

# PM8500/N Electronics Repair / Servicing



Product Training

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# Agenda

- ▶ Scope
- ▶ System Overview
- ▶ Functional Blocks
  - Hardware
    - System
    - Power Supply
    - Amplifiers
    - Digital
    - PMESPLink
  - Firmware / Software
- ▶ Troubleshooting



# Scope

- ▶ This training to include:
  - Functional technical overview
  - Location of critical parts on layout
- ▶ Additional documentation not covered here:
  - Schematics
  - Theory of Operations manual / training
  - TAP Commands
  - User Interface Specification
  - Latest Owner's manual
- ▶ If you want to see something not covered, we can always schedule another session!

# System Overview

PM8500 Basics

# Features

- ▶ **Class-D Amplifier** –with voltage and current monitoring
- ▶ **QuadBridge™ Output Mode** – Outputs can be configured as single, dual, or quad channel modes, which allows 4 kW of power to be allocated between 2 to 8 channels.
- ▶ **8 x 500 W from Single Household AC Mains** – The PM8500 delivers 4 kW rated power from a single AC mains outlet, with greater than 75% conversion efficiency.
- ▶ **Integrated Digital Signal Processing** for loudspeaker EQ, crossover, delay, and limiting.
- ▶ **Software Setup and Network Monitoring** –using Bose ControlSpace® Designer PC software over USB or Ethernet.

# Applications

- ▶ Theaters
- ▶ Houses of worship
- ▶ Auditoriums
- ▶ Performing arts venues
- ▶ Arenas
- ▶ Hospitality venues

# Two Product Models

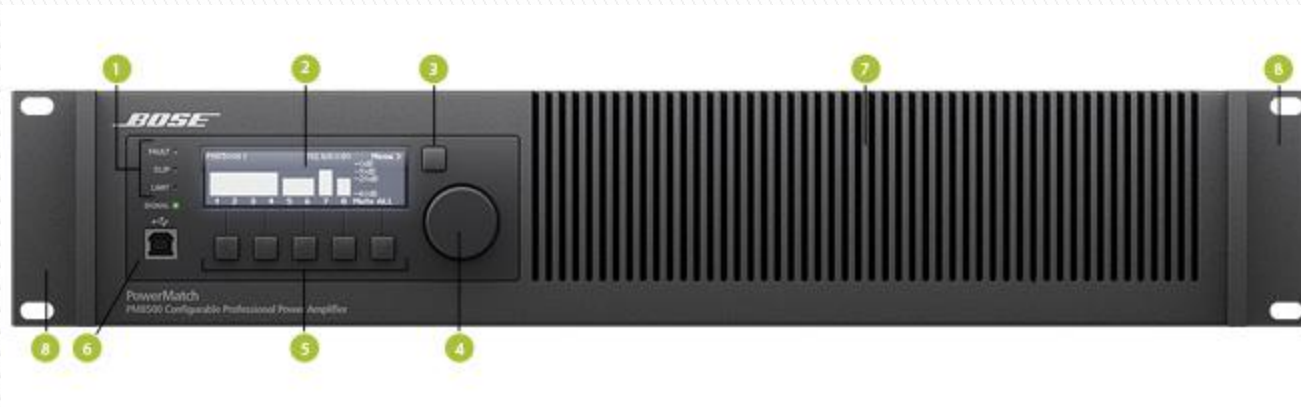


PM8500 (USB only)

PM8500N (USB+Ethernet)



# Front Panel



1. LED Indicators: Fault, Clip, Limit, Signal
2. LCD Display
3. Navigation Soft Key
4. Rotary Encoder
5. Menu Soft Keys (1-5)
6. USB connector
7. Front airflow vents
8. Front rack-mount ears



# Rear Panel



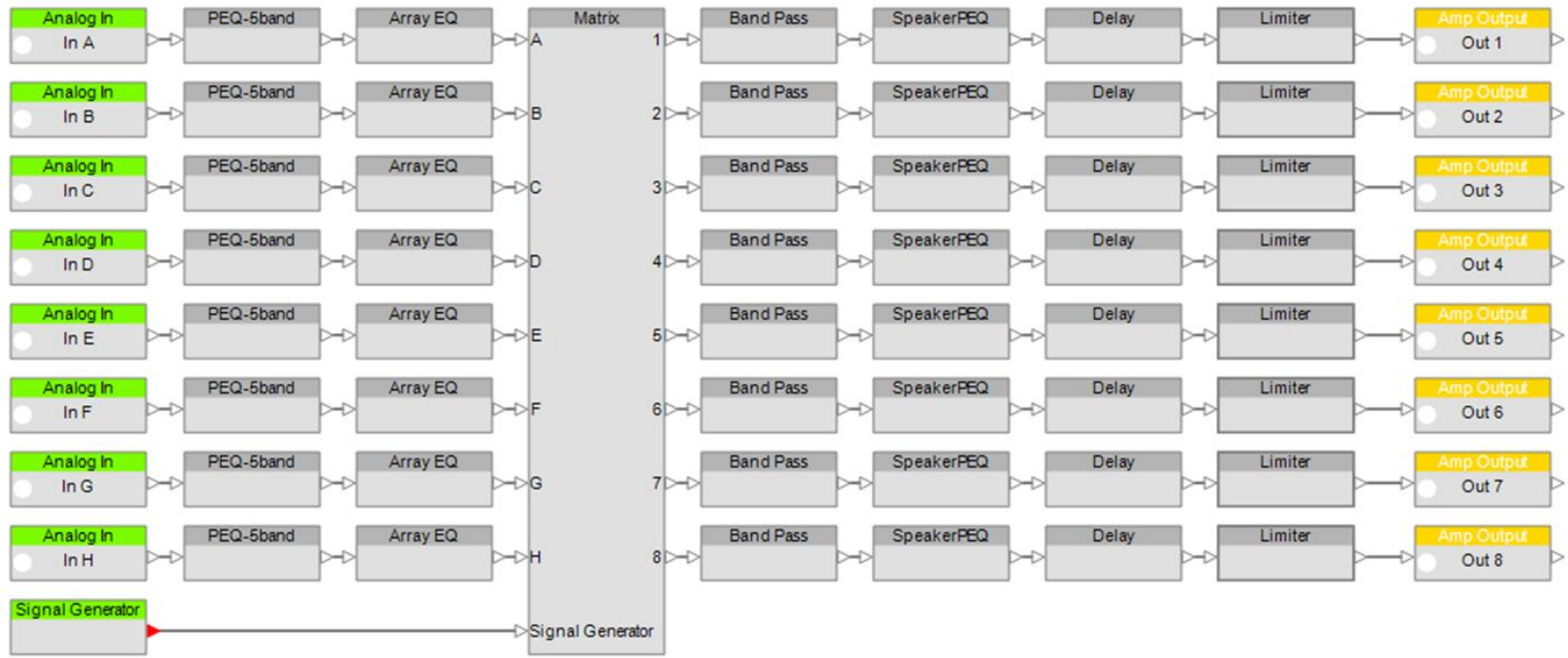
1. Analog Input connectors (A-H)
2. Fault-Notification Output
3. Ethernet RJ-45 network connector (PM8500N only)
4. Rear airflow vents
5. Digital input card slot cover
6. Output connectors (1-4 and 5-8)
7. AC Mains receptacle
8. AC Mains retention clip
9. Power Switch
10. Rear rack-mount support tabs

# ControlSpace Software

- ▶ Configure PM8500
- ▶ Upgrade Firmware
- ▶ Monitor input and output levels
- ▶ Retrieve alarm logs
- ▶ Retrieve debug log (in debug mode)



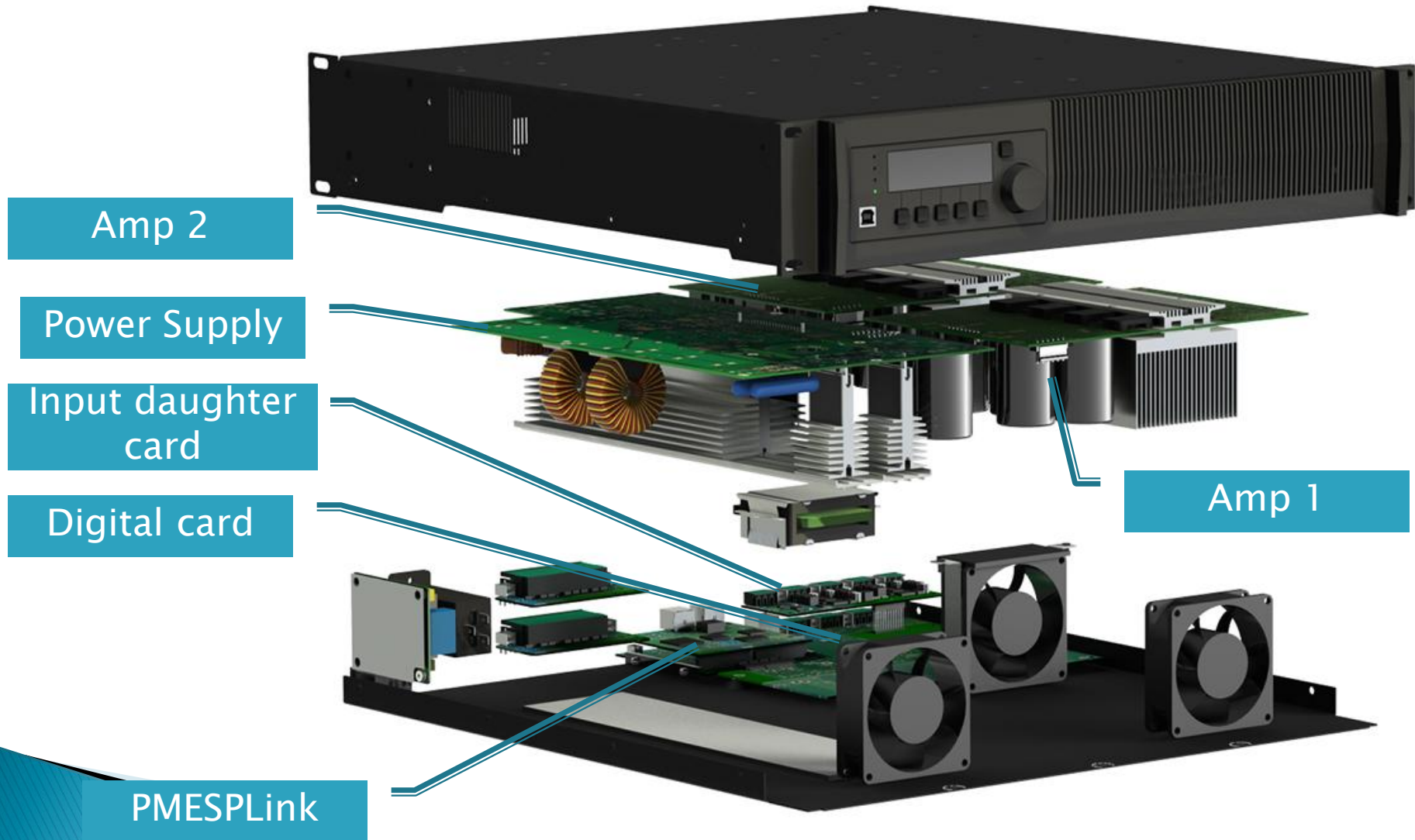
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# Functional Blocks: System

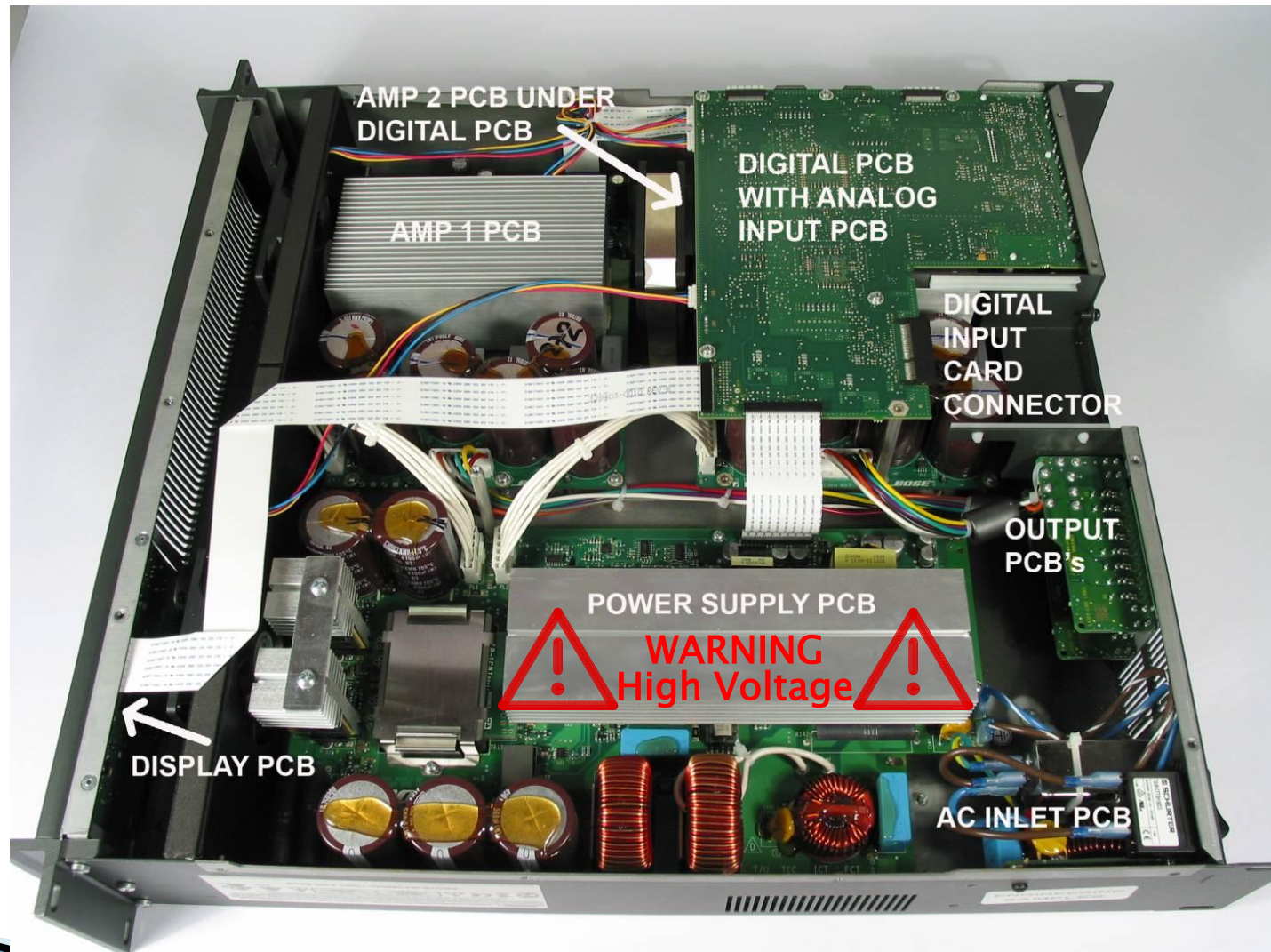


# Inside the PM8500





# Amp with bottom cover removed



# PM8500 Disassembly Procedure



# PM8500(N) Amplifier Disassembly Procedure

## **CAUTION: SHOCK HAZARD**



The PM8500(N) amplifier has high voltage (400 VDC) on the heatsink and much of the circuitry on the power supply PCB during operation. In addition, the power amplifier PCBs have a large amount of capacitance on the boards that retain a dangerous charge for a significant period of time.

- **DO NOT touch the power supply heatsink when the amplifier is operating.**
- **DO NOT use the power supply heatsink as a ground point for test equipment.**  
Damage to your equipment could result.
- Allow at least five (5) minutes after operation before removing the cover or attempting to replace a PCB assembly.

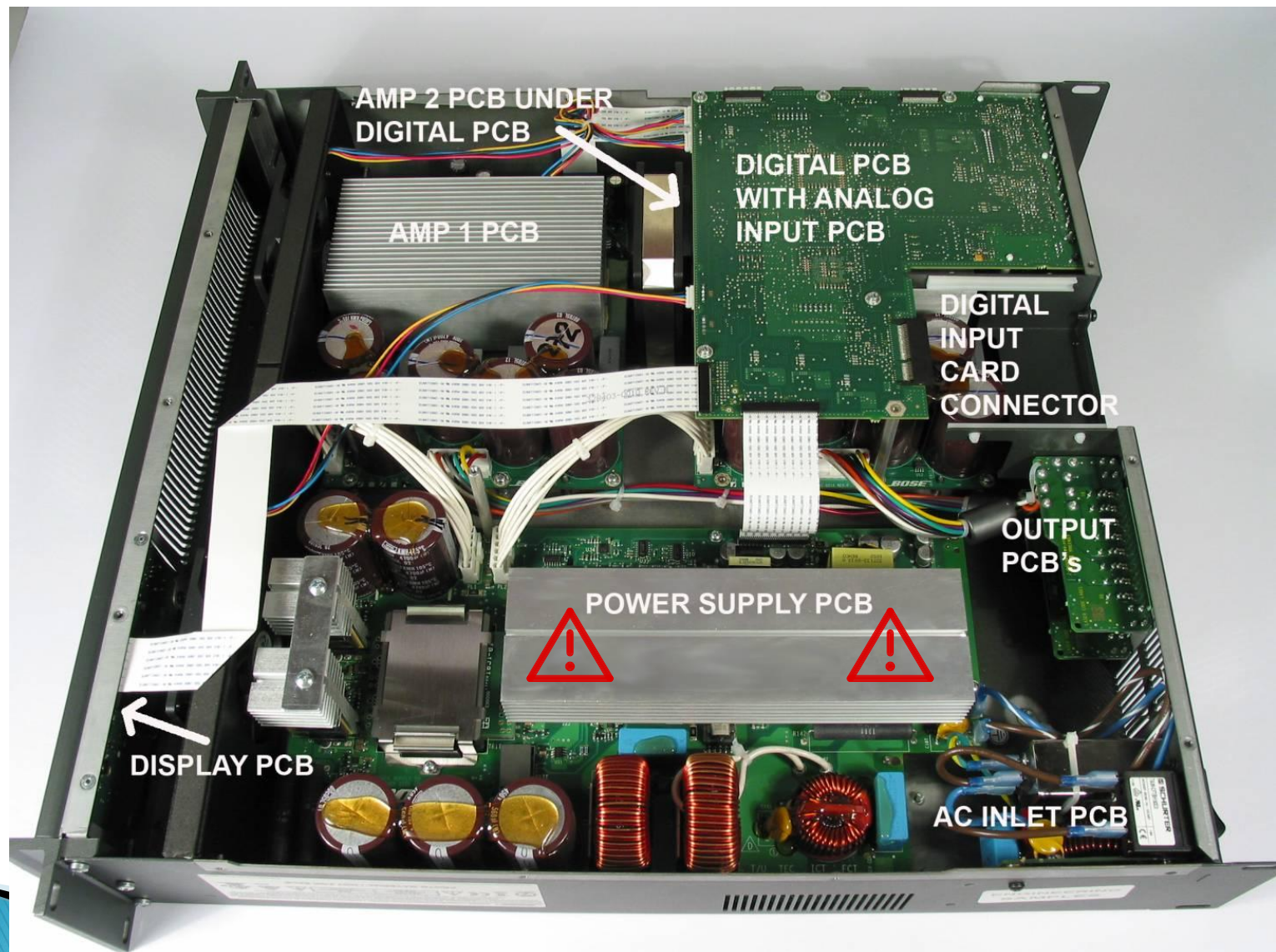
## 1. Cover Removal

**Note:** The PM8500(N) amplifier is constructed differently than a typical amplifier chassis. What would normally be the top cover is on the bottom of the chassis. To remove this cover, you must place the unit upside-down on your bench.

- ▶ Disconnect the chassis from AC mains.
- ▶ Wait at least five (5) minutes to allow the power supply capacitors to discharge.
- ▶ Remove the 17 screws that secure the cover to the chassis. Be sure to use the correct screwdriver size to avoid stripping the screw heads. Be sure to remove the 2 screws located in the middle of the cover.
- ▶ Lift off the cover.

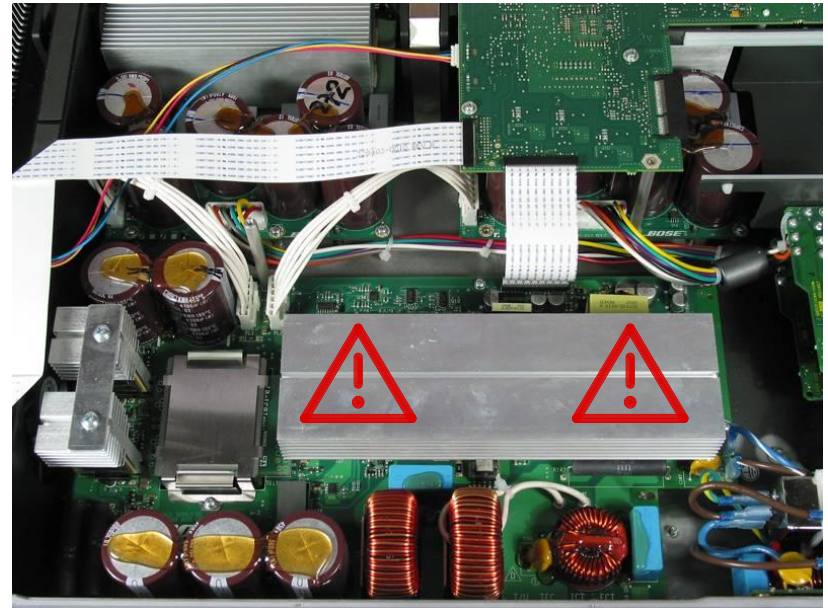


# Amp with bottom cover removed



## 2. Power Supply PCB Removal

- ▶ Disconnect the chassis from AC mains.
- ▶ Wait at least five (5) minutes to allow the power supply capacitors to discharge. Perform procedure 1.
- ▶ Unplug the Faston connectors at locations P1 and P2 that run from the AC inlet PCB. Unplug the connectors that connect to the amplifier PCBs at connectors PL1 and PL2. Unplug the ribbon cable that runs to the digital PCB at connector SK1.
- ▶ Lift off the plastic shield that covers the power supply heatsink. Lift off the plastic heatsink tunnel located at the front of the board. Retain for re-use on the replacement board.
- ▶ Remove the six screws and one standoff that secure the power supply PCB to the chassis. Slide the board off of the slotted head standoffs and carefully lift the board out of the chassis. Take care to not flex the board during removal.





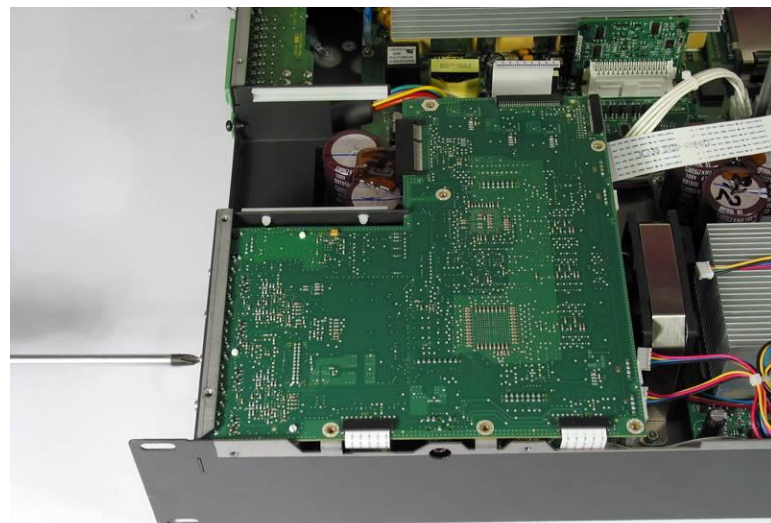
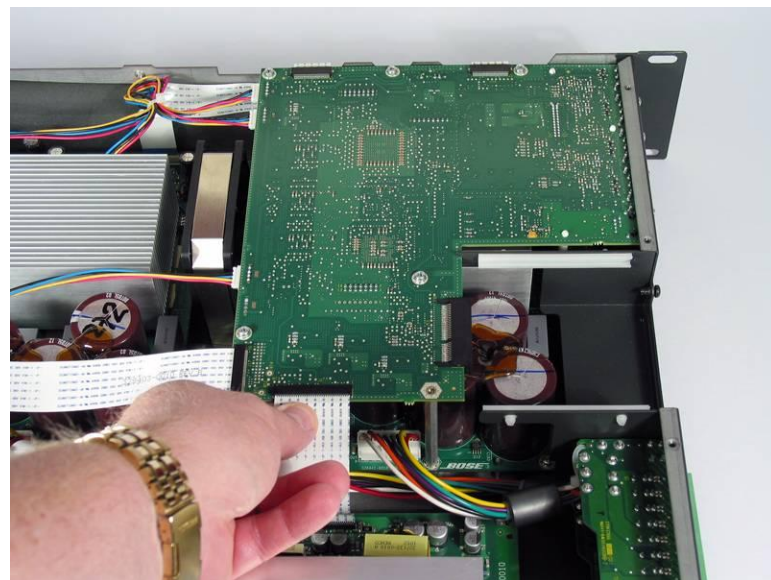
### 3. Digital PCB Removal

- ▶ Remove the bottom cover.
- ▶ If the unit is a network capable unit (PM8500N) and has a digital audio card installed, remove the two screws at the rear of the chassis that secure it and slide out the digital audio card.
- ▶ Unplug the ribbon cable to the power supply PCB at connector J8. Unplug the two ribbon cables to the amplifier PCBs at J13 and J14. Unplug the wiring harnesses to the three fans at J9, J10 and J11. Unplug the ribbon cable to the display board at J17.
- ▶ On the back of the chassis, remove the eight screws that secure the digital PCB and the analog input PCBs to the chassis.
- ▶ Remove the five screws on the top of the digital board that secure the digital / analog input PCB subassembly to the chassis. Slide them forward off of the chassis locating tab and lift out the boards.

**Re-assembly Note:** When mounting the digital / analog board subassembly back in the chassis, do not install a screw in the location nearest the output boards. This is where the screw that goes through the cover is installed.

### 4. Analog Input Board Removal

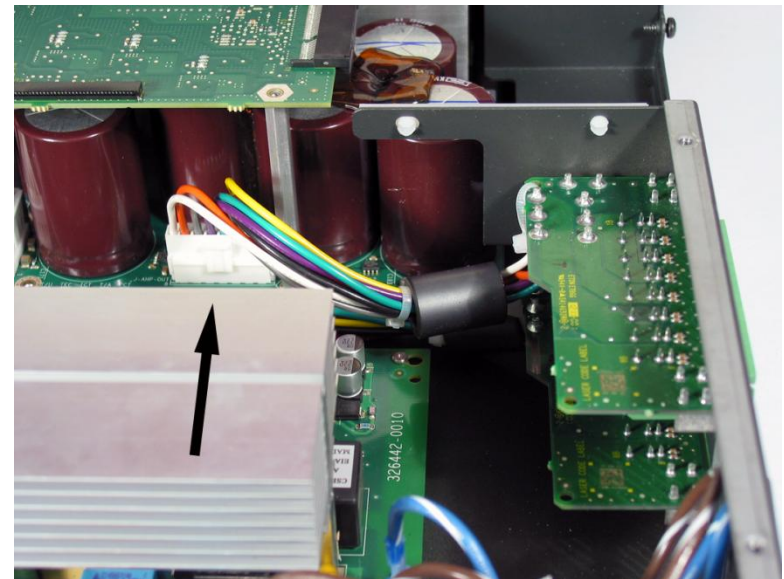
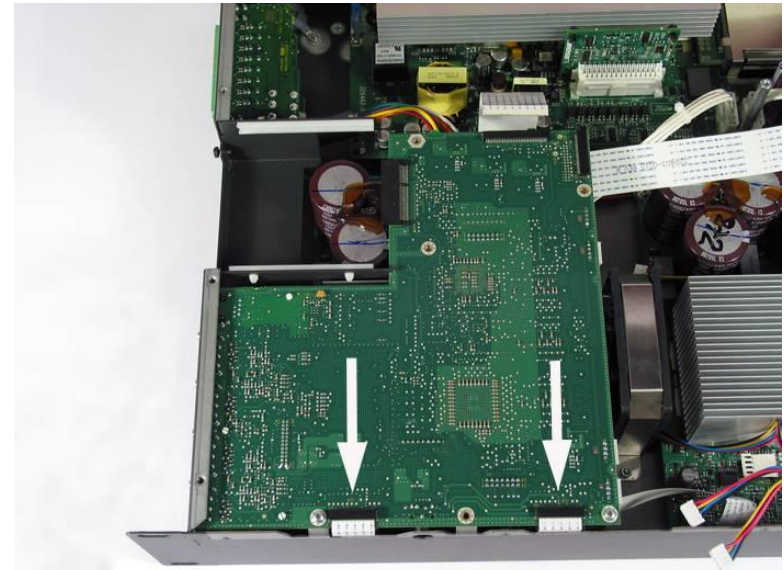
- ▶ Remove the digital PCB.
- ▶ Compress the ends of the three plastic standoffs that secure the analog board to the digital board. Slide the analog board off of the connector to the digital board.



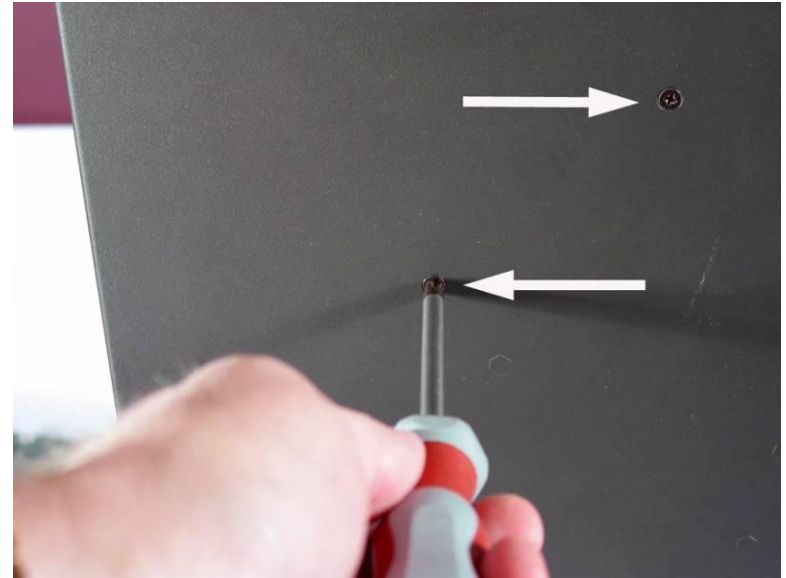
## 5. Amplifier Board Removal

**Note:** There are 2 amplifier boards located in the chassis Amp 1 is located at the front of the chassis and Amp 2 is located directly behind it. It is not necessary to remove the digital board to remove amp 1.

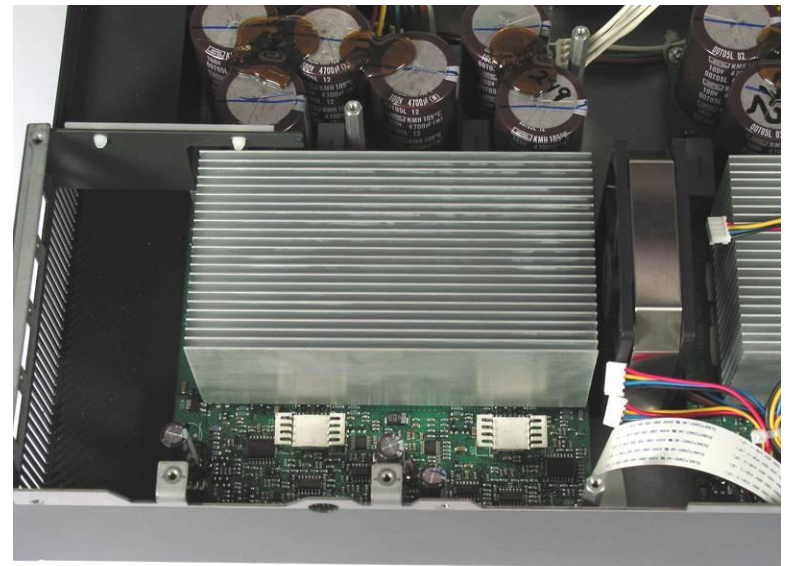
- ▶ If removing Amp 2, remove the digital board and to allow access to the Amp 2 board.
- ▶ Unplug the ribbon cable to the digital board at J-IN-1 and the wiring harness from the power supply PCB at J-HV.
- ▶ Unplug the output wiring harness as shown at right.



- ▶ On the outside of the unit remove the two screws that secure the amplifier PCB / heatsink assembly to the chassis.



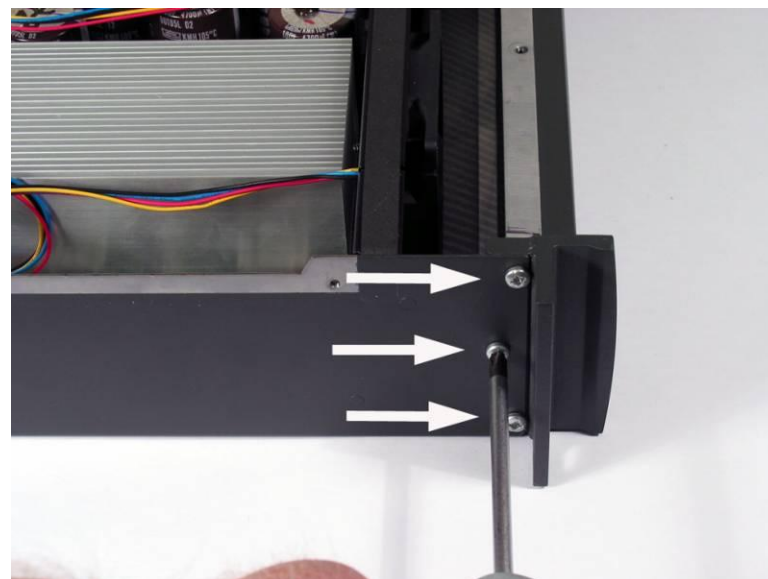
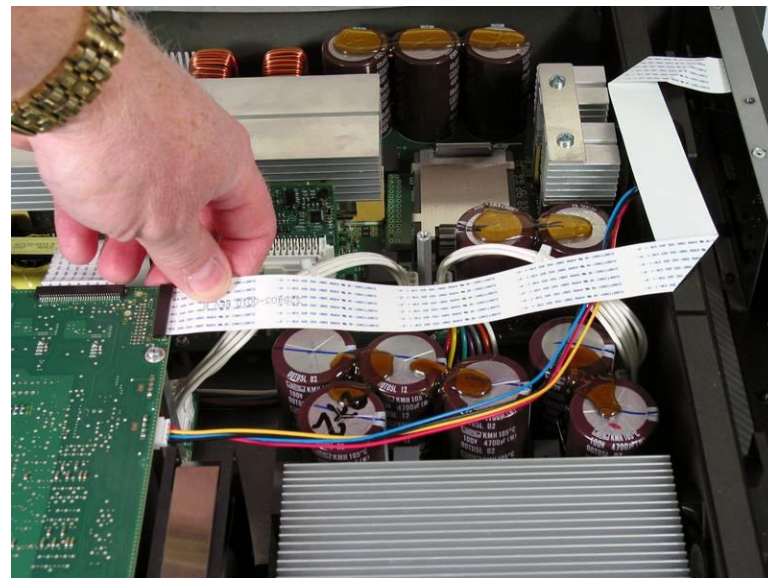
- ▶ Inside the chassis, remove the six screws (Amp 1) or two screws and four standoffs (Amp 2) that secure the amplifier PCB. Lift out the PCB with the heatsink.





## 6. Display PCB Removal

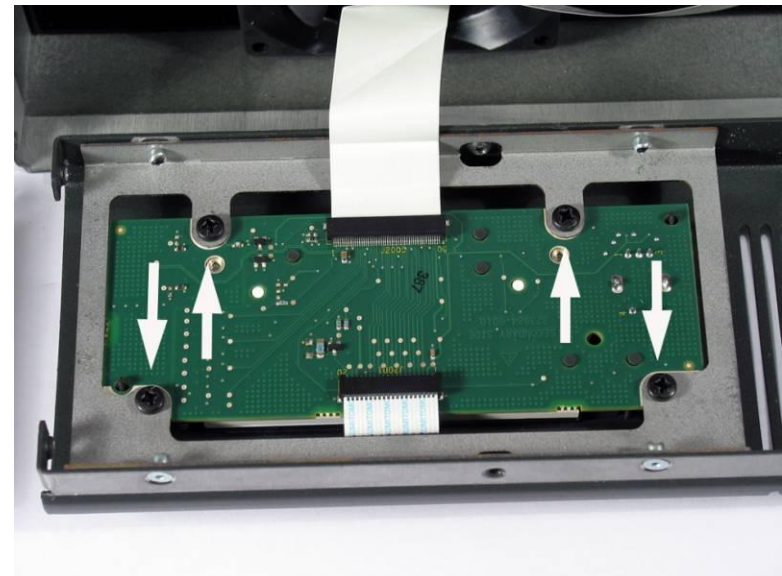
- ▶ Unplug the ribbon cable on the digital PCB at J17.
- ▶ On the outside top front edge of the chassis, remove the three screws that secure the front panel to the chassis.
- ▶ Remove the six screws that secure the front panel assembly to the chassis at the front rack ears.



- ▶ Lift off the front panel assembly.



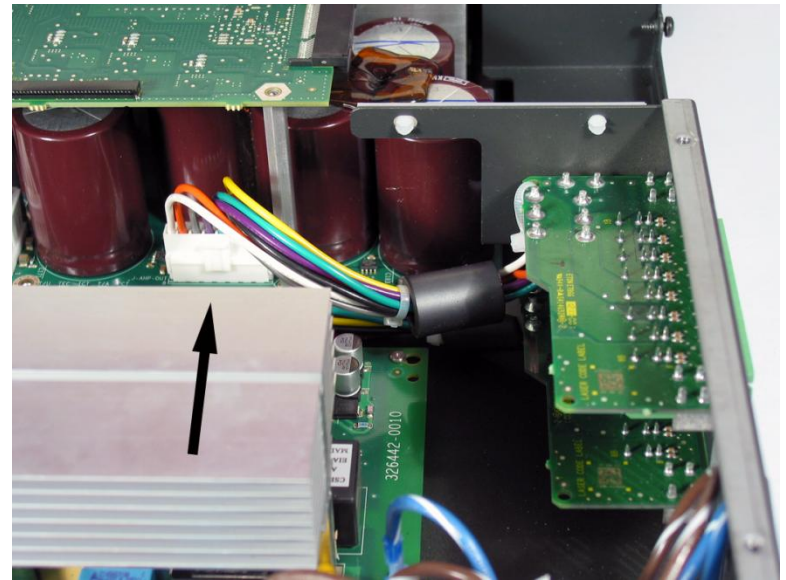
- ▶ Remove the four screws that secure the keypad / display subassembly to the front of the chassis. Lift out the display subassembly through the front panel.



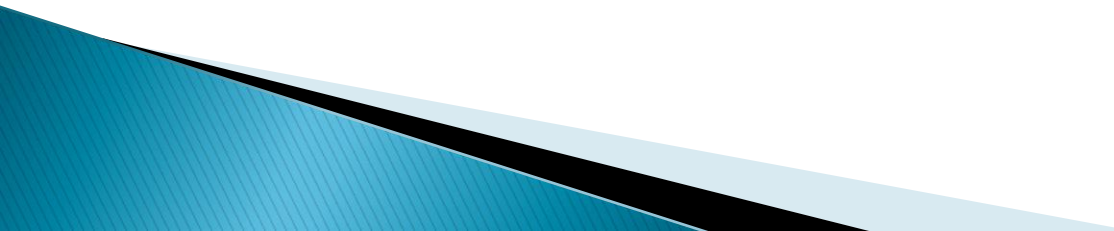
## 7. Output PCB Removal

**Note:** There are 2 different versions of the output PCB, one with a long wiring harness to Amp 1 and one with a short wiring harness to Amp 2. Be sure to order the correct version when ordering a replacement PCB assembly.

- ▶ Unplug the wiring harness from the amplifier PCB at J-AMP-OUT.
- ▶ On the back of the amplifier, remove the two screws that secure the output PCB to the chassis. Lift out the output PCB.



## 8. AC Inlet PCB Removal

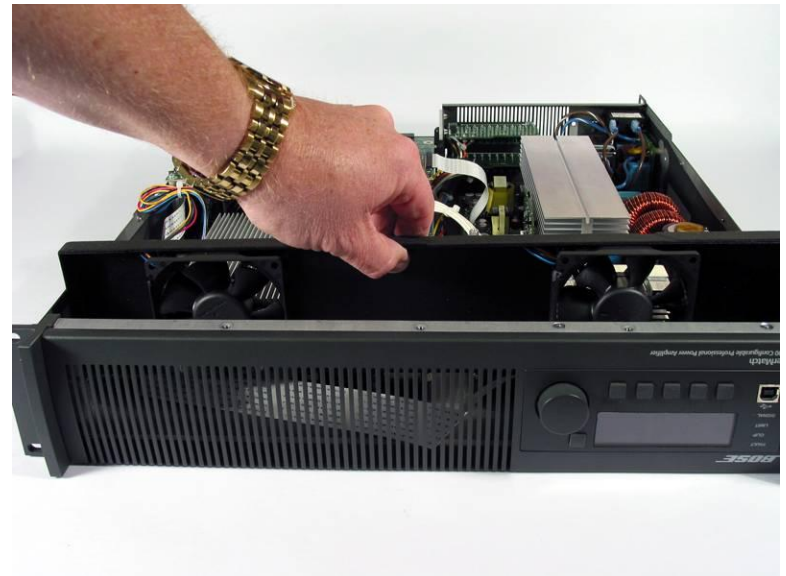
- ▶ Disconnect the two wires at the power supply PCB at Faston connectors P1 and P2.
  - ▶ Remove the nut, lock washer and washer that secure the green ground wire to the chassis.
  - ▶ On the side of the chassis, remove the one screw that secures the AC inlet PCB assembly to the chassis. Slide the AC inlet PCB off of the slotted standoffs. Lift out the board.
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## 9. Amp 1 / Power Supply Fan Removal

**Note:** The fans located on the mounting plate at the front of the chassis cool both Amp 1 and the Power Supply PCB.

- ▶ Unplug the wiring harness at J9 on the digital board. This harness powers both of the fans that are mounted on the mounting plate .
- ▶ Lift out the mounting plate with the fans mounted to it. Remove the two screws that secure the fan to the mounting plate . Lift off the fan.

**Re-assembly Note:** Be sure to install the replacement fan so that it blows air from the front of the chassis to the rear.





## 10. Amp 2 Fan Removal

- ▶ Unplug the fan wiring harness from the digital PCB at J10.
- ▶ Remove the two nuts that secure the fan to the chassis. Lift off the metal bracket that surrounds the fan. Lift out the fan.

**Re-assembly Note:** Be sure to install the replacement fan so that it blows air from the front of the chassis to the rear.

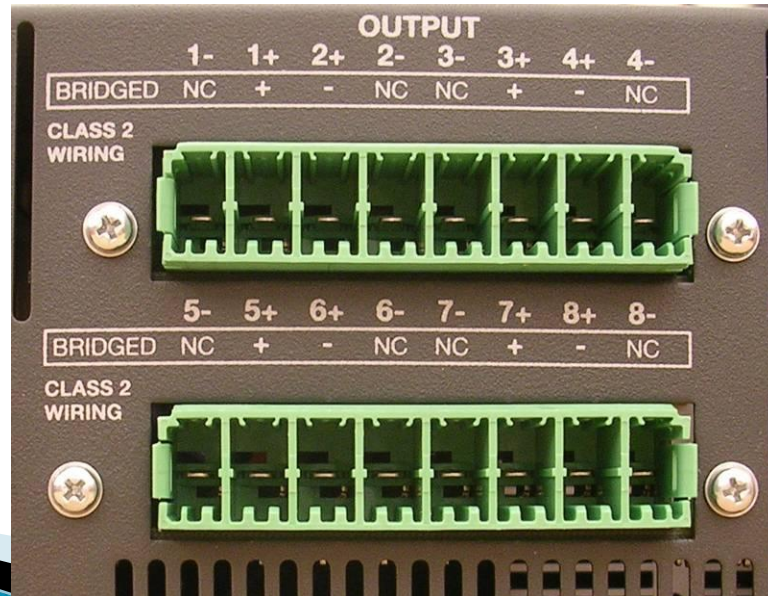
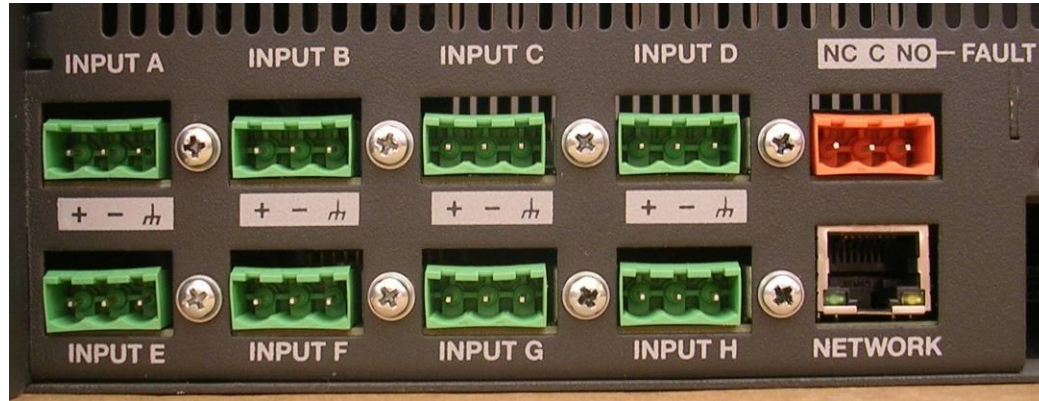


# PM8500 Architecture

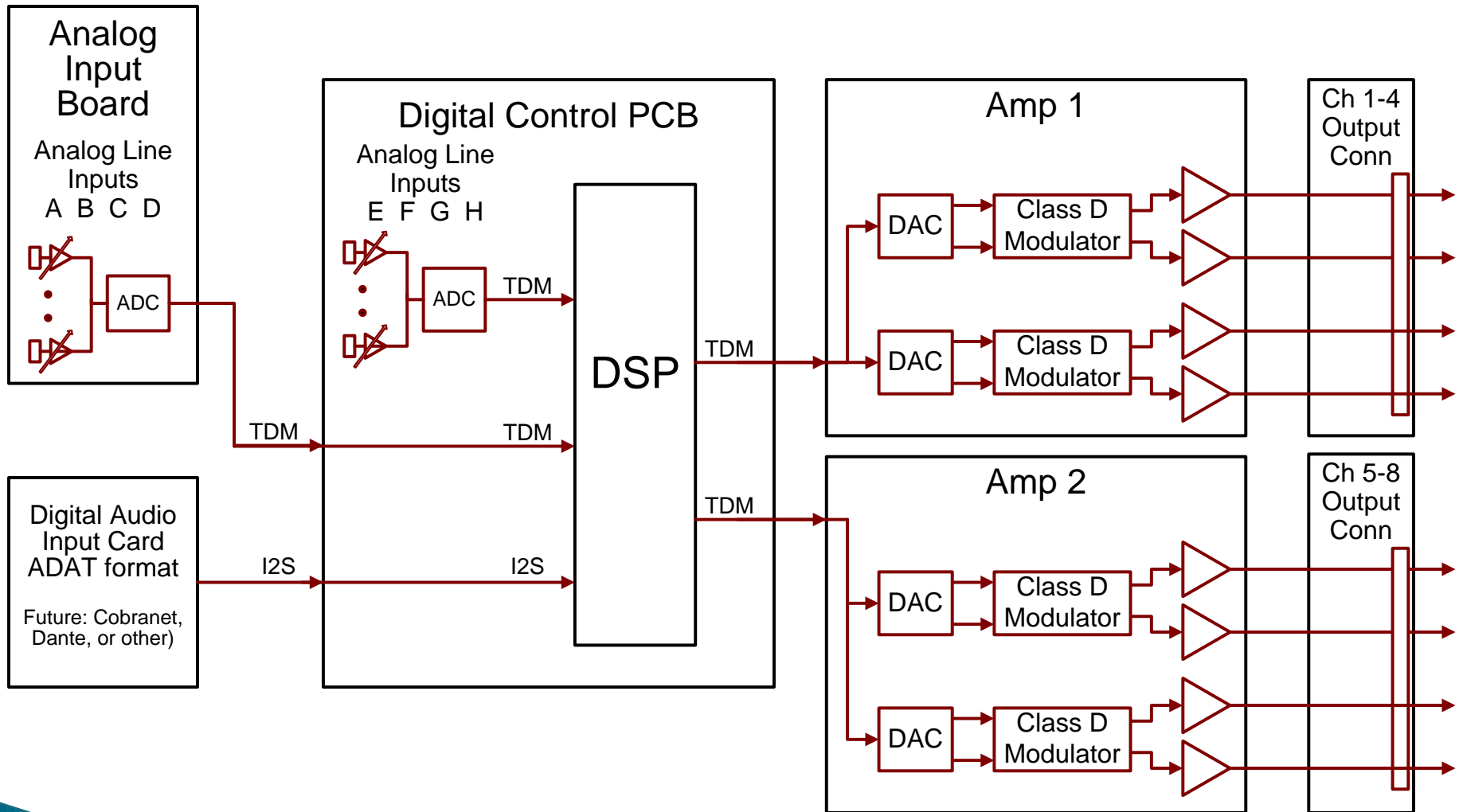


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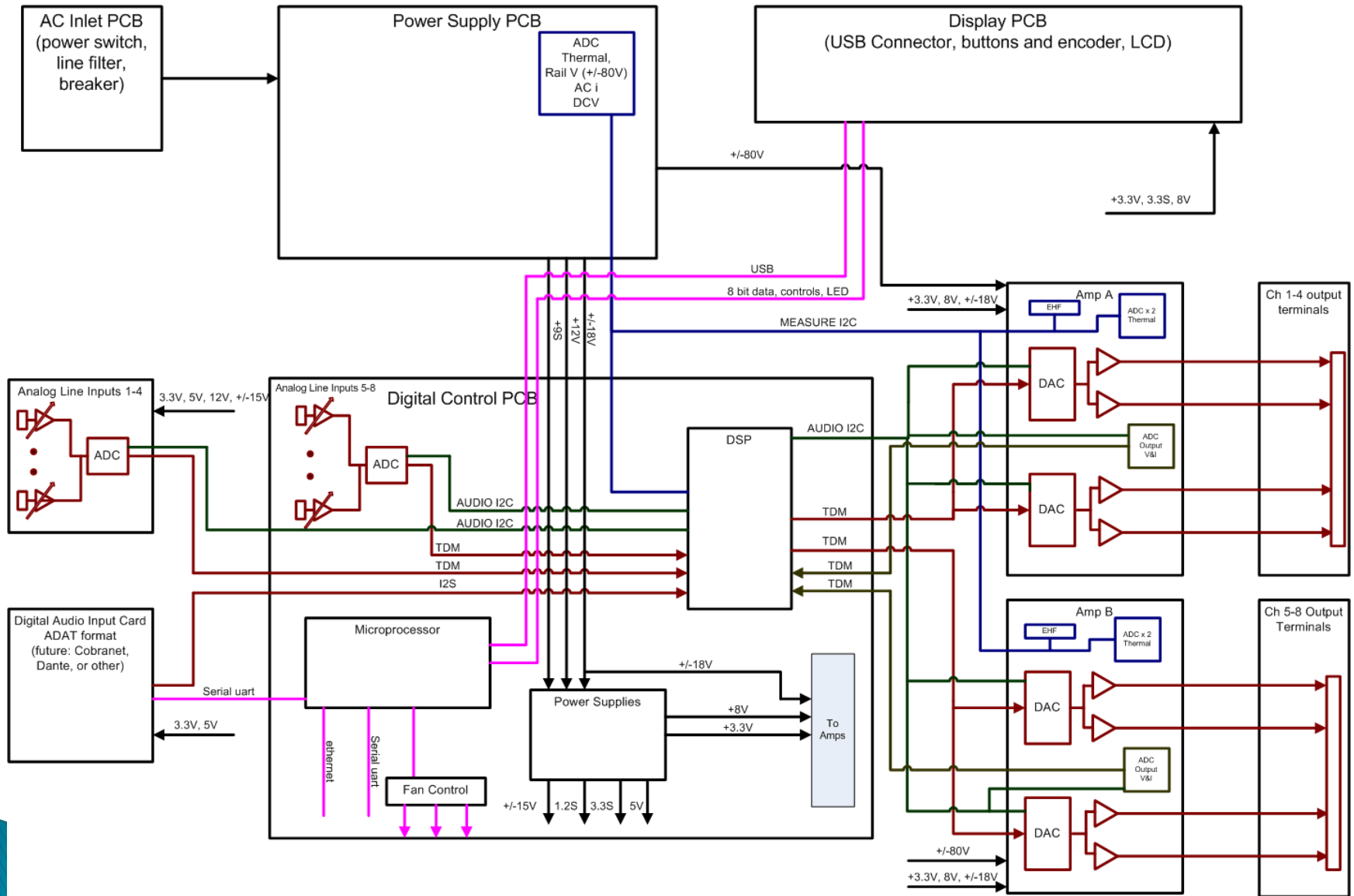
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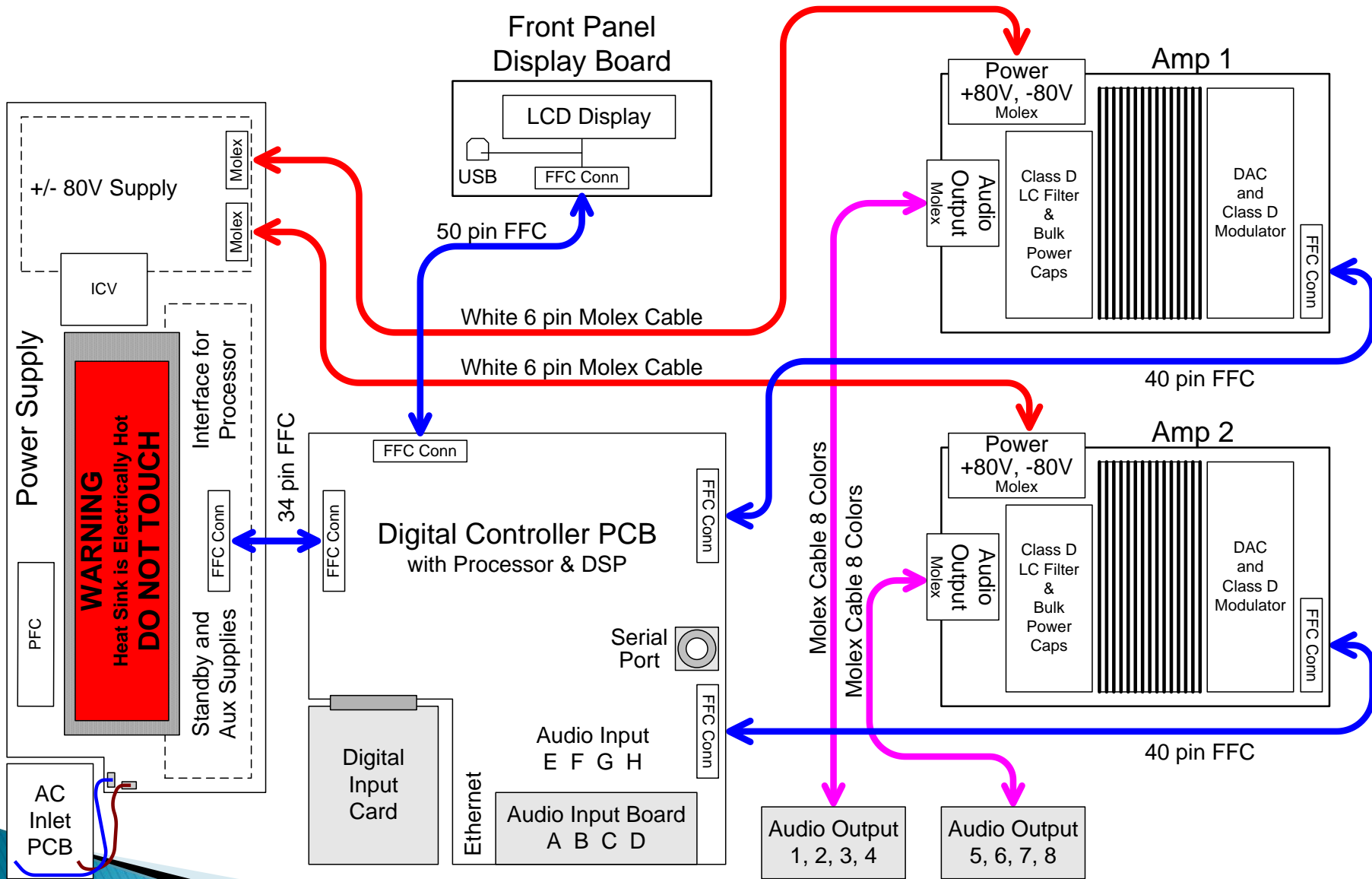
# Audio Paths



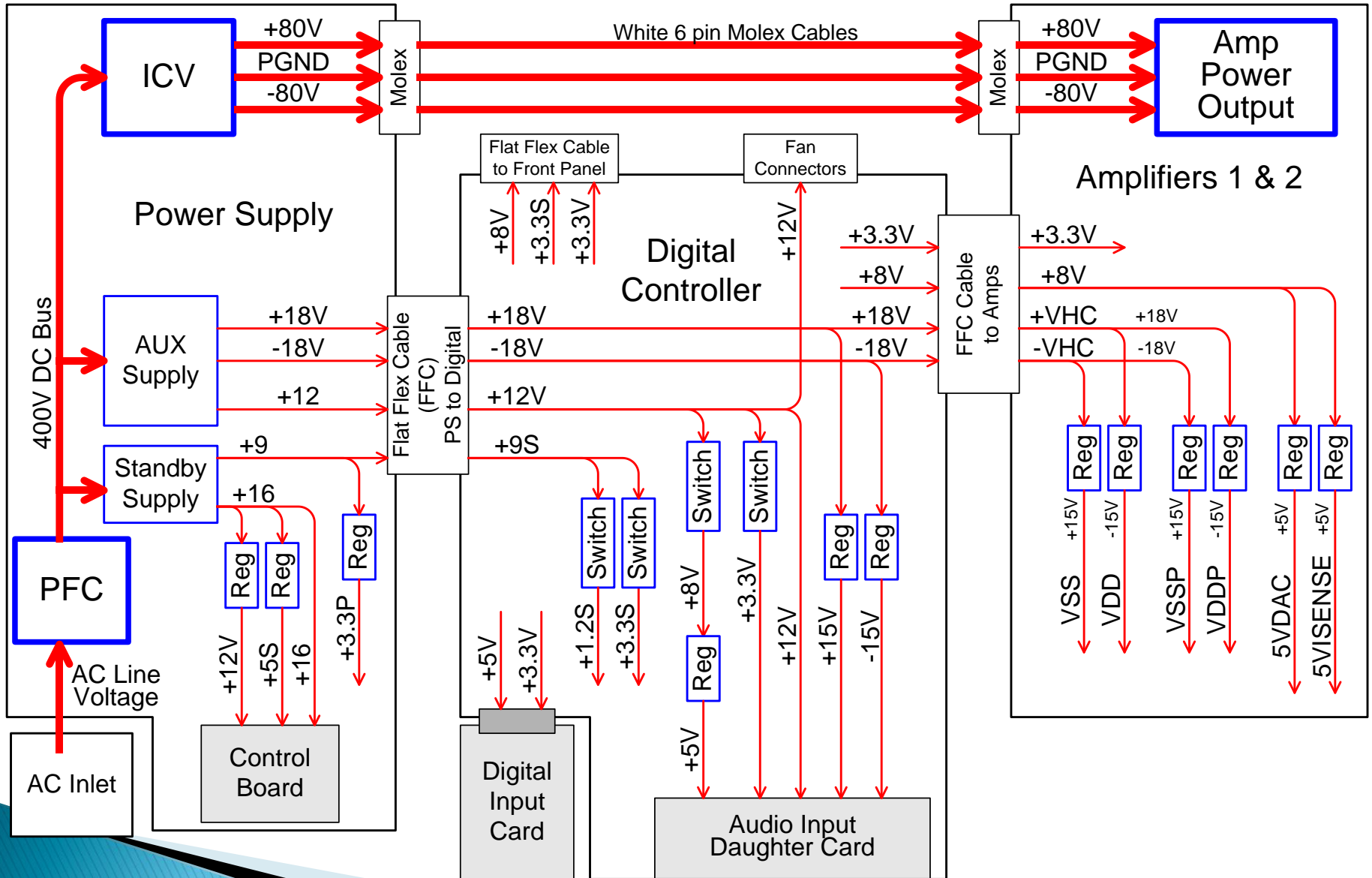
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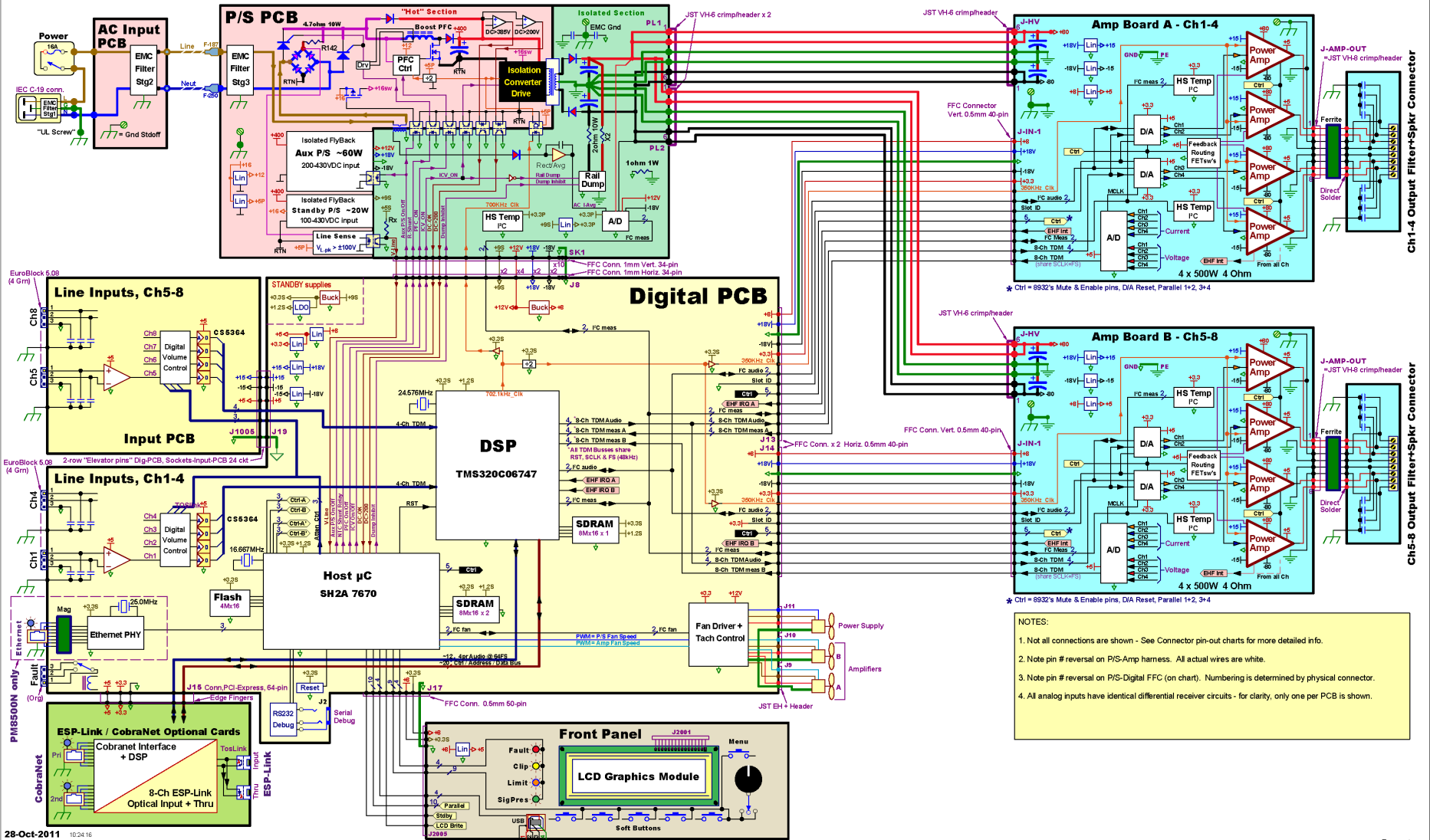
# PM8500 Cable Interconnects



# PM8500 Voltage Supplies



# BLOCK DIAGRAM - PM8500 System + Interconnects



File: PM8500 System Block Diagram



# InterBoard Connector Spreadsheet

**FFC Cable, Digital Board to Amplifier Boards A & B** (0.5mm pitch)

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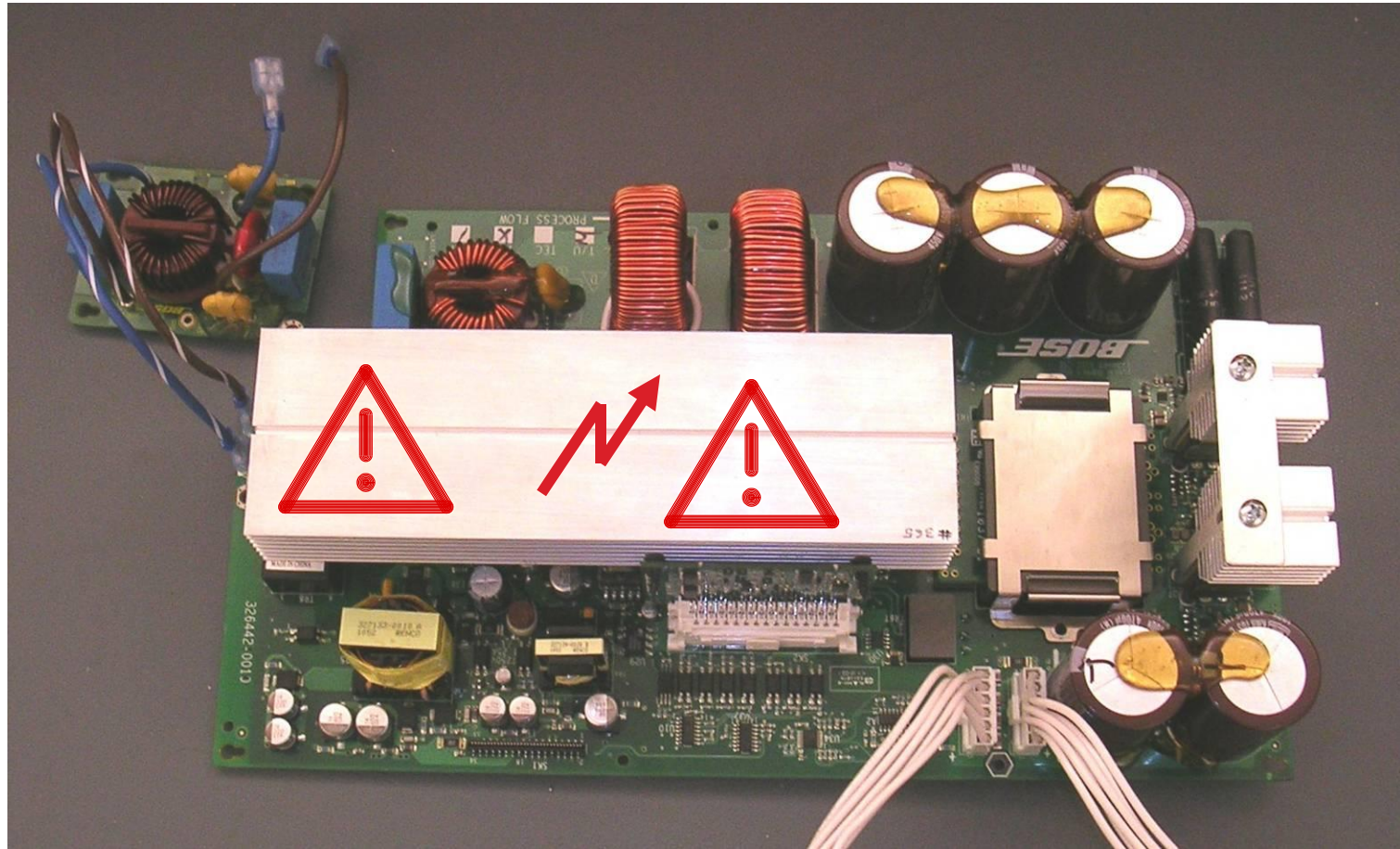
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1	GND	---	PE	40	System low-level ground reference
2	MEASURE_SDA	<--Both-->	MEAS_I2C_SDA	39	Data for Measurement I2C Bus - Reads Temperature of Main Heat Sink
3	MEASURE_SCL	To-->	MEAS_I2C_SCL	38	Clock for Measurement I2C Bus - Reads Temperature of Main Heat Sink
4	GND	---	PE	37	System low-level ground reference
5	AMP_ENABLE_A AMP_ENABLE_B	To-->	ENABLE_IN	36	Enables Class D Amp Modulator (TDA8932) to start <i>switching</i> Note: <i>_A</i> or <i>_B</i> designator - A is signal going to Amp A, B to Amp B
6	GND	---	PE	35	System low-level ground reference
7	GND	---	PE	34	
8	GND	---	PE	33	
9	EHF_IRQ_A EHF_IRQ_B	From<--	ENF_INT	32	Interrupt (Open Collector) to Digital Controller when and EHF (Eccessive High Frequency) from a channel is detected
10	+3.3V	To-->	+3.3V	31	+3.3V Power to DACs, ADC, & I2C Interface Devices
11	AMP_MUTE	To-->	MUTE	30	0 = Enables Class D Amp Modulator (TDA8932) to start <i>modulating</i>
12	+8V	To-->	+8V	29	+8V Power regulated to provide 5VISENSE and 5VDAC
13	GND	---	PE	28	System low-level ground reference
14		---	DSP_SPARE	27	Spare Connection - not currently used
15	GND	---	PE	26	System low-level ground reference
16	PARA34_A PARA34_B	To-->	PARA34	25	High (+3V) puts Channels 3&4 (7&8 for Amp B) in Current Share Mode
17	PARA12_A PARA12_B	To-->	PARA12	24	High (+3V) puts Channels 1&2 (5&6 for Amp B) in Current Share Mode
18	SLOT_ID_A SLOT_ID_B	To-->	SLOT_ID	23	Address Bit for I2C Bus to Select between Amp A and Amp B GND'ed for Slot A, +3.3V for Slot B
19	DSP_RESET_OUT_L	To-->	RSTB	22	Reset (Low True) from Processor to DACs and ADC
20	GND	---	PE	21	System low-level ground reference
21	-18V	To-->	-VHC	20	-18V Power regulated to provide VSS (-15 Power for OP Amps)

## File: PM8500 Connector Pin-Outs



# PM8500 Boards

# PM8500 PCBs – Power Supply & AC Inlet



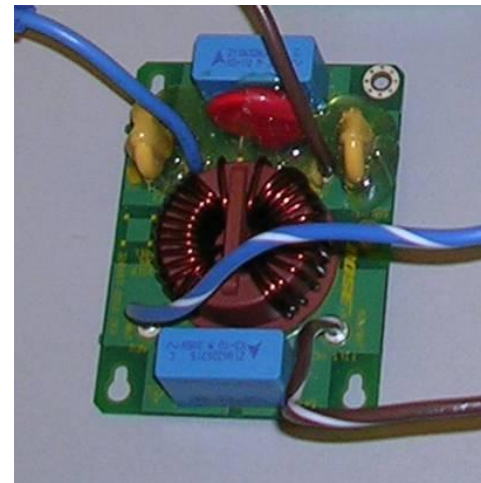
# Power Supply Features

- ▶ **AC Line Filters**
- ▶ **Housekeeping Supplies**
  - **Standby Power Supply** – Provides Power to the processor whenever AC Power is applied (and Switch is ON)
  - **AUX Power Supply** – Provides several regulated DC voltages
- ▶ **Power Factor Correction (PFC)**
  - **Universal AC Input** 100V to 240V AC Input → powers 400 VDC Bus
- ▶ **Isolation Converter (ICV)** – 400 VDC to  $\pm 80V$  Power for Amp
- ▶ **Power Supply Protection**
  - Hardware & Firmware-based
  - Inrush Limiting
  - $\pm 80V$  Rail Discharge
  - Measurements using I<sup>2</sup>C A/D converter

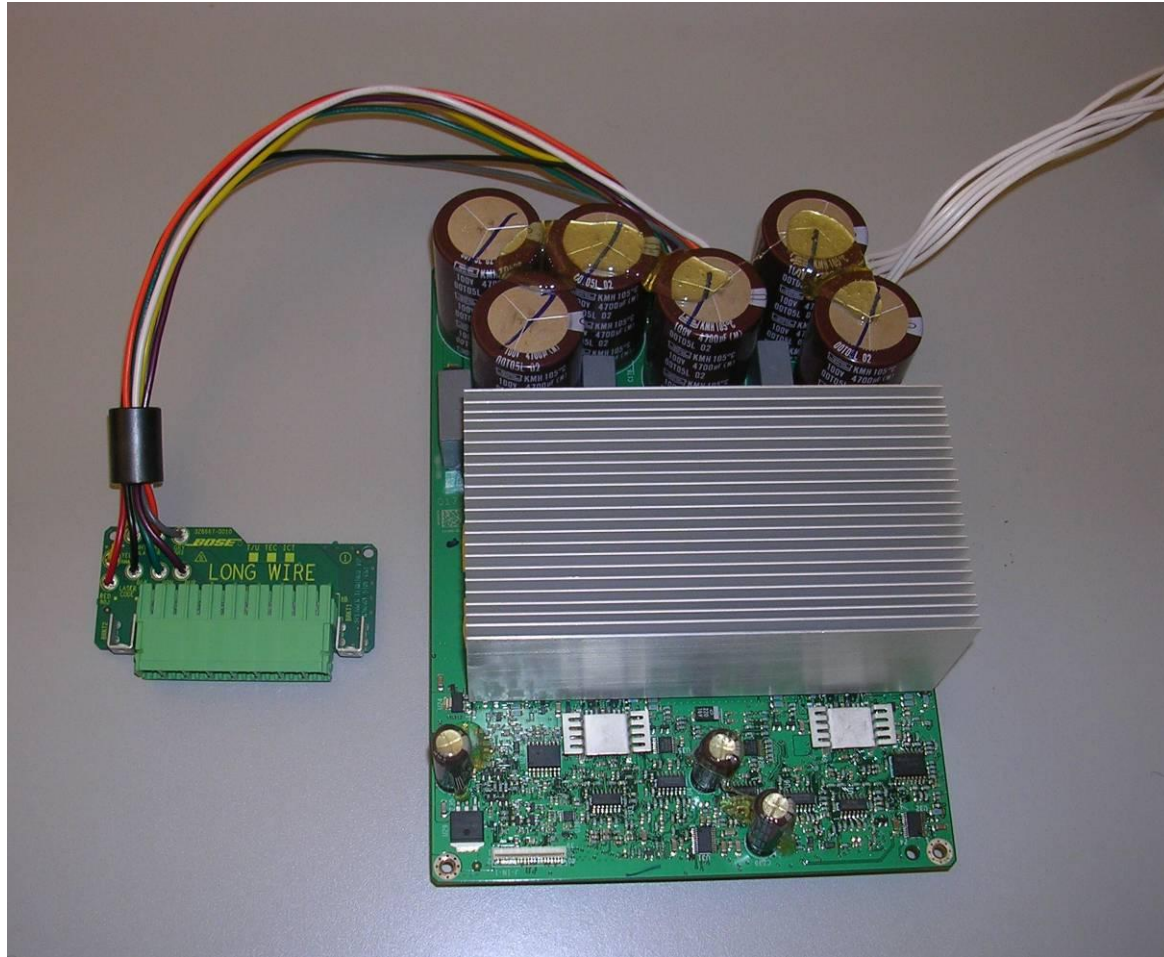
PM8500\_PwrSupply\_Theory\_of\_Operation for more details

# PM8500 AC Inlet PCB

- ▶ **AC Power In from IEC Connector and Switch**
  - IEC Connector has additional Line Filter
- ▶ **AC Line Filter**
  - works with filter on Power Supply PCB
- ▶ **Over Voltage Protection**



# PM8500 PCBs – Amplifier & Audio Output



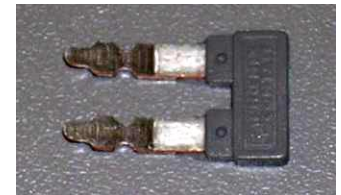


# PM8500 Amplifier PCB

- ▶ **Audio Output Drive** 500W per Channel
- ▶ **Two Amplifier Boards** – Note: These boards are identical
  - Amp 1 with Outputs 1–4
  - Amp 2 with Outputs 5–8
- ▶ **EHF (Excessive High Frequency 40–80KHz) Detect**
- ▶ **Heatsink Temperature Sensors read by processor**
- ▶ **Output Voltage & Current read by processor thru ADC**
- ▶ **Voltage and Current Clipping Hardware**  $71V_{\text{peak}}$  &  $24A_{\text{peak}}$
- ▶ **Four Output Configurations:**  
Mono, I-Share, Bridged, Quad

# PM8500 Output Configurations

- ▶ **Mono:** Each Amplifier Operates Independently  
Four channels each at 500W into 4 to 2 Ohms
- ▶ **Bridged:** Channels 1&2 and/or 3&4 may be bridged to provide 1000W into 8 to 4 Ohms
- ▶ **I-Share:** Channels 1&2 and/or 3&4 may be connected together and provide 1000W into 2 to 1 Ohms  
A Jumper is provided for this →
- ▶ **Quad:** Channels 1&2 and 3&4 are connected together and then Bridged to provide 2000W into 4 to 2 Ohms

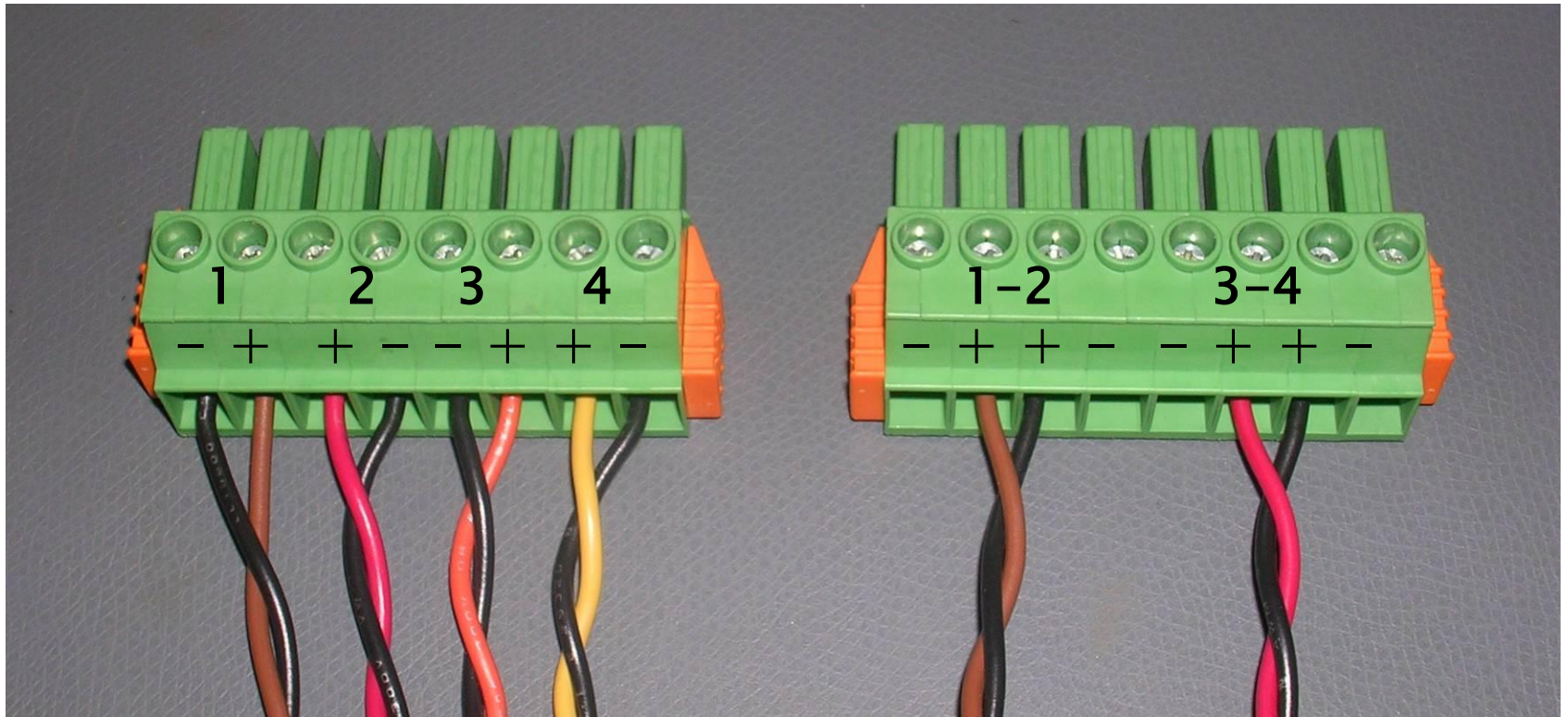


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**Mono**

**View from Top**

**Bridged**

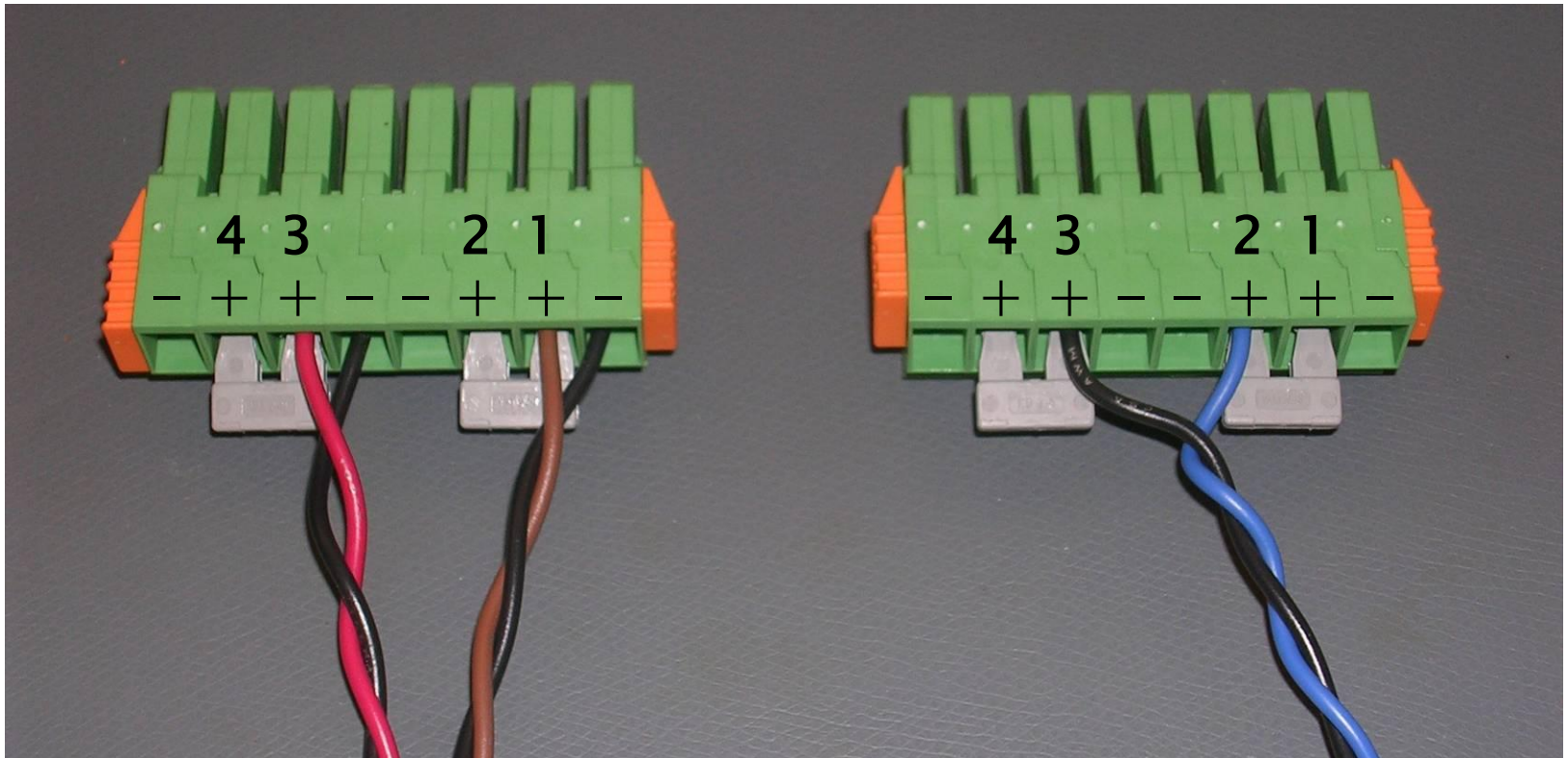


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I-Share

View from Back

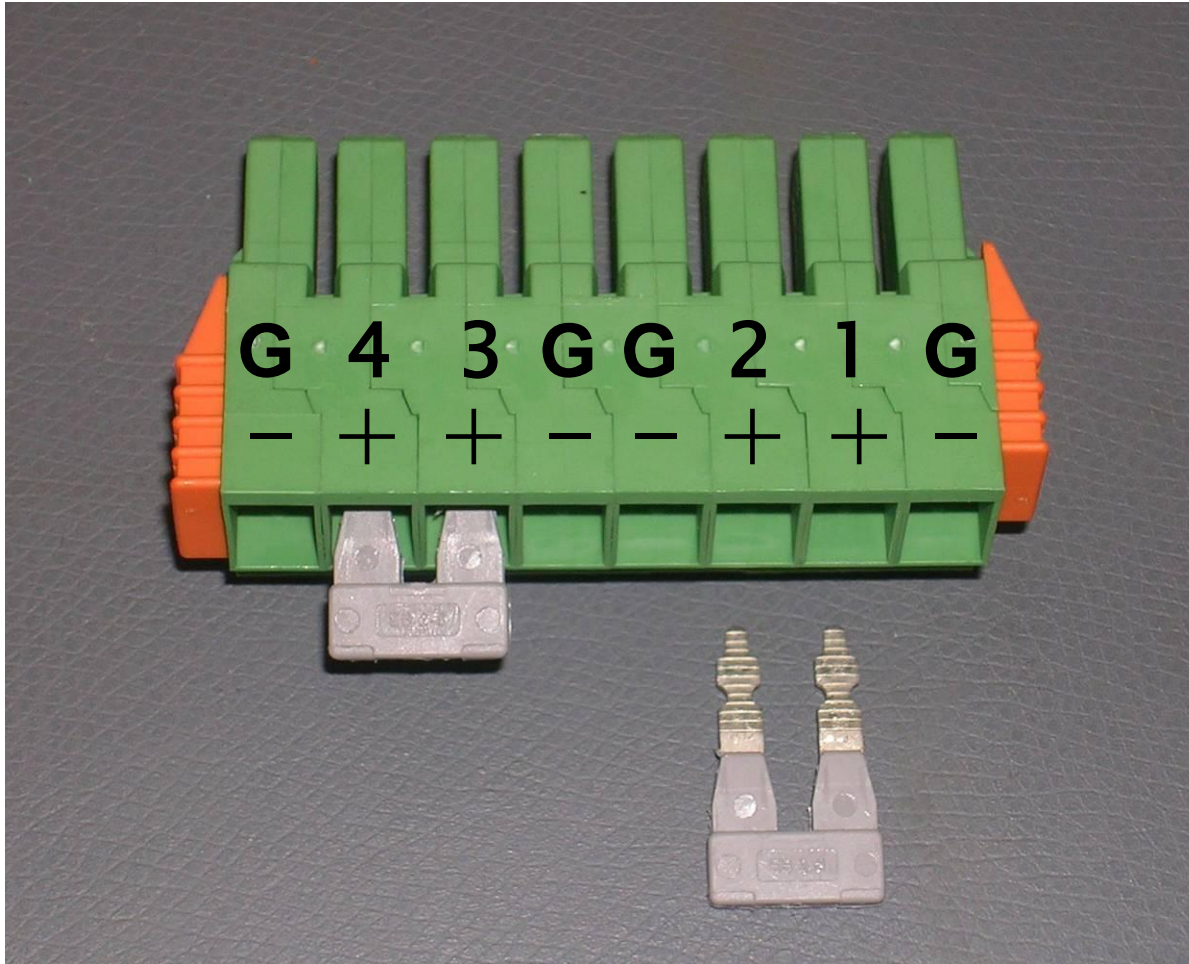
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# PM8500 Connector Jumper

View from Back

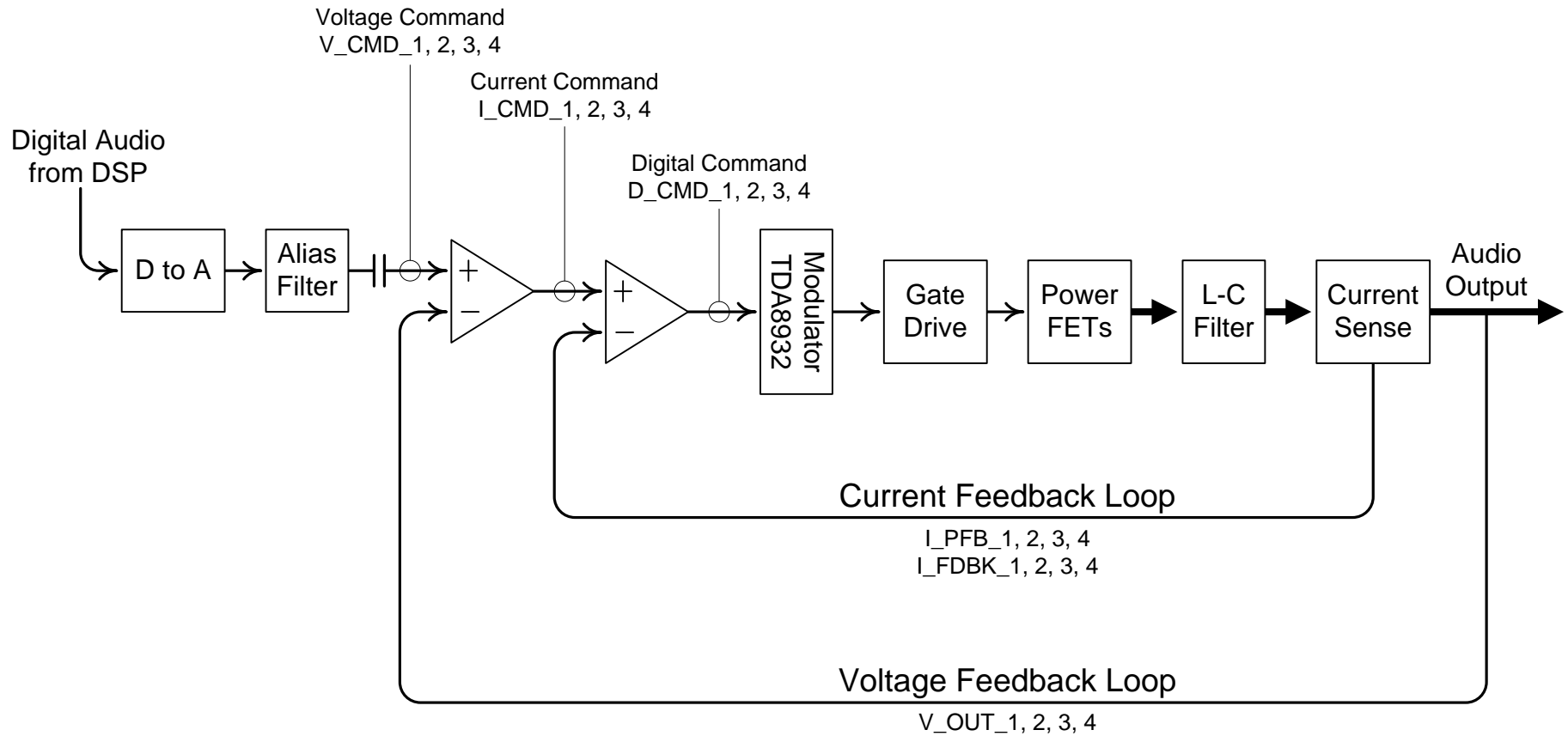


- + Amp Output
- GND, Chassis



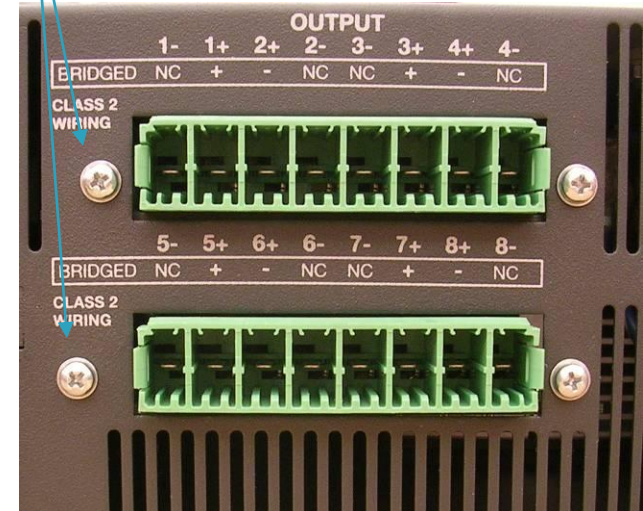
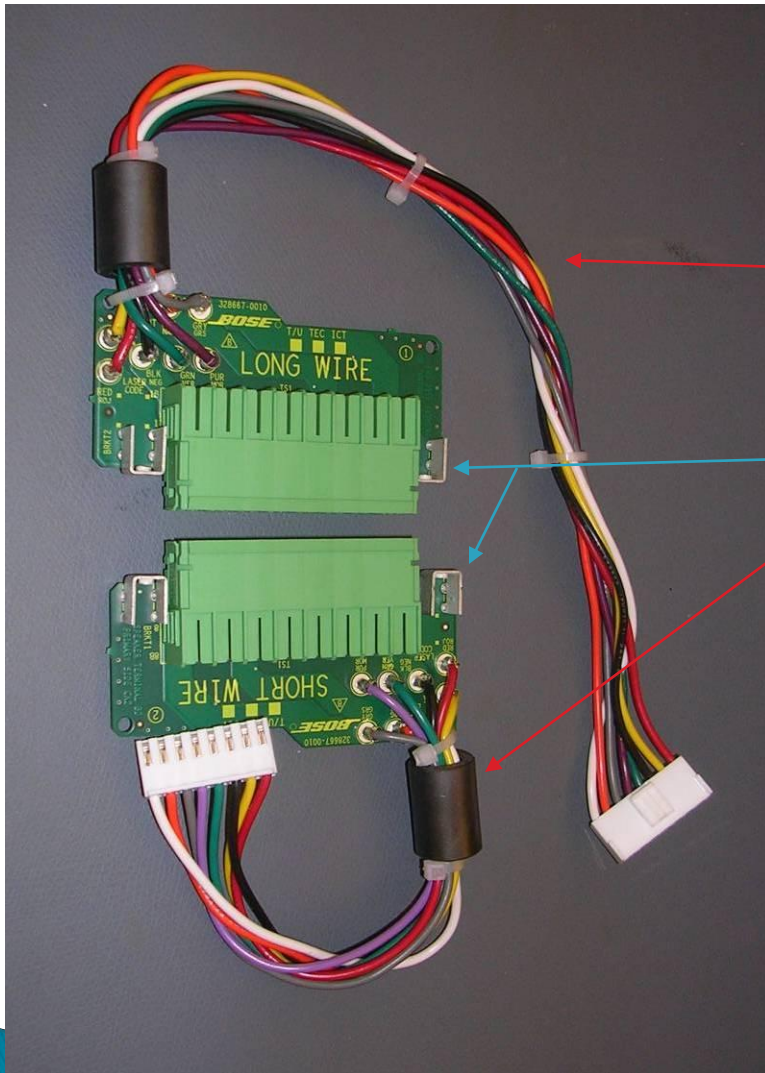
# Amplifier Channel Block Diagram

## Analog Audio to Amp

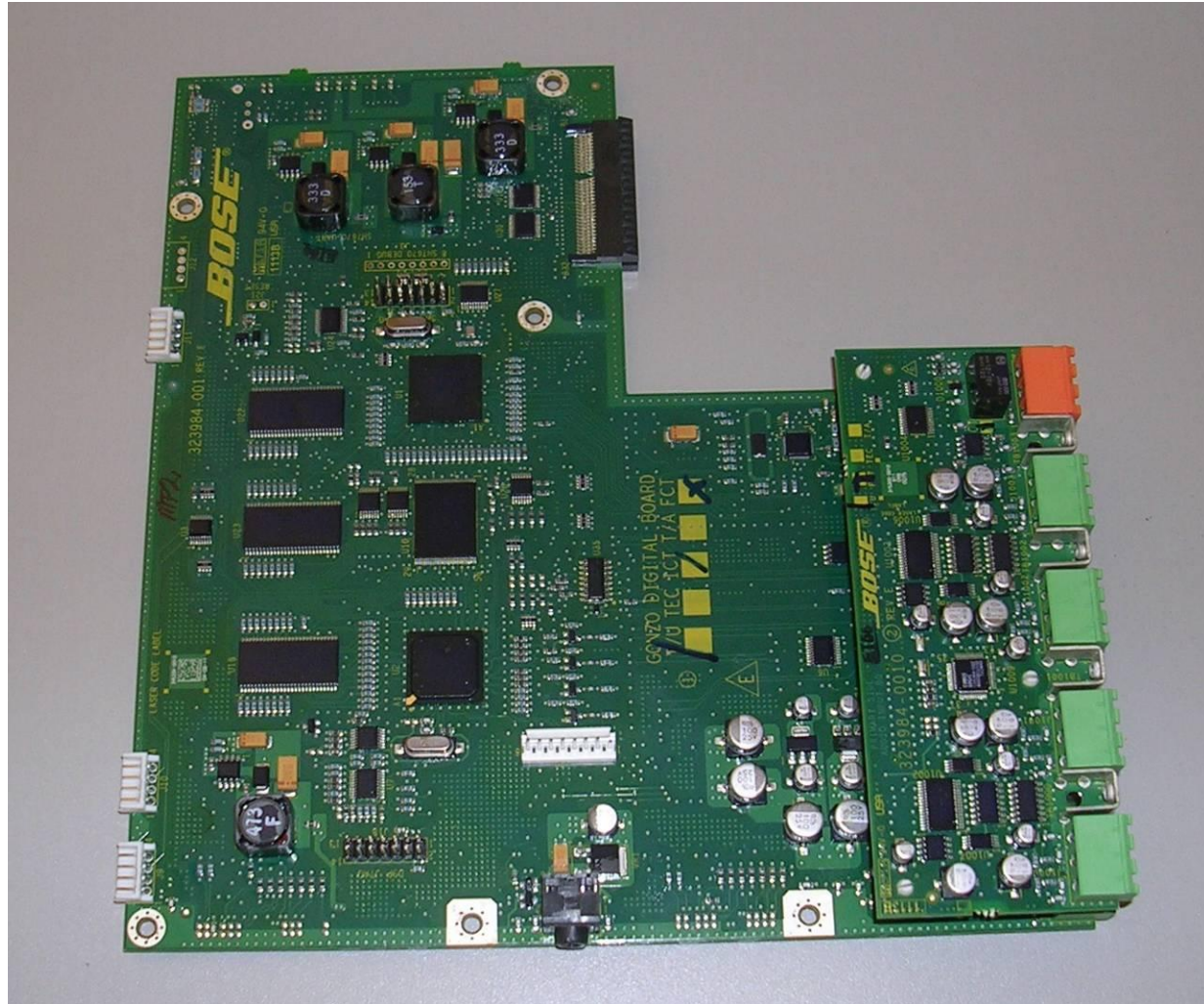


# PM8500 Audio Output PCB

- ▶ Audio Output Connector
- ▶ Two Different Boards
  - ▶ 1-4 with Long Wire
  - ▶ 5-8 with Short Wire
  - ▶ Different Screw Offset

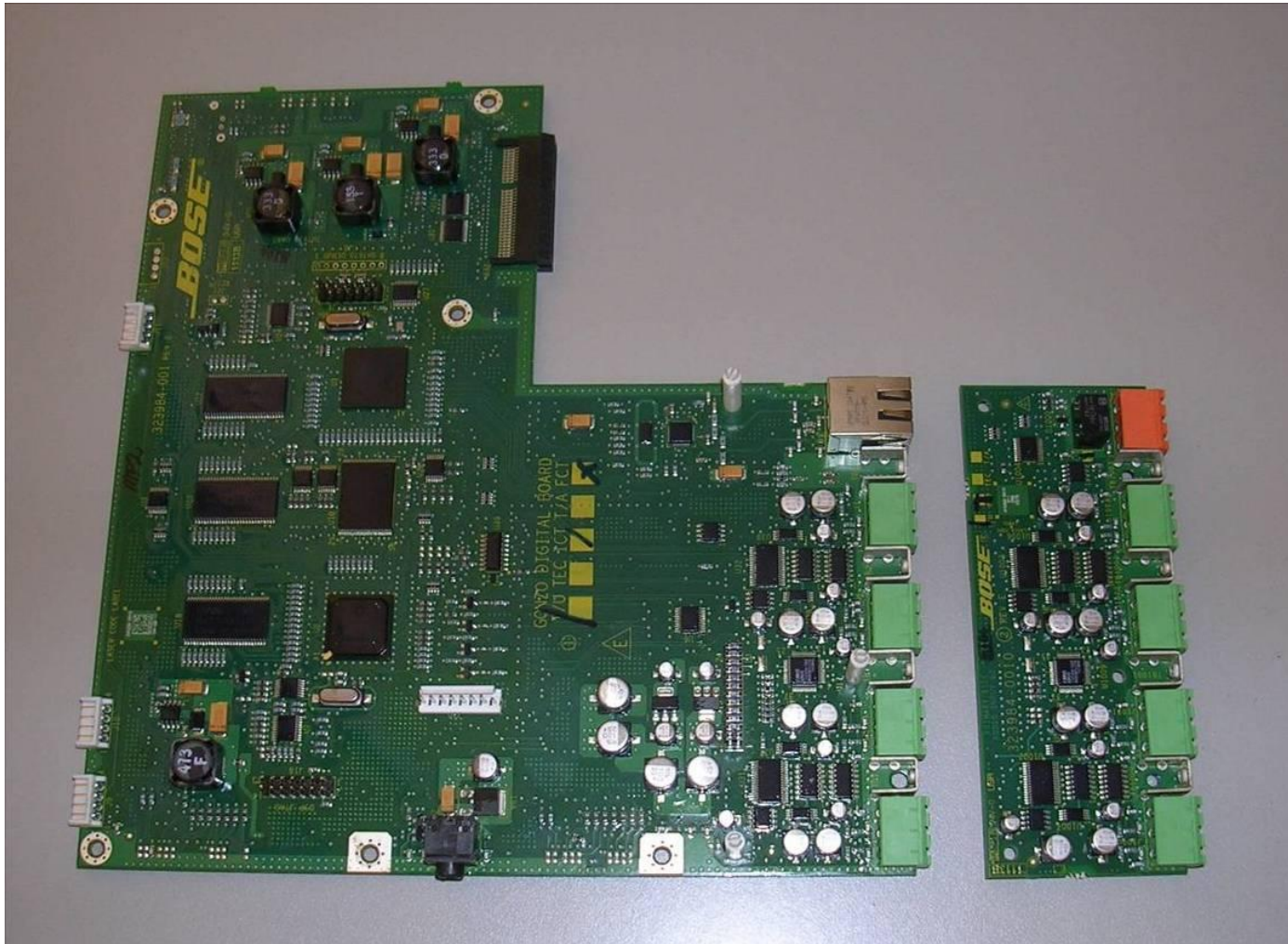


# PM8500 PCBs – Digital





# PM8500 PCBs – Analog Input Board Removed



# PM8500 PCBs – Digital

- ▶ **Main Processor with USB and Ethernet Interfaces**
- ▶ **DSP for all Audio Processing**
- ▶ **Passes +/-15V, +8V, +3.3V to Amplifier PCBs**
- ▶ **Analog Audio Inputs and ADCs**
  - ▶ **Inputs A, B, C, D on Analog Input PCB daughter-board**
  - ▶ **Inputs E, F, G, H on main Digital PCB**
- ▶ **Flat Flex Cable for Front Panel PCB**
- ▶ **Flat Flex Cable for Amp 1 & 2**
- ▶ **Connector for Optional Digital Input Card**
- ▶ **Power and Control for Fans**



# PM8500 Front Panel Display



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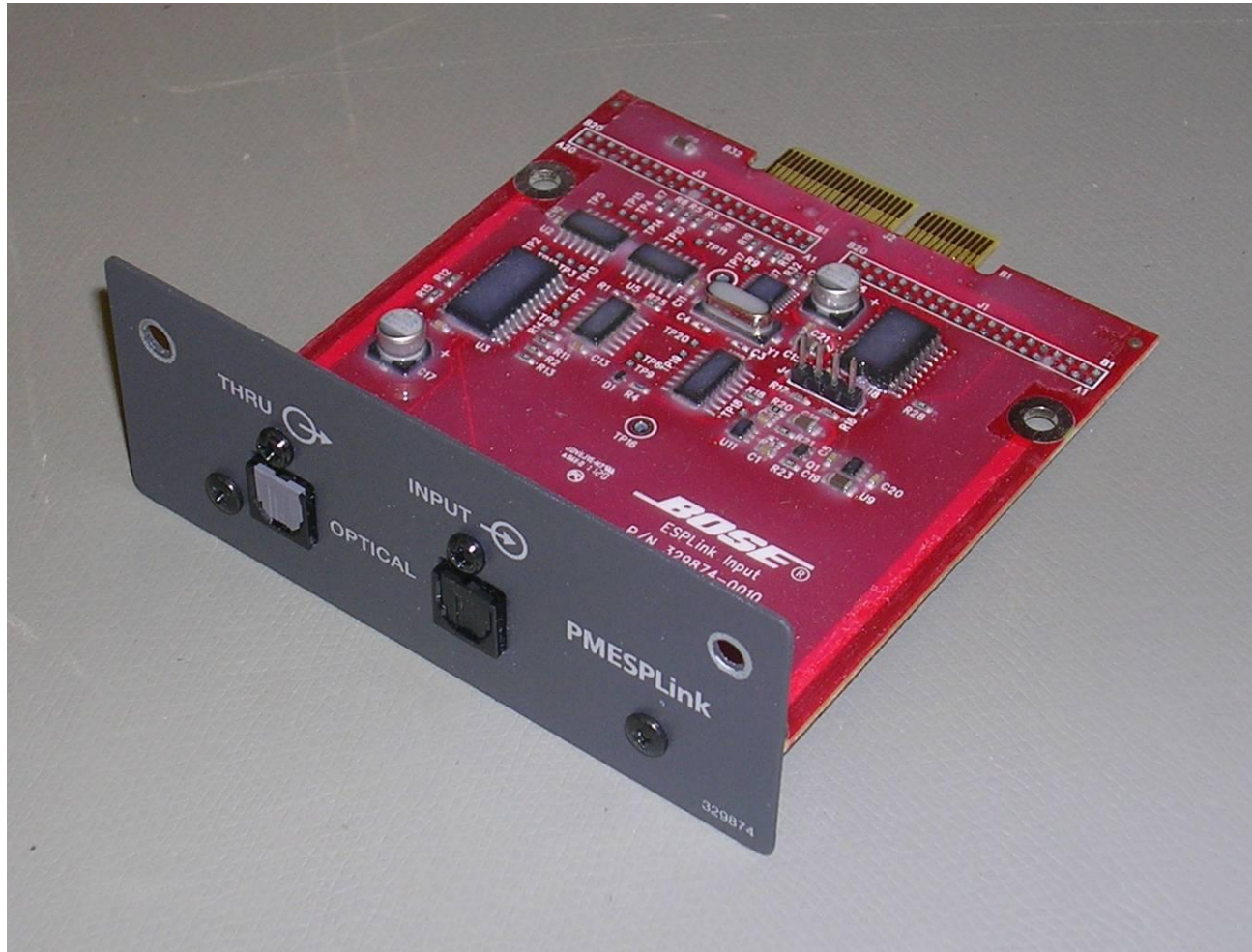


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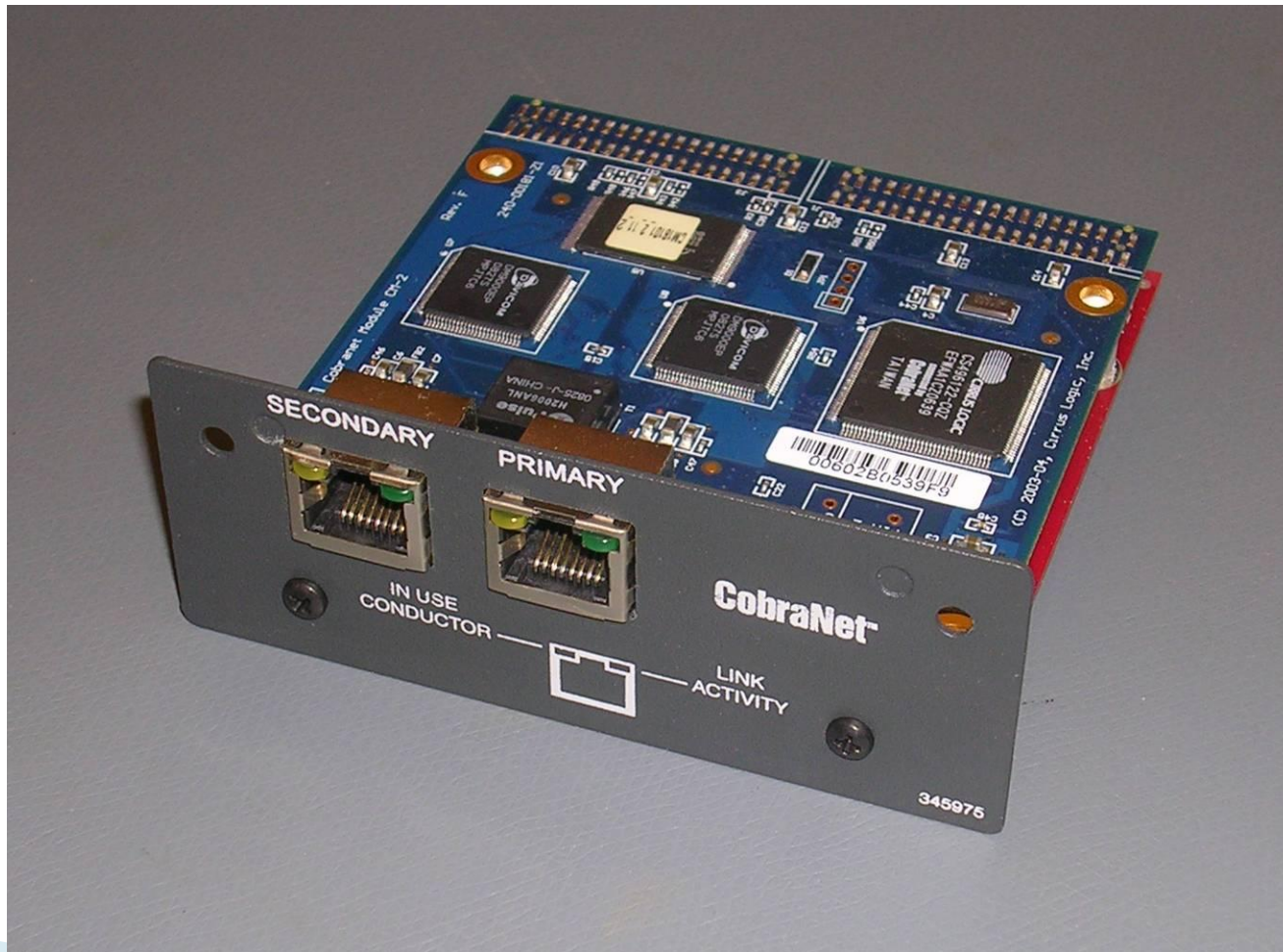
- ▶ Provides Local User Interface
- ▶ Default Display – Bar Graph of Audio Channels
- ▶ Access to Fault Log
- ▶ USB Interface
- ▶ LEDs Powered from +9S Standby Power Supply  
Give immediate display of AC Power ON



# Digital Option Card: PMESPLink



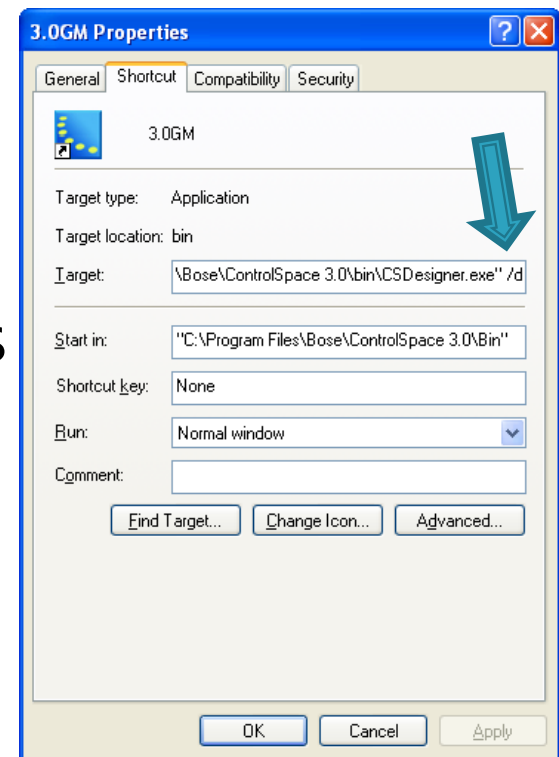
# Digital Option Card: CobraNet





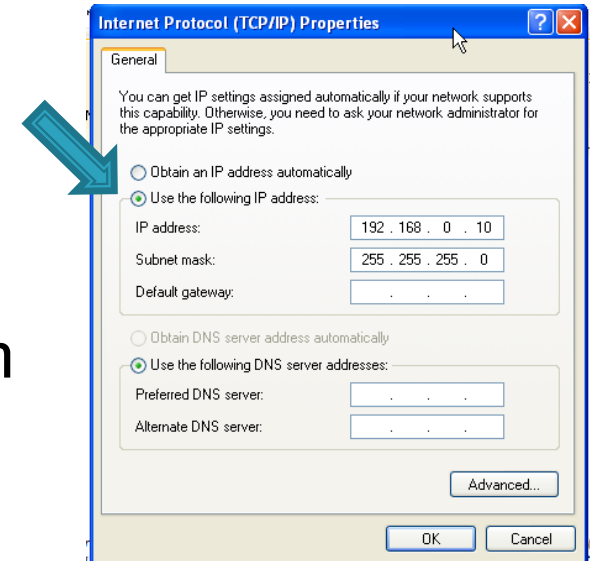
# ControlSpace Software

- ▶ Download and install the latest version of ControlSpace Designer from [pro.Bose.com](http://pro.Bose.com).
- ▶ Create a shortcut and add “/d” to Target.
- ▶ Use this shortcut icon to start CSD to and always be in debug mode
- ▶ Download and checkout the User’s guide/Help file – lots of helpful information.



# ControlSpace Software

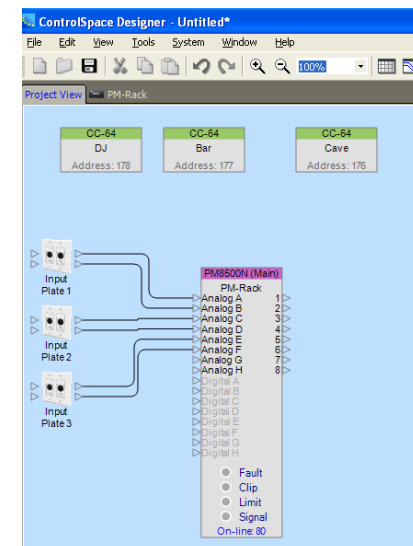
- ▶ Connect to PM8500 with USB or Ethernet.
- ▶ For Ethernet, must be on the same network as PM8500, i.e., you have to change your IP address to match PM8500
- ▶ Highly recommended you use a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethernet port, e.g., a CardBus wired adapter (\$20 at Amazon)





# ControlSpace Software, Ethernet

- ▶ Must have USB disconnected
- ▶ No “plug event” when connected
- ▶ Press “Go on-line”
- ▶ Select “Get from Device” at the Settings Transfer
- ▶ On-line with Ethernet has a blue background
- ▶ Note other devices may appear. These are part of the customer’s “design file”.

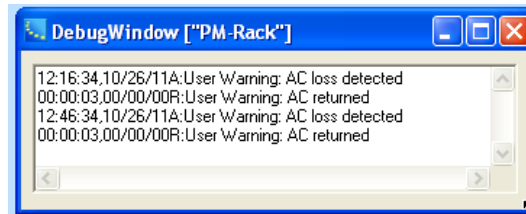




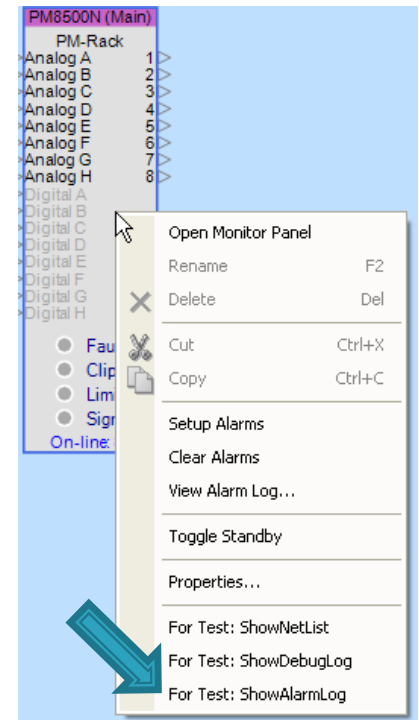
# CSD: Alarm Log

- ▶ Right click on the PM8500 and select “ShowAlarmLog”

- ▶ Example AlarmLog:



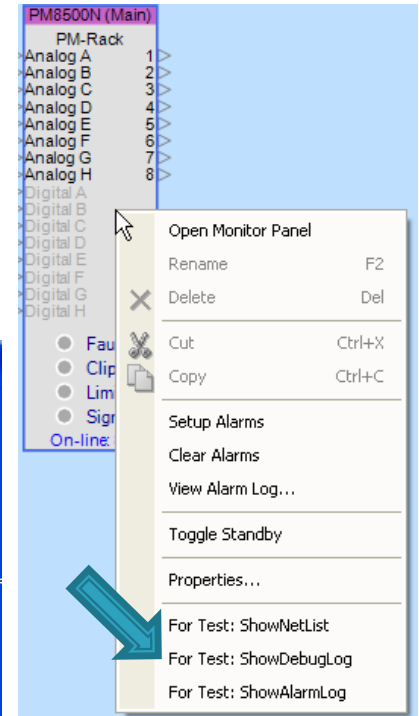
- ▶ See [PM8500 Alarm Log v1.0.pdf](#) for full description of alarm log format, all alarms and suggested troubleshooting



# CSD: Debug log

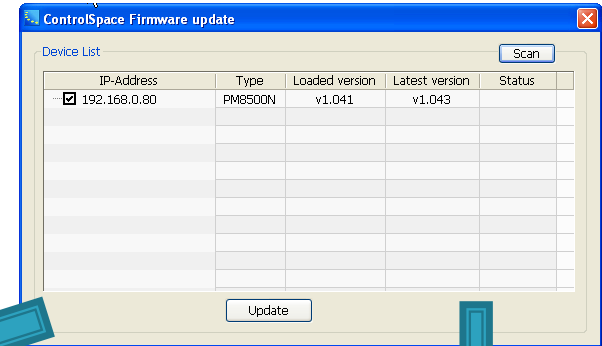
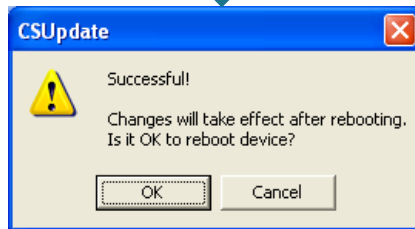
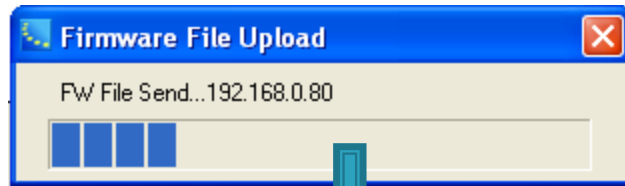
- ▶ Right click on the PM8500 and select “ShowDebugLog”
- ▶ Debug log valid only for current boot.
- ▶ Example Debug log:  
(much bigger!)
- ▶ Can be used to see IP address, MAC address, if the PM8500 fails to boot, etc.

```
DebugWindow ["PM-Rack"]
Log file opened...ALARMLoad: sector1 block 0 has seqnum 1
LoadAlarmLog: 3 entries loaded
loaded IP=192.168.0.80, MAC=00-0C-8A-2C-24-F9
loaded: using fixed IP
using fixed IP: 192.168.0.80
byte pool 0 has 361384 bytes avail, 30 fragments
SPEAKER.XML read: 153162 bytes
Xml parsed OK
Speakers version=v0.015
loaded 69 EQs from SPEAKER.XML
found 1 models in "NONE" series
found 25 models in Panaray series
found 16 models in LT series
found 11 models in FreeSpace series
found 16 models in RoomMatch series
Starting SPIP_Task...
UsbReceive thread started
UsbReceiveTask: clear events ready for connection
UsbSend thread started
UsbSendTask: set/clear events ready for connection
_ux_device_class_dpump_entry: UX_SLAVE_CLASS_COMMAND_IN
Starting MeterProcTask...
Waiting for connection with CSD for metering...
Starting CreatorTask
Waiting for connection with CSD...
Starting LancomFeedbackTask...
Starting LancomTask...
DebugLanTask -- waiting to connect
```



# CSD: Firmware update

- ▶ While connected (but not on-line), System, Update firmware, then Update



- ▶ See [PM8500 Firmware updating v1.0.pdf](#) for complete details.

# CSD: Firmware update



## Recovery mode, AKA debricking

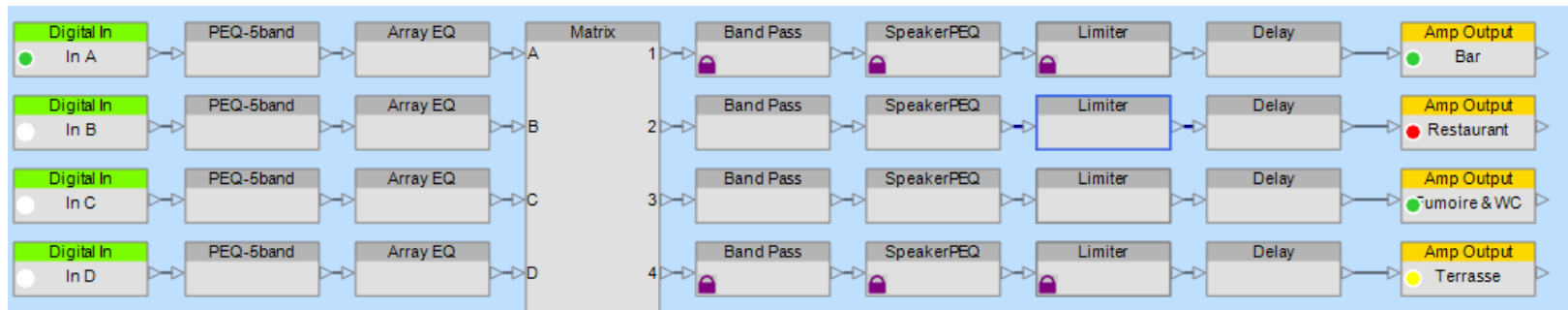
- ▶ Turn off the power
- ▶ Press buttons 1, 3, 5 below the LCD
- ▶ Apply power, release buttons when you see RECOVERY MODE
- ▶ Repeat Update firmware process
- ▶ See [PM8500 Firmware updating v1.0.pdf](#) for complete details.





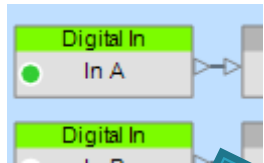
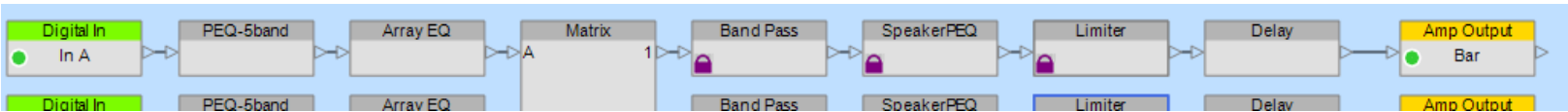
# CSD: signal monitoring

- ▶ Example, 1 signal ('A') to 4 outputs



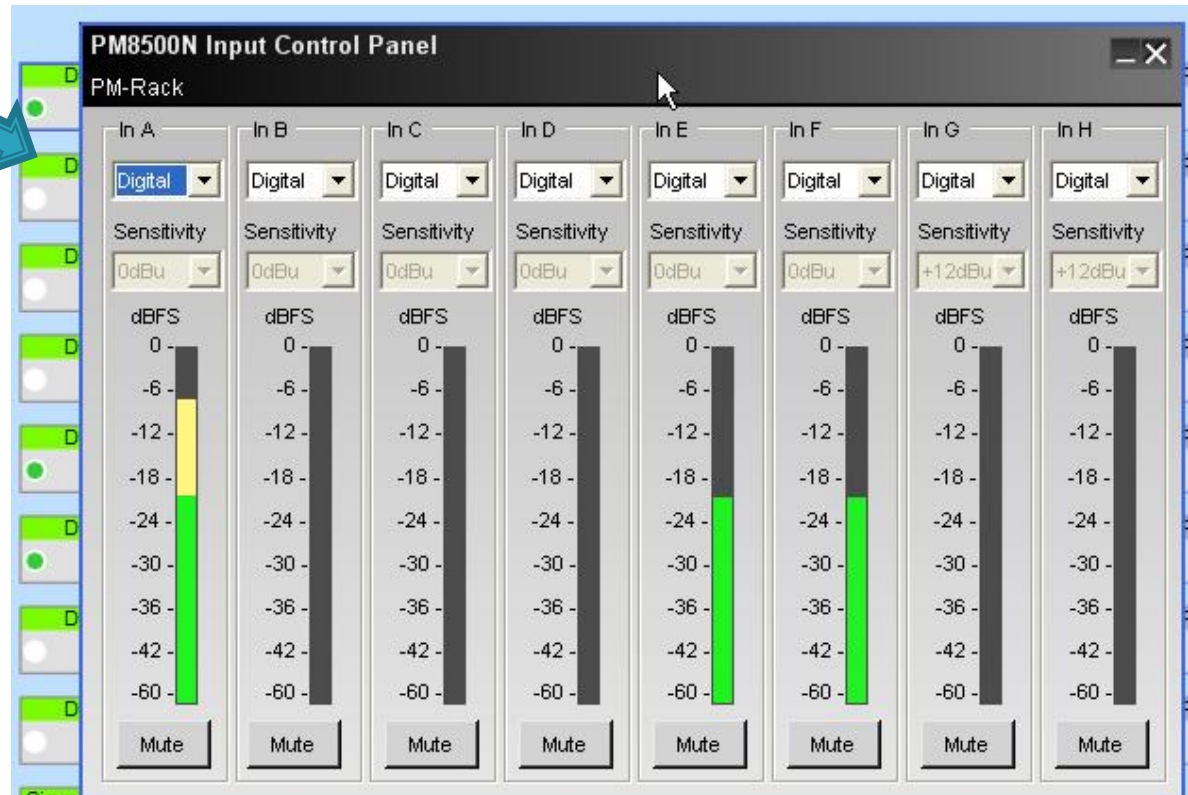
- ▶ Why are the outputs green, yellow or red?
- ▶ Follow the signal path.

# CSD: signal monitoring



- ▶ Input “LED” (Green:  $> -60\text{dBFS}$ , yellow  $> -20\text{dBFS}$ , red  $-6\text{dBFS}$ )

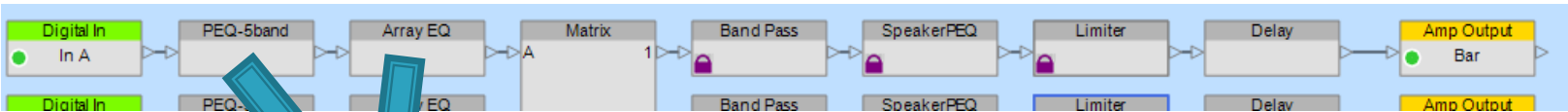
- ▶ Double click on input to see input meter



# CSD: signal monitoring

Input dBu	+24 dBu Sensitivity					+12 dBu Sensitivity					+4 dBu Sensitivity					0 dBu Sensitivity				
	dBFS	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Signal LED	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Clip LED	Gonzo Block View Input LED/ Meter		dBFS	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Signal LED	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Clip LED	Gonzo Block View Input LED/ Meter		dBFS	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Signal LED	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Clip LED	Gonzo Block View Input LED/ Meter		dBFS	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Signal LED	Gonzo HW/ Proj V. Clip LED	Gonzo Block View Input LED/ Meter	
25.5	1.5	●	clip	●		7.5	●	clip	●		7.5	●	clip	●	11.5	●	clip	●		
25	1.0	●	clip	●		7.0	●	clip	●		7.0	●	clip	●	11.0	●	clip	●		
24.5	0.5	●	clip	●		6.5	●	clip	●		6.5	●	clip	●	10.5	●	clip	●		
24	0.0	●		●		6.0	●	clip	●		6.0	●	clip	●	10.0	●	clip	●		
23.5	-0.5	●		●		5.5	●	clip	●		5.5	●	clip	●	9.5	●	clip	●		
23	-1.0	●		●		5.0	●	clip	●		5.0	●	clip	●	9.0	●	clip	●		
22	-2.0	●		●		4.0	●	clip	●		4.0	●	clip	●	6.0	●	clip	●		
21	-3.0	●		●		3.0	●	clip	●		3.0	●	clip	●	6.0	●	clip	●		
20	-4.0	●		●		2.0	●	clip	●		2.0	●	clip	●	6.0	●	clip	●		
19	-5.0	●		●		1.0	●	clip	●		1.0	●	clip	●	5.0	●	clip	●		
18	-6.0	●		●		0.0	●		●		0.0	●		●	4.0	●	clip	●		
17	-7.0	●		●		-1.0	●		●		-1.0	●		●	3.0	●	clip	●		
16	-8.0	●		●		-2.0	●		●		-2.0	●		●	2.0	●	clip	●		
15	-9.0	●		●		-3.0	●		●		-3.0	●		●	1.0	●	clip	●		
14	-10.0	●		●		-4.0	●		●		-4.0	●		●	0.0	●		●		
13	-11.0	●		●		-5.0	●		●		-5.0	●		●	-1.0	●		●		
12	-12.0	●		●		-6.0	●		●		-6.0	●		●	-2.0	●		●		
11	-13.0	●		●		-7.0	●		●		-7.0	●		●	-3.0	●		●		
10	-14.0	●		●		-8.0	●		●		-8.0	●		●	-4.0	●		●		
9	-15.0	●		●		-9.0	●		●		-9.0	●		●	-5.0	●		●		
8	-16.0	●		●		-10.0	●		●		-10.0	●		●	-6.0	●		●		
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4	-20.0	●		●		-14.0	●		●		-14.0	●		●	-10.0	●		●		
3	-21.0	●		●		-15.0	●		●		-15.0	●		●	-11.0	●		●		
2	-22.0	●		●		-16.0	●		●		-16.0	●		●	-12.0	●		●		
1	-23.0	●		●		-17.0	●		●		-17.0	●		●	-13.0	●		●		
0	-24.0	●		●		-18.0	●		●		-18.0	●		●	-14.0	●		●		
-1	-25.0	●		●		-19.0	●		●		-19.0	●		●	-15.0	●		●		
-2	-26.0	●		●		-20.0	●		●		-20.0	●		●	-16.0	●		●		
-3	-27.0	●		●		-21.0	●		●		-21.0	●		●	-17.0	●		●		
-4	-28.0	●		●		-22.0	●		●		-22.0	●		●	-18.0	●		●		

# CSD: signal monitoring



- ▶ Double click PEQ
- ▶ Double click ArrayEQ

**PEQ-5band**  
PM-Rack: PEQ-5band A

Store

18dB  
12dB  
6dB  
0dB  
-6dB  
-12dB  
-18dB

20Hz 100Hz

Load Settings Save Settings

**Array EQ**  
PM-Rack: Array EQ A

Filter Display

3dB  
0dB  
-3dB  
-6dB  
-9dB  
-12dB

20Hz 100Hz 1kHz 10kHz 20kHz

Array parameters  Advanced

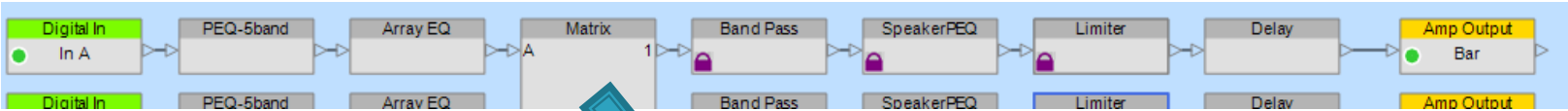
Module Quantity: 3

Vertical Coverage: 60 Degrees

Restore Defaults Bypass



# CSD: signal monitoring

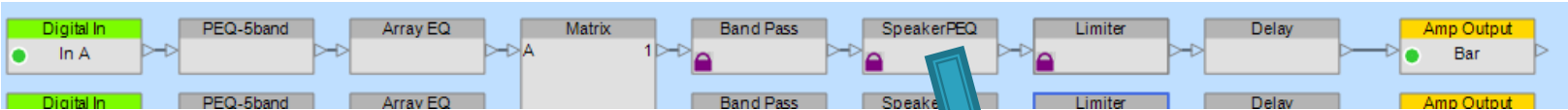


- ▶ Double click on Matrix to check routing

	Bar	Restau...	Fumoir...	Terras...
In A	0.0	0.0	-35.5	0.0
In B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In D	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In G	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
In H	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Attenuation

# CSD: signal monitoring



- ▶ Double click SpeakerPEQ

**SpeakerPEQ**  
PM-Rack: SpeakerPEQ 1

EQ Preset: Load Loudspeaker EQ Save EQ As... **MB24 100Hz LP** Driver Alignment Delay (ms)

EQ Stages

18dB  
12dB  
6dB  
0dB  
-6dB  
-12dB  
-18dB

20Hz 100Hz 1kHz 10kHz 20kHz

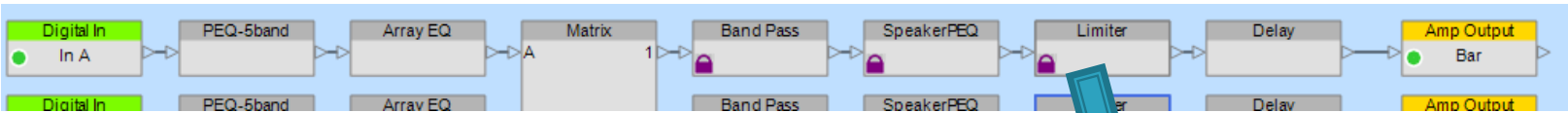
EQ Gain: 0.0 dB, +15, 0, -15

Band-pass: Low BW(24) 40 Bypass High BW(24) 100 Bypass Bypass All

Parametric EQ

Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 8	Band 9
PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ	PEQ
1000	355	1120	2820	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
0.0	2.0	-1.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.000	2.300	0.900	2.300	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass	Bypass

# CSD: signal monitoring



- ▶ Double click Limiter

**Limiter**  
PM-Rack: Limiter 4

Limiter Preset  
EQ Type: DS16S/SE Locked  
*Change Preset and unlock from Loudspeaker PEQ*

Limiter Setup

	Threshold (V)	Attack (msec)	Release (msec)
V Peak	23.0	1.5	100.0
VRMS	11.0	1000.0	2000.0

Link Group  
Assign to Link Group: None

Metering

Gain Reduction (dB)

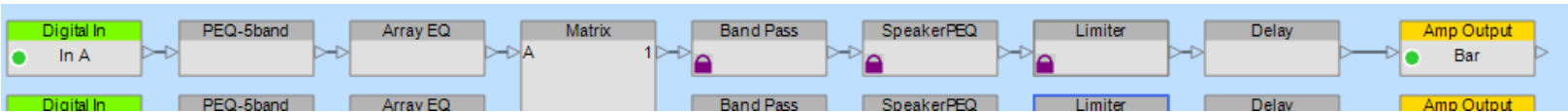
Peak	RMS	Total
0	0	0
-6	-6	-6
-12	-12	-12
-18	-18	-18
-24	-24	-24
-30	-30	-30
-36	-36	-36
-42	-42	-42

Output (dBFS)

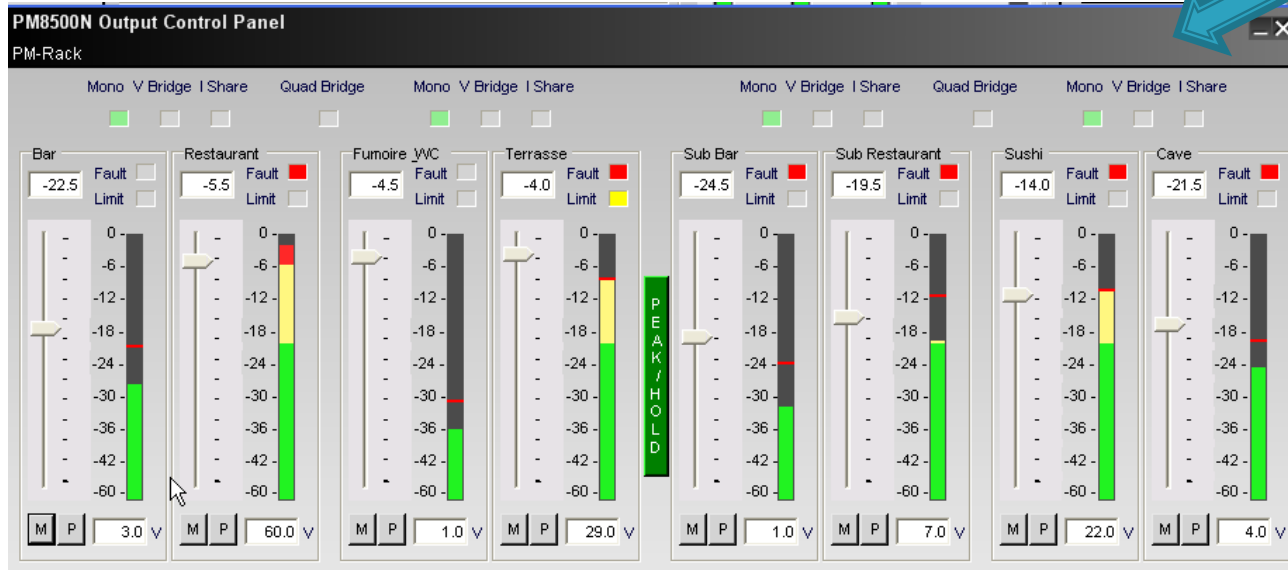
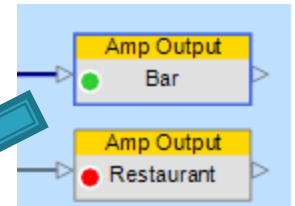
0
-6
-12
-18
-24
-30
-36
-42
-60

Limiting/Attenuation

# CSD: signal monitoring



- ▶ Output “LED” (Green:  $> -60\text{dBFS}$ , yellow  $> -20\text{dBFS}$ , red  $-6\text{dBFS}$ )

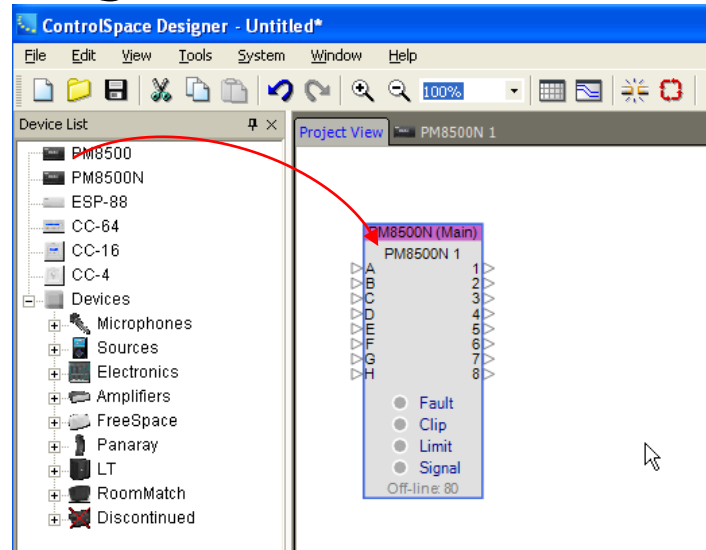


- ▶ Double click on output to see input meter



# Restore factory defaults

- ▶ From CSD, drag in “blank” PM8500, upload



- ▶ From PM8500, Utility, Restore Factory Settings, Confirm



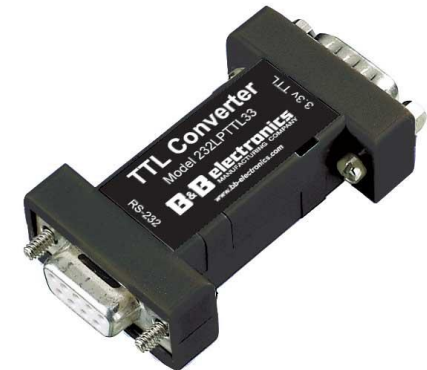
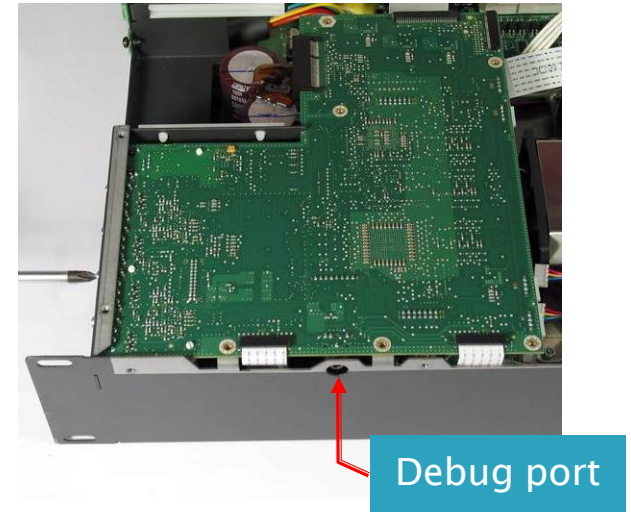
# Front panel



- ▶ Most conditions can be observed on front panel
  - Input Clip (LED & per channel indication)
  - Limiting (LED & per channel indication)
  - Input level per channel
  - Output level per channel
  - Alarm log status

# Debug/"TAP" port

- ▶ 3.5mm/Stereo jack on side
- ▶ Use PN 264565 DB9 to 3.5mm (used on other Bose products)
- ▶ Not RS232. Requires "3.3V to RS232 converter"
- ▶ See B&B Electronics <http://www.bb-elec.com/bb-elec/literature/232LPTTL-3406ds.pdf>
- ▶ Use Hypeterm or other, N,8,1,115000



# Troubleshooting

- ▶ Model: “Board level” replacement
  - Determine which, if any, board has failed
  - Replace board
  - Test
- ▶ No problem Found
  - Environmental
  - Software/configuration
  - Communications
  - Intermittent

# Troubleshooting

- ▶ Start w/ Customer complaint
- ▶ Observe power up
- ▶ Retrieve information (especially alarm log, FW ver)
- ▶ LUAP test fixture
  - Designed to confirm working PM8500
  - Do not use until “major” issues resolved:
    - Smoking
    - Weird noises
    - Unexplained LEDs
    - Faults
  - Use LUAP fixture to isolate further
- ▶ Replace board if obvious
- ▶ Or, replace w/ known good board to further isolate



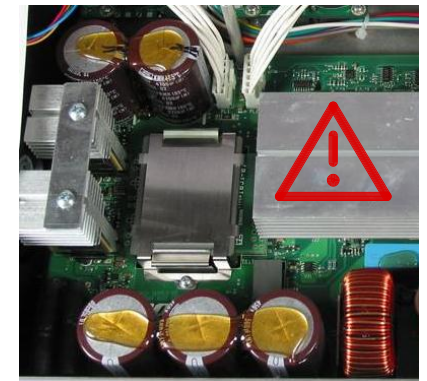
# Troubleshooting

- ▶ Customer complaint
  - Audio
  - Communication (USB, Ethernet)
  - Fault
  - Dead
- ▶ Check firmware
  - Sometimes issues solved w/ latest firmware
- ▶ Audio
  - “Hard”: clicks, full blast, “motorboating”, screeching
  - “Soft”: no audio, distortion at high volumes

# Troubleshooting: Dead or No LEDS

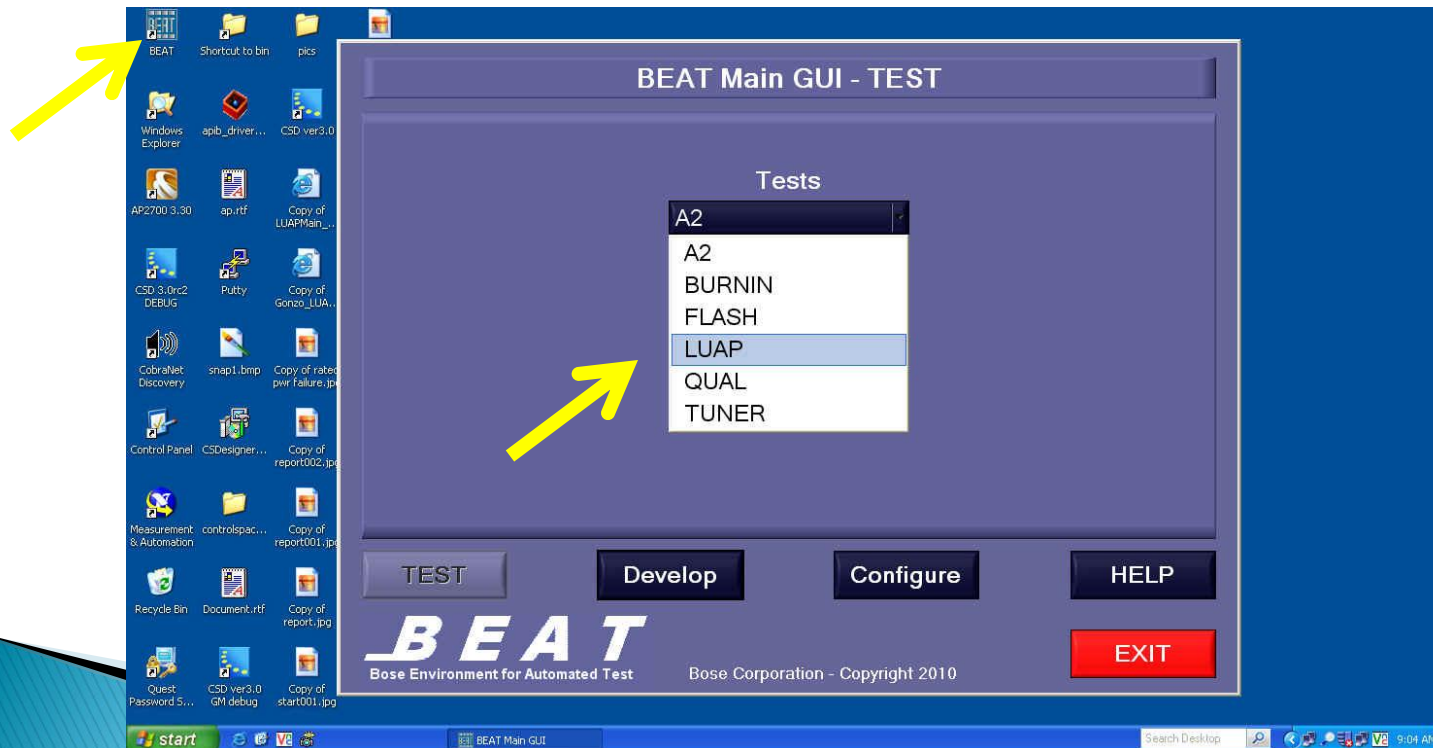
- ▶ Open chassis
  - Check AC input wires connect to PS PCB and wires are not loose
  - Check FFC from PS to Digital board
  - Check FFC from front panel to Digital board
- ▶ Apply power
  - Check for AC at P1 & P2
  - Check for 165VDC (120VAC input) or 320VDC(230VAC input) at “RTN” and “+400”. *MUST be measured with a floating battery-powered voltmeter*
  - If little or no voltage appears, the most likely cause is a failed R142. Replace the P/S board.
- ▶ Check for 9–10VDC at the Digital/PS FFC connectors (PS–pins 19,20; Digital pins 15,16).
  - If OK, the Digital board is defective – replace it.
  - If not OK, standby P/S is malfunctioning or shorted
    - Remove the FFC from the P/S connector, Apply power – If +9–10V appears, the Digital board is defective – replace it.
    - If +9S is not present, the standby P/S is malfunctioning. Replace the P/S board.

P1, P2



# Troubleshooting: LUAP

- ▶ Always retrieve Alarm Log & config before LUAP
- ▶ LUAP requires Factory Defaults
  1. Login: 'rnduser', 'medetest'
  2. Click on BEAT then select LUAP

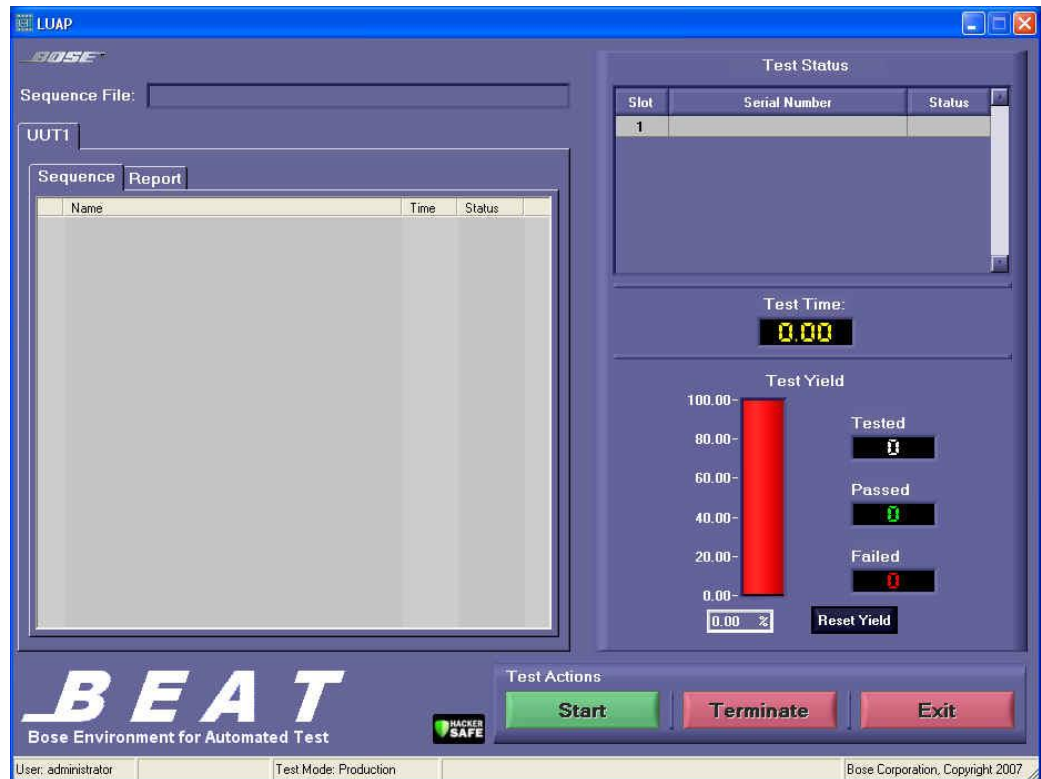


# Troubleshooting: LUAP

3. At Login, Press OK



4. Press Start

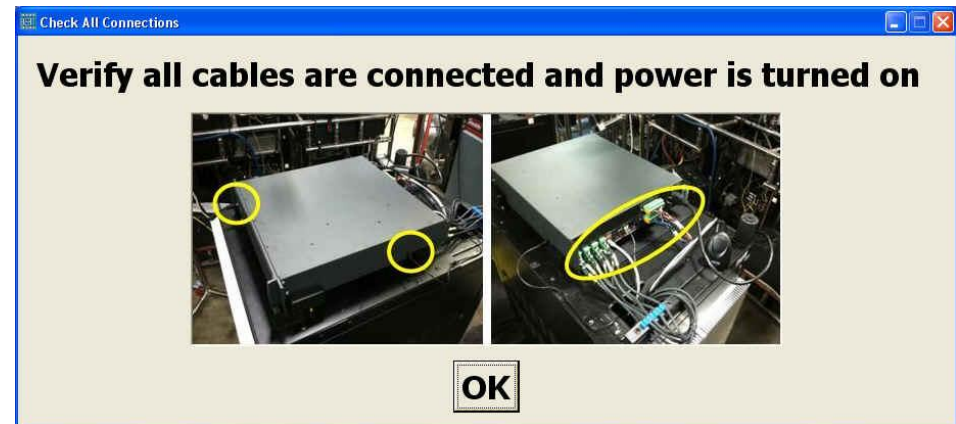
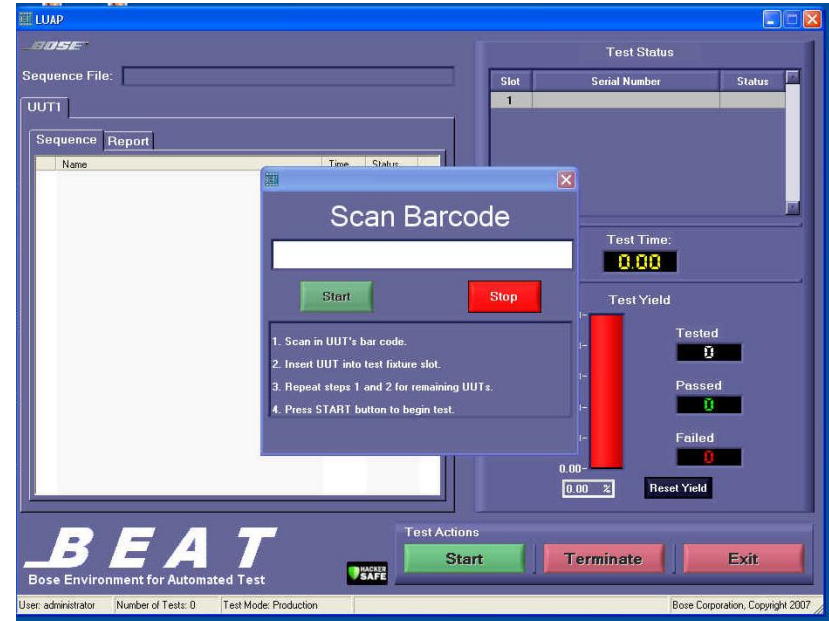


# Troubleshooting: LUAP

5. Scan barcode

6. Press Start

7. Press OK





# Troubleshooting: LUAP

## 8. Ping, USB, error log, FW version

The screenshot displays the BEAT software interface. The main window shows a test sequence for 'Gonzo\_LUAP.seq' with a list of test steps and their results. A modal dialog box is open, prompting to 'Start CH1 - CH8 Input Test'. The interface includes a 'Test Status' table, a 'Tested' counter, and 'Test Actions' buttons.

Slot	Serial Number	Status
1	055066F12780017AE	Testing

Name	Time	Status
Lcheck Boot & Software Version	0.461	Passed
Boot Retry?		Skipped
Check for CobraNet Card	0.017	Passed
Mute CobraNet	0.012	Passed
Verify Speaker.XML Present	0.027	Passed
Verify Speaker EQ version		
Verify Log Files Present		
Verify FCT Passed		
Verify Burn In Passed		
Check MAC Address		
Ping Chassis		
Check USB Connectivity		
Check Fault Relay Off		
Simulate DSP Boot Fault		
Check Fault Relay On		
Clear DSP Boot Fault	0.145	Passed
ReCheck Fault Relay Off	0.003	Passed
Clear Error Log	0.436	Passed
Reset Chassis Display	0.113	Passed
Set Gonzo to analog inputs	0.042	Passed
AP output A Off		Done
Start Input Test		

Test Actions: Start, Terminate, Exit

User: administrator | Number of Tests: 345 | Test Mode: Production | Bose Corporation, Copyright 2007

- ▶ Most connection & version problems are found here.
- ▶ *Tests must be modified for new firmware versions*

# Troubleshooting: LUAP, Input Test

## 9. Input Test

The screenshot shows the BEAT software interface. The main window displays a test sequence for 'Gonzo\_LUAP.seq'. A modal dialog box is open, displaying 'Start CH1 - CH8 Input Test' with an 'OK' button. The interface includes a 'Test Status' table, a 'Tested' gauge, and 'Test Actions' buttons (Start, Terminate, Exit).

Slot	Serial Number	Status
1	055066F12780017AE	Testing

Name	Time	Status
Lcheck Boot & Software Version	0.461	Passed
Boot Retry?		Skipped
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Verify FCT Passed		
Verify Burn In Passed		
Check MAC Address		
Ping Chassis		
Check USB Connectivity		
Check Fault Relay Off		
Simulate DSP Boot Fault		
Check Fault Relay On		
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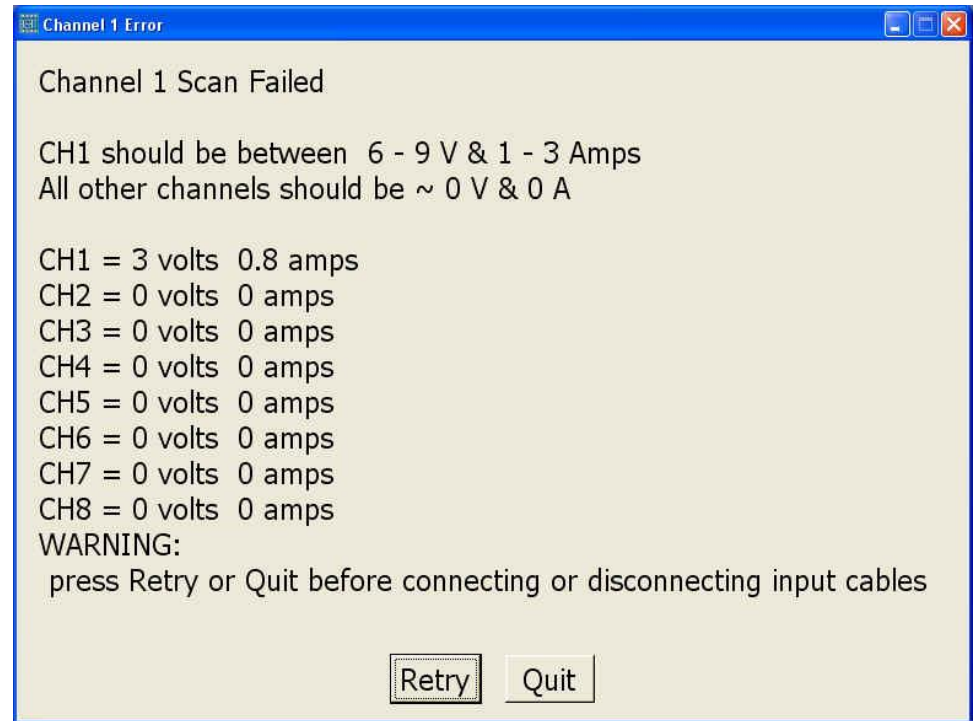
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- ▶ Most audio problems are found here

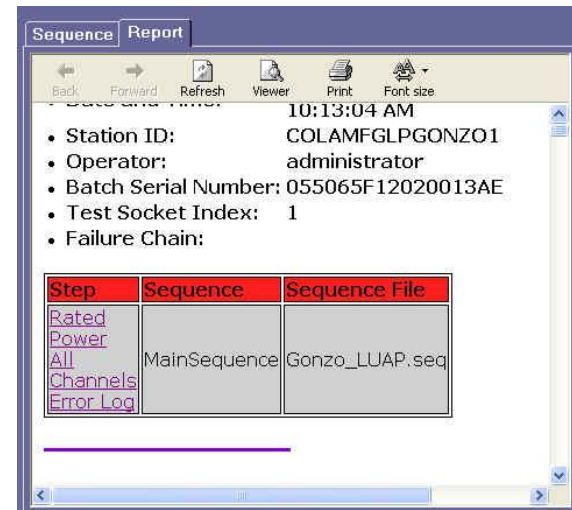
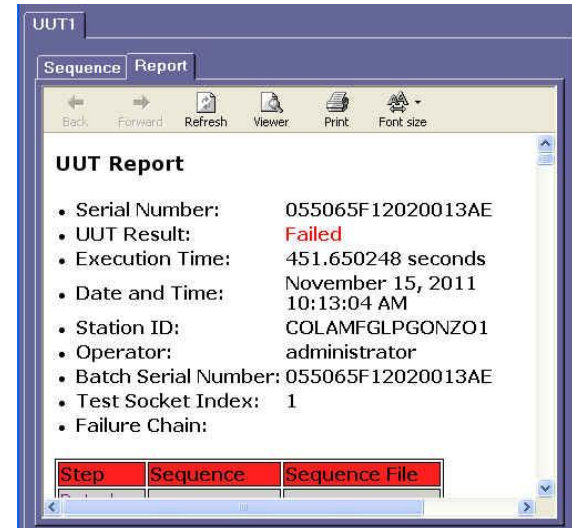
# Troubleshooting: LUAP, Input Test

- ▶ Example
  - ▶ EQ selected on channel 1 (not “flat”)
  - ▶ Caused audio output to be lower than expected
- ▶ Restore Factory Defaults before LUAP



# Troubleshooting: LUAP, Failures

- ▶ After Input Test many failures do not halt the test
- ▶ When the test is complete, click on link in Report tab to see details of the failure
- ▶ E.g.:  
Ch1 THDN @ 500W Status: Failed  
Measurement: Measurement[0] (Full Power THDN CH1):



# Troubleshooting: LUAP, Failures

- ▶ Failures occur when measurement is outside bounds of a parameter
- ▶ E.g Full power THD+N failure on Ch1

Ch1 THDN @ 500W

Status: Failed Measurement: Measurement[0] (Full Power THDN CH1):

Limits:

Low: 0.004

High: 0.4

Comparison Type: GELE ( $\geq$   $\leq$ )

Data: **7.32**

Status: Failed Measurement[1] (Full Power Watts CH1):

Limits:

Low: 470

High: 510

Comparison Type: GELE ( $\geq$   $\leq$ )

Data: **450.25**



# Troubleshooting: LUAP, Passes

**BEAT**  
Bose Environment for Automated Test

Sequence File: Gonzo\_LUAP.seq

UUT1

Sequence Report

Name	Time	Status
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch2		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH2 THD+N		
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch6		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH6 THD+N		
Turn On CobraNet CH3 & CH7		
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch3		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH3 THD+N		
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch7		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH7 THD+N		
Turn On CobraNet CH4 & CH8		
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch4		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH4 THD+N		
Setup CobraNet THD+N Ch8		
Wait 2s		
CobraNet CH8 THD+N		
Mute CobraNet		
<End Group>		

Test Status

Slot	Serial Number	Status
1	055066F12780017AE	Passed

Test Time: 3695.1E

Test Yield

Tested: 16  
Passed: 4  
Failed: 12

Reset Yield

Test Actions: Start, Terminate, Exit

User: administrator | Number of Tests: 345 | Test Mode: Production | Report Location: C:\BEAT\LUAP\Results\Gonzo\_LUAP\_Report{055066... | Bose Corporation, Copyright 2007

# Troubleshooting: LUAP failures

Ping Chassis

Check IP address = 192.168.0.80  
Replace digital PCB

Check for USB connectivity

Reseat or replace display FFC cable  
Replace display board  
Replace digital board

Scan/Verify Inputs

Check input and output cables installed in the correct locations  
Restore factory Defaults  
Replace input board (ch 1 – 4) or digital board (ch 5 – 8)  
Replace Amp A (ch 1 – 4) or Amp B (ch 5 -8)

## Ch 1 – 4:

- THD + N
- Power,
- Freq Response
- Noise

Reseat or replace Amp A FFC cable  
replace Input board  
replace Amp B

## Ch 5 – 8:

- THD + N
- Power,
- Freq Response
- Noise

Replace Digital to Amp B FFC cable  
Replace Digital board  
Replace Amp B

Notes:

1. In all cases, first check test cables are connected and not worn
2. See TS326114\_ Fault Tree.xlsx for full description.

# Troubleshooting: LUAP failures

Phase: Ch 1 – 4

Check that input and output wiring harnesses were not changed or wired incorrectly

Phase: Ch 5 – 8

Check that input and output wiring harnesses were not changed or wired incorrectly

All Channels On Power Test

Replace Power Supply PCB  
Replace amp PCBS

# Troubleshooting: Example 1

- ▶ Customer Complaint:

“Channel 1 & channel 2 didn’t work anymore. They were connected to one MB24 (voltage bridge mode – 4ohm load). One could hear (and see on the VU) a very small signal, even with output channels muted. It was not hum or hiss, but irregular noise. There was no “FAULT” on the display, and the other channels continued to operate.”

- ▶ Powered up

- ▶ Examined alarm log (no faults)
- ▶ FW up-to-date
- ▶ No “phantom audio” observed

- ▶ LUAP test fixture

- ▶ Failed Ping: had to change IP address

- ▶ Scan:

*CH1 should be between 6 - 9 V & 1 - 3 Amps*

*All other channels should be ~ 0 V & 0 A*

- ▶ Replaced Amp A (matched customer complaint)

- ▶ LUAP Passed

# Troubleshooting: Example 2

- ▶ Customer Complaint:

“The amp is getting input signal, but no output meter movement and no audio out.”

- ▶ Powered up

- ▶ FAULT: non-recoverable ...

- ▶ Examined alarm log

- ▶ “PS I2C err”

- ▶ “Amp B I2C err”

- ▶ “Amp B I2C err”

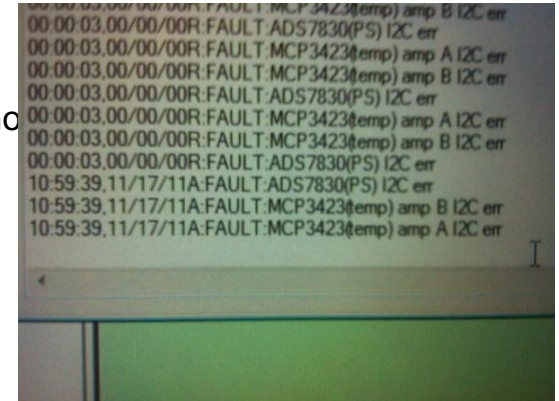
- ▶ FW out-of-date

- ▶ Updated FW: same fault

- ▶ Can't run LUAP

- ▶ Opened unit, Reseated amp FFC cables: fixed problem

- ▶ LUAP Passed





# Troubleshooting: Burn-in

- ▶ Burn-in after unit passes LUAP
- ▶ Select BURNIN instead of LUAP at BEAT Main GUI



# Troubleshooting: Burn-in

- ▶ Press Start
- ▶ Scan UUT2 barcode, press OK
- ▶ Scan UUT barcode, press OK
- ▶ Test started, shows time remaining



# Conclusion

- ▶ Complex product
  - ▶ Many PCBs
  - ▶ Internal FW/DSP
- ▶ Many tools to debug
  - ▶ CSD
  - ▶ Front panel
  - ▶ “TAP”
  - ▶ LUAP
- ▶ Many more documents on ProjectLink may help
- ▶ Record all failures and resolution and create a list of symptoms and causes.
- ▶ Provide information back to design team whenever possible