ('242')

## EQ Circuit In

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Noise Unweighted	-81.5 dBu typical	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
THD+N Ratio	-81.8 dBu typical	0 dB, 0 dBu out, 1 kHz

## Filters Controls

Filters	Parameter Ranges
Low-Pass Frequency	3 kHz to 16 kHz (-3 dB Point)
Low-Pass Slope	12 dB / octave
High-Pass Frequency	20 Hz to 500 Hz (-3 dB Point)
High-Pass Slope	12 dB / octave ('02') 18 dB / octave ('242')

## Filters Circuit In

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Noise Unweighted	-97.8 dBu typical	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
THD+N Ratio	-97.1 dBu typical	0 dB, 0 dBu out, 1 kHz

## Dynamics Controls

The unit contains a complete dynamics section, the functions of which split into two areas; a Compressor/Limiter and an Expander/Gate.

Compressor/Limiter Controls	Parameter Ranges
Ratio	Variable from 1 to infinity (limit)
Threshold	Variable from +4 dB to -26 dB
Attack Slope	Normally 'Soft Knee', switchable to 'Hard Knee'
Attack Time	Normally 30 ms per 20 dB, switchable to 3 ms ('Fast Att')
Release	Variable from 0.1 to 4 seconds
Release Slope	Normally 'Logarithmic', switchable to 'Linear'

The Compressor/Limiter has two different attack slope modes and two different release slope modes; 'Soft Knee' & 'Hard Knee' and 'Logarithmic' & 'Linear' respectively. As their names suggest these modes affect of manner of response to incoming signals. Combining the two modes provides four very different modes of compression and limiting with the 'Hard Knee' and 'Linear' modes giving far more dramatic compression characteristics.

Expander/Gate Controls	Parameter Ranges
Range	Variable from 0 to 40 dB
Threshold	Variable from -30 dB to +10 dB
Attack Time	Normally 1.5 ms per 40dB, switchable to 100 $\mu$ s
Release Time	Variable from 0.1 to 4 seconds

The side chain signal can be sourced either from the signal feeding the dynamics section or the external side-chain input. The Filters and/or the EQ can be inserted in the side-chain. LED meters independently indicate amount of compression and expansion.

## Dynamics Circuit In

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Noise Unweighted	-76.7 dBu typical	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
THD+N Ratio	-76.9 dBu typical	0 dB, 0 dBu out, 1 kHz

## De-esser Controls

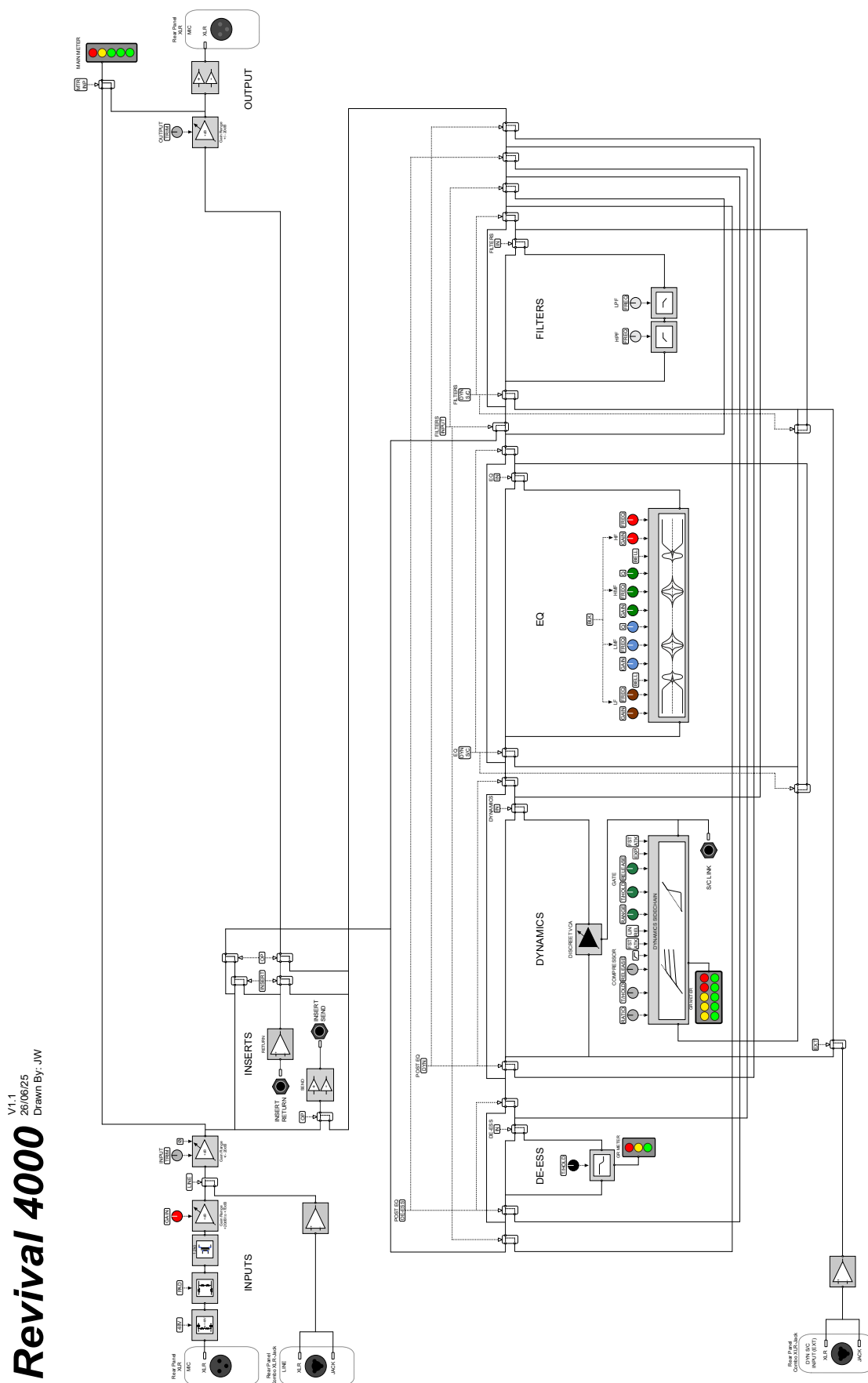
The unit contains a simple, yet highly effective one-knob De-esser true to the selectable 'ds' mode on the 4000 B-Series console channel compressor/limiter. It has a fixed ratio of 10:1 with a 7 kHz filtered side-chain input signal, delivering broadband compression triggered by sibilance. Release time is dependent on the input signal - between 30 & 50 ms. Attack time is 2 ms. LED meters indicates the amount of de-essing.

De-esser Control	Parameter Ranges
Threshold	Variable from +10 to -20 dB

## De-esser Circuit In

Measurement	Value	Conditions
Noise Unweighted	-89.2 dBu typical	0 dB, unweighted, 20 Hz - 20kHz, 150R termination
THD+N Ratio	-88.6 dBu typical	0 dB, 0 dBu out, 1 kHz

# Block Diagram



# Safety Notices

## Important Safety Information

### General Safety

Please read and keep this document and adhere to all warnings and instructions.

This electrical equipment should not be exposed to dust, water, or other liquids.

Clean only with dry cloth or products compatible with electrical devices and never when the unit is powered.

Do not operate near any heat sources, in direct sunlight or near naked flames.

Do not place heavy objects on the unit.

Only use attachments/accessories recommended by the manufacturer.

Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

Do NOT modify this unit, alterations may affect performance, safety and/or international compliance standards.

The unit can only be serviced by qualified personnel – seek immediate service if the unit has been exposed to water or if it ceases to operate normally.

Solid State Logic does not accept liability for damage caused by maintenance, repair or modification by unauthorised personnel.

When using this apparatus either fix it into a standard 19" rack or place it on a secure level surface.

If the unit is rack mounted, fit all rack screws. Rack shelves are recommended and ensure that loading of the rack does not create a hazard.

Always allow free flow of air around the unit for cooling. A 1U gap above and below the unit is recommended when rack mounted.

Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Ensure that the maximum operating temperature is not exceeded when mounted in a rack.

Ensure that no strain is placed on any cables connected to this apparatus. Ensure that all such cables are not placed where they can be stepped on, pulled or tripped over.

### Power safety

This equipment is supplied with mains lead however if you wish to use a mains cables of your choice refer to the following information:

Refer to the rating label on rear of the unit and always use a suitable mains cord.

The unit should ALWAYS be earthed.

Please use-compliant 60320 C13 TYPE SOCKET. When connecting to supply outlets ensure that appropriate sized conductors and plugs are used to suit local electrical requirements.

Maximum cord length should be 4.5m(15').

The cord should bear the approval mark of the country in which it is to be used.

Additionally:

The appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, ensure that it is connected to an unobstructed wall outlet.

Connect only to an AC power source that contains a protective earthing (PE) conductor.

Only connect units to single phase supplies with the neutral conductor at earth potential.

When mounted in a rack ensure that the earthing is reliable and the electrical supply is not overloaded.



ATTENTION! This product must always be earthed.

CAUTION! No user-serviceable parts inside. In the event of damage to the unit contact Solid State Logic. Service or repair must be done by qualified service personnel only.



This product complies with the following United Kingdom Legislation:  
UK Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/1101)  
UK Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/1091).  
The Eco-design requirements for Energy related products (ErP) 2009/125/EC.  
The Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (RoHS2) 2011/65/EU.



This product complies with the following European Union Harmonisation Legislation:  
EU Low Voltage directive (LVD) 2014/35/EU,  
EU Electromagnetic Compatibility directive (EMC) 2014/30/EU.  
The Eco-design requirements for Energy related products (ErP) 2009/125/EC.  
The Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (RoHS2) 2011/65/EU.

### **Electromagnetic Compatibility**

BS EN 55032:2015, Class B. BS EN 55035:2017.

**WARNING:** The audio input/output ports are screened cable ports and any connections to them should be made using braid-screened cable and metal connector shells to provide a low impedance connection between the cable screen and the device.

### **Electrical Safety**

IEC 62368-1:2018, BS EN IEC 62368-1:2020+A11:2020, CSA CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62368-1 3rd Ed., UL 62368-1 3rd Ed. AS/NZS 62368.1:2022, GB 4943.1-2022, J62368-1(2023), SASO-IEC 62368-1:2020.

### **FCC Certification**

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

For the user

Do not modify this unit! This product, when installed as indicated in the instructions contained in the installation manual, meets FCC requirements.

Important: This product satisfies FCC regulations when high quality shielded cables are used to connect with other equipment. Failure to use high quality shielded cables or to follow the installation instructions may cause electromagnetic interference with appliances such as radios and televisions and will void your FCC authorisation to use this product in the USA.

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

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

### **Industry Canada Compliance**

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

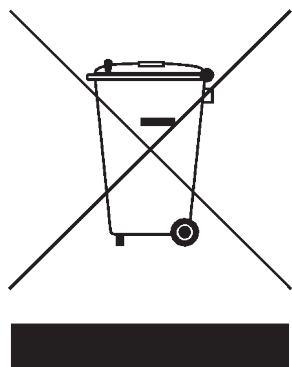


WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm -  
[www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)

### Environmental

Temperature: Operating: +1 to 30°C. Storage: -20 to 50°C.

For additional information visit [www.solidstatellogic.com](http://www.solidstatellogic.com).



### WEEE Notice

The symbol shown here, which is on the product or on its packaging, indicates that this product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product.

