

PC260 digital loudspeaker controller



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- This product should be located so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation and heating dissipation.
- Care should be taken so that objects and liquids do not go inside the product.

- The product should be connected to a power supply mains line only of the type described on the operating instructions or as marked on the product. Connect the apparatus to a power supply using only power cord included making always sure it is in good conditions.

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- Do not cancel the safety feature assured by means of a polarized line plug (one blade wider than the other) or with a earth connection.
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Duration Per Day In Hours	Sound Level dBA Slow Response	Typical Example
8	90	Duo in small club
6	92	
4	95	Subway Train
3	97	
2	100	Very loud classical music
1.5	102	
1	105	Traffic noise
0.5	110	
0.25 or less	115	Loudest parts at a rock concert

here. Keep your's attention that childrens and pets are more suscetible to excessive noise levels.

IN CASE OF FAULT

- In case of fault or maintenance this product should be inspected only by qualified service personnel when:
- There is a flaw either in the connections or in the supplied connecting cables.
- Liquids have spilled inside the product.
- The product has fallen and been damaged.
- The product does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.
- The product has been losted liquids or gases or the enclosure is damaged.
- Do not operate on the product, it has no user-serviceable parts inside, refer servicing to an authorized maintenance centre.

TROUBLESHOOTING

No Power	 The device's "POWER" switch is off. Make sure the mains AC outlet is live (check if LED PWR lights up). Make sure the mains plug is securely plugged into mains AC outlet.
No Sound	 Is the MUTE buttons dis-engaded? Is the INPUT METER LED illuminated? If not check if your signal level is too low or check the signal cable, mixer and other equipment setting and cabling. Are you sure your signal cables works properly? check it using a cable tester or replacing with a new one.
Distorted Sound	• Input signal level is too high. Engage the -6dB PAD button on rear panel and/or turn down your level controls
Different channel level	• Check if are using a balanced cable for one channel and an unbalanced one for the other, as this would cause a considerable difference in channel levels.
Noise / Hum	 Enable GND LIFT button on rear panel. Whenever possible, preferably use only balanced cables. Unbalanced lines may also be used but may result in noise over long cable runs. Sometimes it helps to plug all audio equipment into the same AC circuit so they share a common ground.

CE CONFORMITY

• Proel PC260 complies with directive 2004/108/EC (EMC), as stated in EN 55103-1 and EN 55103-2 standards and with directive 2006/95/CE (LVD), as stated in EN 60065 standard.



PACKAGING, SHIPPING AND COMPLAINT

- This unit package has been submitted to ISTA 1A integrity tests. We suggest you control the unit conditions immediately after unpacking it.
- If any damage is found, immediately advise the dealer. Keep all unit packaging parts to allow inspection.
- Proel is not responsible for any damage that occurs during shipment.
- Products are sold "delivered ex warehouse" and shipment is at charge and risk of the buyer.

• Possible damages to unit should be immediately notified to forwarder. Each complaint for manumitted package should be done within eight days from product receipt.

WARRANTY AND PRODUCTS RETURN

• Proel products have operating warranty and comply their specifications, as stated by manufacturer.

• Proel warrants all materials, workmanship and proper operation of this product for a period of two years from the original date of purchase. If any defects are found in the materials or workmanship or if the product fails to function properly during the applicable warranty period, the owner should inform about these defects the dealer or the distributor, providing receipt or invoice of date of purchase and defect detailed description. This warranty does not extend to damage resulting from improper installation, misuse, neglect or abuse. Proel S.p.A. will verify damage on returned units, and when the unit has been properly used and warranty is still valid, then the unit will be replaced or repaired. Proel S.p.A. is not responsible for any "direct damage" or "indirect damage" caused by product defectiveness.

INSTALLATION AND DISCLAIMER

• Proel products have been expressly designed for audio application, with signals in audio range (20Hz to 20kHz). Proel has no liability for damages caused in case of lack of maintenance, modifications, improper use or improper installation non-applying safety instructions.

• These amplifiers are adapted in a properly ventilated, standard professional 19" rack. These units feature ventilation holes on the front and back panels. Absolutely do not obstruct the ventilation holes. Blocked ventilation can cause damages and fire.

• Do not locate sensitive high-gain equipment such as mixer, preamplifiers, recorders or AD/DA conversion units directly above or below these amplifiers. Because these amplifiers have a high power density, it ha a strong magnetic field which can induce hum into unshielded devices that are located nearby. If an equipment rack is used, we recommend locating the amplifier in the bottom of the rack and the mixer, preamplifier or other sensitive equipment at the top.

• Locate the speakers as far away as possible from radio or television receivers or other sensitive equipment. These amplifiers have a strong magnetic field which can induce hum and noise into unshielded devices that are located nearby with consequent deterioration of reception of image and sound.

• Proel S.p.A. reserves the right to change these specifications at any time without notice.

• Proel S.p.A. declines any liability for damages to objects or persons caused by lacks of maintenance, improper use, installation not performed with safety precautions and at the state of the art.

POWER SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE

• Clean only with dry cloth.

• Check periodically that the slots for its proper ventilation and heating dissipation are not obstructed by dust, remove the dust using a dry brush or a compressed air gun.

• These devices have been designed with CLASS I construction and must be connected always to a mains socket outlet with a proctetive earth connection (the third grounding prong).

• Before connecting the product to the mains outlet make certain that the mains line voltage matches that shown on the rear of the product, a tolerance of up to ±15% is acceptable.

To disconnect these equipment from the AC Mains, disconnect the power supply cord plug from the AC receptacle.

• A CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE PROTECTION FUSE, ACCESSIBLE OUTWARD, ONLY WITH THE APPARATUS SWITCHED OFF AND DISCONNECTED FROM THE MAINS LINE OUTLET.

• A REPLACE THE PROTECTION FUSE ONLY WITH SAME TYPE AS SHOWN ON THE PRODUCT.

• A IF AFTER THE SUBSTITUTION, THE FUSE INTERRUPTS AGAIN THE APPARATUS WORKING, DO NOT TRY AGAIN THEN CONTACT THE PROEL SERVICE CENTER.















INTRODUCTION

The PROEL **PC260** digital loudspeaker controller is based on the **CORE DSP** platform and features state-of-the-art signal processing, advanced functions and a very intuitive user interface, with a direct access to all the editing functions and remote control capability. The 40bit floating point resolution and the 24bit AD/DA converters ensure a perfect signal integrity with a dynamic range in excess of 110dB, for a superior sonic performance.

PC260 includes a full set of functions and features 2 inputs (with AES digital input) and 6 outputs.

Each INPUT features 5 bands of full PARAMETRIC EQ (including parametric, shelving, notch, res. HP and LP, allpass and bandpass), 28 bands of GRAPHIC EQ and 3 bands of an extremely versatile and powerful **DYNAMIC EQ**. A fully programmable COMPRESSOR/ LIMITER and up to 600ms of delay are also available.

The OUTPUTS include any kind of crossover filters with slope up to 48dB per octave, together with 5 bands of PEQ, fully programmable COMPRESSOR/LIMITER and up to 600ms of delay.

Additional features include a fully assignable input/output routing and ganging, enviromental temperature compensation of delays, a GROUPING function and a 1/3 oct. **RTA** with dedicated MIC input with phantom power.

The **SPL Manager**, specifically designed for the application in fixed installations, is a very powerful tool that allows to schedule, in 4 different scenes, 16 events on each input and output, including MUTE, level change, COMPRESSOR threshold change and PRESET change. These events can be then performed automatically according to the internal real-time clock of the unit.

PC260 can be remotely controlled with **PRONET software** through the USB port on the front panel and it can be included in a PRONET network through the two RJ-45 connectors on the rear panel.

IMPORTANT

To achieve optimum performance and guard against damage to the processor, your sound system or yourself, please read, understand and follow all of the directions contained in this manual. Failure to do so may result in improper performance, loss or injury.

CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

FRONT PANEL



1. USB port

USB port for connection to a PC running Windows XP, Vista, Seven 32 or 64 bit. Using the PRONET application, the PC260 can be operated, edited and configured for installation with an easy to use, intuitive interface.

Any available firmware updates downloadable from www.proel.com can be loaded via the USB port as well, allowing for easy in-field updates.

2. Display

The display allows for operation and editing of the PC260 without the need of a connected PC. It works in conjunction with the buttons to operate, navigate and edit the parameters.

In Run time mode the top line it shows the model name, the network operation mode, the lock status, the battery status and the real time clock. in The rest of the screen it displays the machine name, the name of the currently selected factory or user preset, the SPLM status and the routing.

Pressing the RCL or SAVE buttons switches to their respective preset menus.

Pressing a processing menu button switches the display to their respective parameters page.

The contrast is set automatically.

3. Preset buttons

RCL (Recall)

Press the RCL button to enter the Recall Preset menu (the RCL button lights). Use the DATA knob to scroll the any factory or user preset and push it to recall the selected preset into current memory. Pushing the DATA knob completes the preset load operation and returns the LCD display to Run time mode. To exit without recalling a preset, press ESC.

SAVE

Press the SAVE button to enter the Save Preset manu (the SAVE button lights). In this menu edited presets can be named and saved to a user preset location. Use the DATA knob to choose the user memory location, to enter the preset name, then complete the saving operation pressing SAVE again. To exit without storing the current preset, press ESC.

4. DATA entry knob

The DATA knob is used to scroll and select presets and to scroll and edit data parameters and values.

5. PG UP - PG DW buttons

Use these buttons to navigate through the menus pages. The number of the page is diplayed in the right upper corner of the screen (the button cycles through all available pages).



6. ESC button

Press this button to exit from the current menu and return to the Run time mode screen.

7. Processing menu buttons

ROUTING

Use the ROUTING button to enter the routing menu (the ROUTING button lights). In this menu you can set the signal path for each output.

LEV - level setting

Use the LEV button to enter the levels menu (the LEV button lights). In this menu you can set the level and phase for each input and output.

XOVER - crossover filters

Use the XOVER button to enter the crossover menu (the XOVER button lights). In this menu you can set the HP or LP filter parameters for each output.

DELAY

Use the DELAY button to enter the delay menu (the DELAY button lights). In this menu you can set the delay time for each input and output.

SETUP

Use the SETUP button to enter the setup menu (the SETUP button lights). In this menu you can set the various general parameters.

GEQ - graphic equalizer

Use the GEO button to enter the graphic equalizer menu (the GEO button lights). In this menu you can set the equalization of each input. **PEO - parametric equalizer**

PEU - parametric equalize

Use the PEQ button to enter the parametric equalizer screen (the PEQ button lights). In this screen you can set the equalization of each input and output.

DEQ - dynamic equalizer

Use the DEQ button to enter the dynamic equalizer screen (the DEQ button lights). In this screen you can set the dynamic equalization of each input.

DYN - dynamic processors

Use the DYN button to enter the dynamic menu (the DYN button lights). In this menu you can set the signal dynamic processing, compression and limiting, of each input and output.

SPLM - level manager

Use the SPLM button to enter the level manager menu (the SPLM button lights). In this menu you can set the level management for each input and output.

RTA - real time analyzer

Use the RTA button to enter the analyzer menu (the RTA button lights). In this menu you can set the level for the RTA MIC input.

8. Input meters

The input meters monitor the input level of either analog or AES-EBU inputs, depending on the input mode set in the Setup Menu. Optimal signal-to-noise performance is obtained when the average input level consistently lights the -12dBu (green) and intermittently lights the -6dBu (Yellow) LED indicators. As the PC260 is a digital audio device, the digital clipping produces very unpleasant results, so the Clip (red) LED should never light. If the PC260's input does clip, reduce the output level of the connected mixer. The -6dB PAD button at the rear panel can be used for adjusting the input level also.

9. A - B input MUTE buttons

Each input channel has a lighted Mute button. Pressing the Mute button turns off the input of that channel. The button lights red as an alert. Press the Mute button again to restore the output channel's signal.

10. A - B input EDIT buttons

Use these buttons to access the editing of the input's parameter (the buttons light blue when pressed). Pressing these buttons while in Run time mode, you enter the LEVEL menu (the LEV button also lights) where you can adjust the level of the selected input. If a processing button, such as DELAY, GEQ, PEQ, DEQ, DYN, has been previuosly selected, pressing the edit button you choose the channel to process.

11. Output meters

Each output channel has a four-segment VU meter. Meter withdrawal point can be pre or post mute, as set on SETUP page. The red segment indicates that limiting is being applied to the output channel if the limiter is engaged or, if the limiter is disabled, indicates clipping of the D/A converters, which should be avoided by adjusting the Output Level.

It is important to understand how the meters work and what they are displaying. The Output Levels are displayed as "dB to Limiter Threshold". In other words, the meters will display the headroom between the output level and the limiter threshold. When viewed in conjunction with the gain reduction meters in the dynamic menu of the selected channel (use DYN button), this provides a complete display of level and headroom before and after limiting has been engaged to allow system levels to be optimized. This also means that the output metering will be displayed differently depending on the limiter threshold setting.

12. Output MUTE buttons

Each output channel has a lighted Mute button. Pressing the Mute button turns off the output of that channel. The button lights red as an alert. Press the Mute button again to restore the output channel's signal.

13. Output EDIT buttons

Use these buttons to access the editing of the output's parameter (the buttons light blue when pressed). Pressing these buttons while in Run time mode, you enter the LEVEL menu (the LEV button also lights) where you can adjust the level of the selected channel. If a processing button, such as XOVER, DELAY, PEQ, DYN, has been previuosly selected, pressing the edit button you choose the channel to process.



14. RTA MIC input

This balanced XLR input is fitted a phantom power to supply and it can be used for connecting a condenser microphone for acoustic measurements. This allows the PC260 to measure and display in real time the signal reproduced through the speakers system in the acoustic environment.

REAR PANEL

15. AC ~

The PC260 features a standard IEC A.C. inlet that will accept universal power cords. The PC260 power supply is auto-ranging and can accept voltages from 100 - 240 V AC, 50 – 60 Hz. Only A.C. cords approved for use in your country should be connected to the PC260.

16. FUSE holder

The A.C. inlet includes a fuse holder that contains the mains fuse as well as a spare fuse. If necessary, replace the fuse only with a specified 5x20mm, T 1 A 250 V replacement. Disconnect A.C. power before replacing a fuse. Before turning the unit back on, assess the condition of the A.C. receptacle powering the unit. If the fuse continues to blow, refer to PROEL qualified service personnel.

17. POWER switch

The A.C. power switch turns power to the PC260 On and Off.

18. AES/EBU Digital Input

In addition to the analog audio inputs, an AES/EBU digital stereo input is provided and selectable in the SETUP menu. The input conforms to IEC standard 60958 Type I. Connections must be made with three-conductor, 110-0hm, twisted pair cabling and an XLR connector. It allows to use all sampling frequencies in the range of 32-96 kHz.



19. TERMINATE switch

In a PRONET network the last connected device must be terminated (with an inner load resistance) especially in a long run cabling: press this switch if you want to terminate the unit.

20. PRONET Network OUT connector

This is a standard RJ45 CAT5 connector (with optional NEUTRIK NE8MC RJ45 cable connector carrier), used for transmission of remote control data over long distance or multiple unit applications. See PRONET section further in this manual.

21. PRONET Network IN connector

This is a standard RJ45 CAT5 connector (with optional NEUTRIK NE8MC RJ45 cable connector carrier), used for transmission of remote control data over long distance or multiple unit applications. See PRONET section further in this manual.

22. Balanced XLR Output connectors

Each output channel has an electronically balanced XLR connector for the connection to the system's amplifiers.



IMPORTANT: Care must be taken to assure that each output is connected to an appropriate amplifier and loudspeaker to avoid damage or unexpected results. Note that a new preset may change the assignment of channel and its frequency range. For instance an output assigned to Hi frequency speakers in one preset, may be assigned as a sub output in another. See Configurations section further on this manual.

23. Balanced XLR Input connectors

Each input has an electronically balanced, locking XLR connector. In stereo or dual modes, connections to both inputs must be made. In mono modes, only one connection is needed, typically to Input A.

24. Balanced XLR Thru connectors

Each analog audio input is linked directly to an XLR male connector. The signal does not undergo any digital conversion or processing. These connectors are used to pass input audio to a second PC260 used as a slave or to other audio inputs in the system.

25. – 6dB PAD switch

Input levels to the PC260 can be reduced by 6dB prior to the A/D converter to compensate for higher-level output from mixers and other audio devices. The PC260's Input level Meters (8) will indicate incoming signal level and whether attenuation is required.

26. GND LIFT switch

This switch lift the ground of the balanced audio inputs from the earth-ground of the PC260. If you have HUM noise problem on the whole loudspeaker system attached to your PC260 try to change the position of this switch. Please note that to have an effect all cables must be balanced.



CABLE CONNECTIONS



INPUT Balanced male XLR



OUTPUT Balanced female XLR

Audio Cables

Always use correctly shielded audio cables when connecting to the PC260.

Balanced Input / Output Connections (Recommended)

To minimize induced noise caused by audio cables and to maximize the length of cables used, balanced connections are strongly advised for both Inputs and Outputs. The XLR jacks provided on the PC260 are configured as pin 1 ground, pin 2 hot (+), pin 3 cold (-). Cable shielding must be connected to pin 1.

Un-balanced Input / Output Connections (Not recommended)

Un-balanced connections can be made to the PC260, although induced noise from cabling may be increased. Cables should also be less than 15" (5m) in length. Unbalanced connections can be 6dB lower in level as well. To match the audio level obtained with a balanced connection, it is necessary to tie pin 3 to ground at the XLR connector. This may increase noise.

Digital Input AES/EBU Connection

This connection is wired like the audio analog connection, but we recommend the use of the proper threeconductor, 110-Ohm, twisted pair cable, do not use a generic MIC cable.

USB Cable

To connect the computer you can use a Type A-B USB cables, this cable is readily available in any computer dealers.

PRONET Cable

Network connections between nodes are via rugged NEUTRIK NE8MC ethercon connectors; these are high quality connectors and are compatible with standard RJ45 plugs. Node connections are made using standard RJ45 connectors and CAT5 cable. Long runs should be solid core, but standard is fine. The implication is that stranded is more robust and less prone to breakage, it is therefore suggested that solid should be used for install applications while stranded is better suited to rental applications. Termination of all connectors at each END node is essential for the network to function correctly.

The table shows the standard straight-through convention for CAT5 patch cables. The straight-through cable uses the same connection coding at both ends T568A-T568A or T568B-T568B, these are the most common cable used between network nodes. Bear in mind though that only Pins 1, 2, 4, 5 are used to link the PRONET network devices.

Any CAT5 or CAT6 cable could be used, we recommend to use the pre-assembled cables with shield in combinantion with the optional carrier NE8MC, reliable self-made cables require the use of a good crimping tool that usually is too much expensive. The CAT5 or CAT6 net cables are readily available in any computer dealers. The NEUTRIK NE8MC ethercon carrier is available from PROEL.

Pin	T568A Pair	T568B Pair	Wire	T568A Color	T568B Color	Pins on plug face (socket is reversed)
1	3	2	tip	M white/green stripe	M white/orange stripe	
2	3	2	ring	green solid	orange solid	Pin Position
3	2	3	tip	M white/orange stripe	white/green stripe	
4	1	1	ring	on the solid blue solid	on and a solid	
5	1	1	tip	white/blue stripe	white/blue stripe	
6	2	3	ring	orange solid	green solid	a s
7	4	4	tip	white/brown stripe	white/brown stripe	
8	4	4	ring	one of the solid brown solid	one of the second secon	



OPERATING MODE

PC260 has two operation modes:

REMOTE MODE using PRONET software

Connect the unit to a PC running Windows and PRONET software by means of USB port or NETWORK port, push the Online button on the PRONET button bar and after some seconds the following screen appears on the display, now the PC260 is controlled remotely by the PC and all controls are disabled, if you want to return in run time mode push the offline button.



See the further PRONET CONFIGURATION section for how to build in details a PRONET network.

Refer to the PROEL web site (www.proel.com) to download the PRONET software and documentation.

The **PROEL LOUDSPEAKER LIBRARIES** can be downloaded from the web site in your computer, then loaded in the PC260 unit using the PRONET software, refer to its documentation for details.



RUN TIME MODE

The run time mode is the normal operating mode of the PC260, then after turn on the unit the following screen appears: The display shows the main status of the unit: name, preset, SPLM status, routing, real time clock. All control buttons are active.

PRESETS

The PC260 features four types of preset:

DEAFAULT Presets

The PC260 comes with one Default preset identified by a "D" letter after the number. This is a preset with all the parameters in Default position, which can be used as a starting point for creating your own settigns from scratch or for RESETTING and existing User or Protected preset.

FACTORY Presets

The PC260 comes with Factory presets including the settings for PROEL loudspeaker systems. A factory preset is identified by a "F" letter after the number. Only the the input processing parameters can be edited in Factory presets, which is indicated by a KEY symbol in the first line of the display.

When a input parameter is modified an asterisk "*" appears after the "F" letter on the display indicating that the preset is edited. Modified Factory presets cannot be saved in the Factory locations, but only in User location: in this case they become Protected presets.



IMPORTANT: always be sure to recall the Factory preset for the right loudpeaker system and to make the right output connections., otherwise loudspeaker system damages could be occur.

PROTECTED Presets

When you store a modified factory preset in a user prese, it becomes a Protected preset, which is identified by a "P" letter after the number. As for the Factory preset, only the input processing parameters can be edited, which is indicated by a KEY symbol in the first line of the display.

When a input parameter is modified an asterisk "*" appears after the "P" letter on the display indicating that the preset is edited. Usually Protected presets are created when you need to modify the input parameters of a Factory preset and then save it.

USER Presets

A User preset is identified by a "U" letter after the number. When the unit is set in FULL EDIT MODE (see further in this manual), both input and output parameters can be edited in a User presets.

When a input parameter is modified an asterisk "*" appears after the "U" letter on the display indicating that the preset is edited.



Recall a Preset

To recall a preset, press the front panel RCL button. The display shows the RECALL PRESET menu and the current preset in the list of those available in the internal memory. Using the DATA knob scroll the preset list and select the preset to be recalled. Valid presets will display the preset name, empty presets will not display any name. Select a valid preset and push the DATA knob to confirm.

The display will prompt, "Push DATA to confirm, ESC to abort". Press the DATA knob to confirm and load the new preset.

IMPORTANT: Make sure that the new preset is appropriate for your system, and that the connections to your system are correct for the current configuration. Failure to do so could cause unexpected results or damage to the system or its components.

To exit the Recall process without loading a new preset, press the ESC button, SETUP or any active buttons in the processing menu. ESC button will return the display to run-time mode. Setup or any active processing menu buttons will display the corresponding edit screen.



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RECALL PR	RESET	ъ	1/1
	PUSH DATA T ESC TO	O CONFIRM ABORT	

Save a Preset

Edited presets can be saved in one of the User Preset memory locations. To save a preset, press the SAVE button. The display will show the SAVE PRESET menu. If the previously loaded preset was a user preset the cursor starts from the same user preset. If the previously loaded preset was factory preset the cursor starts from the first user preset. Use the DATA knob to select the user destination. Locations that already have presets saved in them will display a preset name. Empty locations will display "default" in the name field. You may select an empty location, or a location of a preset that will be over-written and push the DATA knob to confirm.

The display will prompt, "Push DATA to confirm, ESC to abort". Press the DATA knob to confirm and save the new preset.

Now you have to enter a name: Rotate the DATA knob to select the letter or symbol, then push the DATA knob to skip to the next character in the name field. The PC260 provides the complete ANSI character set, in this order:

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~

When the preset is named, press SAVE again.



Delete a Preset

Also if doesn't happen very often, sometimes could be necessary to erase a preset, particularly when using the PRESET LOCK mode or the SPL manager and you need to cancel previously stored preset that rae not used anymore.

To erase a preset you have to recall the "Default" preset (no. 1) and save it in the user location you want to erase:





PUSH DATA TO CONFIRM

EDIT NAME & PRESS SAVE TO STORE

SAVE PRESET

04WMy Preset

SETUP

The Setup menu allows access PC260's global parametersThis is where preferences for many functions can be set or adjusted. Use page up (PG UP) and page down (PG DW) to scroll between setup pages. Rotate the DATA knob for selecting the values/data and push it to enter them.

MISCELLANEOUS

METERS-MUTE

Here you can set if the output meters show the signal before (PRE) or after (POST) the mutes button.

TEMPERATURE

Here you can set the ambient temperature, in order to calculate the speed of

sound for converting delay times into distance. As default the temperature is set in celsius units scale, in the following page you can set the unit as Fahrenheit.

INFORMATION NOTE: Speed of sound

Sound travels at different speeds depending on the density of the surrounding air it is traveling through. Cold air is denser than warm air thus, travels slower than it would if the air was warmer. Temperature can have a major influence with greater distances, particularly with respect to widely separated speaker arrays surrounding the audience

for example. Temperatures might vary wildly between an indoor environment and an outdoor evening environment for example. The speed of sound at room temperature of 20 °C is 343 meters per second. At freezing temperatures sound travels at 331 meters per second. V is the speed of sound and T is the temperature of the air. This formula finds the average speed of sound for any given temperature (celcius). The speed of sound is also affected by other factors such as humidity and air pressure.

IN-SELECT

Here is where you can select the type of input between Analog and Digital AES/EBU).

COMM MODE

Here is where the communication port is set. You can choose between USB and Pronet Network port. The communication status is showed in the first line of the Run time mode display: if appears this symbol 🖶 the communication is set as USB, if appears this symbol the communication is set as NETWORK.

UNITS

TEMPERATURE

Here is where the temperature units can be chosen between in Celsius or Fahrenheit.

EQ-BAND

Here is where the bandwidth for parametric filters can be set as quality factor (Q) or as octave width (OCT).

TIME

This page is where the internal real time clock is set.

GANGING

This page is where the channel ganging is set. When GANGING is activated all the channels parameters are linked toghether, if you change a parameter in one of these channels also the same parameter of the channels ganged with it changes. Ganging links only the paramaters, no the audio signal.

DEVICE NAME

This page is where the PC260 name is set. Push the DATA knob to navigate then rotate the DATA knob to scroll the value, confirm all data pressing SETUP.

CHANNEL NAME

This page is where a name can be assigned to each chann.

SETUP UNITS

E0-BAND

TEMPERATURE

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	TRESS SETS		

SETUP DEVICE NAME-PC260

NAME: ROCK-CAFE'

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SETUP CHANNEL NA	ME 6/8
CHANNEL CH1	NAME: DUTPUT_SUB-L
PRESS SETUR	TO CONFIRM NAME

PRESS SETUP TO CONFIRM NAME



Analog

SETUP MISCELLANEOUS

HETERS-HUTE 10000 TEMPERATURE 20 °C

IN-SELECT



2/8

5/8

PROEL

 $V_{m/s} = 331 + (0.6 * T)$

COMM MODE Usb

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FIRMWARE UPDATE

This page is where the PC260 Firmware can be updated from USB port. To update the firmware a PC with PRONET software installed is required. Both the firmware and the PRONET software can be downloaded from proel web site (www.proel.com). In the PRONET documentation you can find the instruction to update the firmware. Press ESC or PG UP/DW buttons to escape from this page, press SETUP to proceed with the firmware update, the following screen appears on the display:

Now the PC260 still waiting the PRONET program to send the firmware thru USB port, if you want to escape from this procedure without update the firmware you have only a solution: TURN OFF and TURN ON again the PC260.

LOCK



This page is where the PC260 can be locked or unlocked by the installer/operator. There are four LOCK levels available, indicated by a padlock in the first line of the display:

FULL EDIT PARTIAL LOCK PRESET LOCK TOTAL LOCK

For setting a different LOCK level, rotate the DATA knob to select the level, press the DATA knob to confirm the new level and then input a password using again the DATA knob. Press SETUP again for confirming all data.

Press ESC or PG UP/DW buttons to escape from this page without changing the lock status.

FULL EDIT

This is the defult LOCK level when you turn on the PC260 for the first time or when an operator performs a FULL SYSTEM RESET. All routing setting sare available and all DSP input and output parameters are accessible and adjustable (only input parameters for Factory and protected presets). Resulting settings can be saved into any User Preset location for later recall. Editing can be performed from the control panel or from a PC with PRONET software.

PRESET LOCK

This LOCK level allows only the USER Presets saved in the processor's memory to be recalled. The only other parameter accessible is the inout and output MUTE

This LOCK mode level can be used by installators who want to save a number of different presets for the sound system and then lock any other parameter except the preset recalling.

PARTIAL LOCK

Limited editing can be performed on Factory, Protected and User presets:

- INPUT parameters: DELAY, GEQ, PEQ, DEQ, DYN, mute and level;
- OUTPUT parameters: mute and TRIM level;
- SPL Management.

TOTAL LOCK

NO editing can be performed on the processor, including the preset recall. Note: when the SPLM is activated the PC260 is forced in the TOTAL LOCK status.

SETUP LOCK	ƁFull Edit	8/8
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PR	ESS SETUP TO UNLO	СК

SETUP LOCK	🗄 Partial	8/8
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PRES	S SETUP TO UNLOCK	(

SETUP LOCK	B Total	8/8
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PROCESSING MENU

The following diagram shows the internal processing structure of the PC260.



Using the PROCESSING menu in conjuction with EDIT and PG UP/PG DW buttons, all the above sections can be edited.

EDITING processing menu parameters

ROUTING - signal routing



This page is where each output channel is assigned to an input channel A or B or to the sum of A+B channels. Press the ROUTING button to access, then push the DATA knob to select the output to edit and rotate the knob to select the value. Confirm all data pressing ROUTING again, or press ESC to exit without changing the routing



CH1 CH2 CH3 CH4 CH5 CH6 PRESS

ROUTING

LEVEL - levels and phase polarity

The LEV section is used to adjust input and output levels. Press the LEVEL button and the EDIT button of the channel you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it:

The **LEVEL** value can vary from -30dB to +6dB for the input channels and from -30dB to +15dB for the output channels.

The **TRIM** value is present only in the output channels and can be set between -6dB to +6dB. This parameter can be adjusted also if the PC260 unit is in PARTIAL lock status.

The **PHASE** value can be set between 0° (normal polarity) or 180° (reversed polarity).





XOVER - crossover filters



The PC260's crossover is an advanced frequency division process that is accomplished by applying a variety of high-pass and low-pass filters to a predetermined set of crossover points.

Speaker systems are generally made up of several drivers that are dedicated to a specific range of frequencies, which results in an efficient reproduction of the audio

spectrum and a smooth sound. The PC260 crossover routes frequencies to the appropriate drivers to accurately reproduce the sound. The crossover network can also be used to ensure that low-frequency energy is not accidentally routed to the mid-range or tweeter drivers that may result in potential damage.

Available PC260 crossover parameters are Type and Frequency. To access the Xover section, press the XOVER button and then the EDIT button of the output you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it:



For each output channel two crossover points can be set, which are named Xo1 and Xo2. Please note that in the FLAT default preset both are set as Thru (the signal passes thru without filtering process). The parameters are:

XOVER CH1: OUTPUT	_1	1/1
Xo1 LP/HPH-pass	Xo2 LP/HP	L-pass
TYPE Thru	TYPE	Thru
FREQ 1k00Hz	FREQ	1k00Hz

LP/HP

The crossover filter generally consists of a low pass filter in one channel and a high pass filter in the adjacent channel.

H-pass: a high pass filter passes frequencies above the crossover point and attenuates those below.

L-pass: a how pass filter passes frequencies below the crossover point and attenuates those above.

As standard Xo1 is set as H-pass (HIGH-PASS) and Xo2 is set as L-pass (LOW-PASS), but they can be set also differently.

See the figure below-(note: all the following figures are taken from the PRONET software):



This figure shows the frequency spectrum of an output with Xo1 set as H-pass, Butt 24, 100Hz and Xo2 set as L-pass, Butt 24, 1KHz all signal highlighted is cut out.

TYPE

The PC260 offers a wide choice of HiPass and LoPass filters with different slopes and responses. The Type parameter defines the characteristics of the crossover filter:

• Butterworth: 6dB, 12dB, 18dB, 24dB, 48dB

• Bessel: 12dB, 18dB, 24dB 48dB

• Linkwitz-Riley: 12dB, 24 dB, 48dB

Each filter can be bypassed setting it as "thru".

The figures below show the various slopes with the FREQ parameter set at 1 kHz:



FREQ.

Frequency offers a selectable frequency range from 20 Hz to 20 KHz.

DELAY MASTER CHANNEL DELAY

PC260 offers input and output delay.

Master A and B input delay is useful for compensating different arrival times of sound originating from loudspeakers that are closer or further away from the listener than others.

Channel 1 to 6 output delay is useful for compensating physical offsets of the acoustic centers of transducers within a loudspeaker cabinet. For example, due to cabinet construction, the acoustic center of a high frequency transducer may be placed behind or in front of the acoustic center of the low frequency transducer. The Delay parameter can align the audio signal between the multiple transducers within the loudspeaker. The output delay can be useful also to align the subwoofer, usually placed at ground level, with the satellite speakers suspended. Available delay parameters are DELAY and UNITS:

The **DELAY** parameter allows the user to set the Delay time values (0 to +300.00ms or 0 to 200m/675ft).





The **UNIT** parameter allows to set the delay unit in us (microsecond / 10^{-6} s), ms (millisecond / 10^{-3} s), mm (millimeter / 10^{-3} m), m (meter), inch and feet values. To access the delay section, press the DELAY button and then the EDIT button of the channel you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it:

DELAY DELAY UNIT	CHA: 0.00m n	INPUT_A A B	4	1/1
DELAY DELAY UNIT	CH1 : Onn pp	OUTPUT 1 2 3	1 4 5 6	1/1

Note: The effect of air temperature is also automatically calculated for the total delay time using the Temperature value entered in the Setup Menu.



IMPORTANT: Make sure that the Master A and B input channels delay is exactly the same when an output is routed from the A+B sum. We recommend to link the inputs (ganging) to make sure that the same delay is applied to both inputs. Failure to do that could cause unexpected results on each A+B sum output (internal comb filtering).



INFORMATION NOTE: Subwoofer delay time adjustment

PC260 processor allows the adjustment of the delay to allow the correct alignment of the system. The default setting gives the correct temporal alignment for when the tops are set up directly above the subwoofers; in any other case, the delay should be adjusted to correct the alignment. The delay to be added to the preset can be calculated quite simply. The above figure showsan example of this alignment. The system is composed of a flown satellite and a subwoofer positioned on the ground. The sound coming from the sub covers a shorter distance that the top in reaching the listener (position P), it is therefore necessary to delay the emission of the sub to restore the correct temporal alignment. If d is the distance the subwoofer is placed in relation to the theoretical alignment position (the dashed image in the picture), the delay to be set on the processor can be calculated using the following equation:

$$T_s = d / c$$

where c is the speed of sound (about 344 m/s). The PC260 processor also allows the delay to be set directly in meters or feet. Example: If the subwoofer is positioned 2 metres forward from the line of satellite units, the equation would work as follows:

d = 2 m T = d / c = 2 / 344 = 0.006 s = 6 ms

GEQ - graphic equalizer

In the GEQ section you can control the 28-bands 1/3 octave graphic equalizer of each input channel. The GEQ is controlled using gain sliders, just like you would do in a normal graphic EQ.



To access the first page of the graphic EQ section, press the GEQ button and then the EDIT button of the input you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit (GAIN or FREQUENCY) and rotate the knob to adjust it:

GEQ CHA	: INPUT_A	2/2
TYPE	EZCurve	
BYPASS	M	



In the second page of the GEQ section there is a useful BYPASS function for comparing the sound with and without EQ. In addition, it's possible to select the response TYPE of the equalizer, by changing the shape or "Q" of the single cells. The behaviour of each type is shown below.

The "EZCurve" type is based on the Proel's EZCurve analog Graphic Equalizer's response. It has a "Q" that varies with cut/boost applied - wider 'Q' at lower values of cut/boost - resulting in a smoother response when smaller amounts of EQ are added.



The "Type1" response has a fixed "Q", giving more precise control, and offers the flattest response when boosting groups of adjacent faders.

The "Type2" response has a fixed "Q" too, like Type1, but it has a different reference and a lower value of the "Q" shape: this gives a different response from Type1 equalization.



EZcurve, 1 KHz + 1.25 KHz, +3 / 6 / 12 dB

Type 1, 1 KHz + 1.25 KHz, +3 / 6 / 12 dB



Type 2, 1 KHz + 1.25 KHz, +3 / 6 / 12 dB

PEQ - parametric equalizer

To access the parametric EQ section, press the PEQ button and then the EDIT button of the channel you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the



parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it. Use PG UP and PG DW buttons for scrolling the pages of the five filters available for each input and output.

The PC260 PEQ provides a very powerful and complex set of multi-mode filters. Care must be taken when configuring these filters as they interact and can produce unexpected results. Using the PRONET PC application is strongly recommended to set all but the most simple eq curves.

Each band of the PEQ can be configured for a specific filter TYPE, FREQUENCY, SLOPE, SHAPE or GAIN setting. Each filter band can be deactivated using the BYPASS parameter (as default the BYPASS is active, sot he signal passes thru the filter cell unchanged). Please note that changing the filter TYPE the gain parameter goes to zero: this avoids excessive sound changes during a performance.

Attention must be paid to the ultimate output gain through the rest of the PC260's audio path, as it is possible to boost frequency ranges to the point where the internal audio paths of the system may clip. A simple rule can be applied to avoid this: cutting is better than boosting.

The following graphs show how the signal changes when a specified filter is used.

Peak or Parametric filter. A parametric equalizer has three parameters that determine the frequency response: frequency, Q or octave (bandwidth) and gain. Parametric filters are ideal for identifying, isolating and correcting problematic frequency ranges. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, +15dB or -15dB, oct=0.05 / 1.0 / 3.0.

Notch filter. A notch filter has two parameters that determine the frequency response: frequency, Q or octave (bandwidth). Notch filters are ideal for identifying, isolating and correcting problematic frequency, in particularly to cut a microphone feedback. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, oct=0.05 / 1.0 / 3.0.



PEQ1 CHA: INPU	Л_А		1/5
GAIN 0.0dB	SHAPE	1.410	
FREQ 1k00Hz	SLOPE		
BYPASS 📈	TYPE	Peak	





Low-shelf. A shelf filter has three parameters that determine the frequency response: frequency, gain and slope. In a Low-shelf filter the frequencies below its frequency setting can be boosted or cut. The extent of width of the filter's transition band is the Slope, it can be fixed at 6 or 12dB or vary in this range. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, +15dB or -15dB, 6 or 12 dB slope.

High-shelf. A shelf filter has three parameters that determine the frequency response: frequency, gain and slope. In a High-shelf filter the frequencies above its frequency setting can be boosted or cut. The extent of width of the filter's transition band is the Slope, it can be fixed at 6 or 12dB or vary in this range. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, +15dB or -15dB, 6 or 12 dB slope.

Res Low pass. A resonance low pass filter has two parameters: frequency and Q. This is a low pass filter with 12dB slope and it can be used alone or in conjuction with a xover filter using the variable Q to model the response in the cut off frequency range. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, Q at min or max value.

Bandpass. A bandpass filter has two parameters: frequency and Q. This is a typical band pass filter with 6dB slope. Note that the response is fundamentally NOT a flat-topped response (so it is not constructed from a high pass and low pass). The graph shows the response at 1KHz, Q at min or max value.

Res High pass. A resonance high pass filter has two parameters: frequency and Q. This is a high pass filter with 12dB slope and it can be used alone or in conjuction with a xover filter using the variable Q to model the response in the cut off frequency range. The graph shows the response at 1KHz, Q at min or max value.

All pass 1st. An all pass first order filter introduces a phase shift that gradually changes from -180° above the centre frequency to the specificed value at the centre frequency tending towards 0° below the centre frequency. This filter can be used to shape the phase behaviuor of a specified output. The graph shows the phase response centered at 1KHz at 45° steps.

All pass 2nd. An all pass second order filter affects the frequency at which the phase effectively flips 180° and the 'speed' (using the Q parameter) at which this transition occurs. This filter can be used to shape the phase behavior of a specified output. The graph shows the phase response centered at 1KHz with 0.35, 0.70, 3.05 Q steps.



The following table details the type of filters that can be selected for each of the PEQ's 5 bands and their parameters:



TYPE (PC260)	TYPE (PRONET)	FREQ	GAIN	SHAPE	SLOPE
Peak	Param. Eq.	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	Q = 28.5 - 0.4 / oct = 0.05 - 3.0	-
Notch	Notch	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	Q = 28.5 - 0.4 / oct = 0.05 - 3.0	-
LoSh6	Low Sh. 6dB/oct	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	-
LoSh12	Low Sh. 12dB/oct	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	-
LoShV	Low Sh. var.	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	6.0 - 12 dB
HiSh6	High Sh. 6dB/oct	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	-
HiSh12	High Sh. 12dB/oct	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	-
HiShV	High Sh. var.	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	+/- 15 dB	-	6.0 - 12 dB
ResLp	Res. Lowpass	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	Q = 3.30 - 0.35	-
Bandpass	Bandpass	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	Q = 28.5 - 0.4 / oct = 0.05 - 3.0	-
ResHp	Res. Highpass	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	Q = 3.30 - 0.35	-
Allp1	Allpass 1st ord.	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	degrees = -3° to -179°	-
Allp2	Allpass 2nd ord.	15.6 Hz - 22.627 KHz	-	Q = 3.30 - 0.35	-
TYPE (PC260)	TYPE (PRONET)	FREQ	GAIN	SHAPE	SLOPE

DEQ - dynamic equalizer

DEQ

To access the first page of the dynamic EQ section, press the DEQ button and then the EDIT button of the input you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it. Use PG UP and PG DW buttons for scrolling the pages of the three dynamic EQ filters available for each input.

The first line of the display shows the EQ filter number (DEQ1, DEQ2, DEQ3). For each EQ filter you can set many parameters: GAIN, FREQ, BAND, TYPE, THRESHOLD and TIME are in the first page of the filter, MODE, SIDECHAIN and BYPASS are in the second page. The first page shows also the input LEVEL meter and the second page the GAIN meter.

When Input A and Input B channels are linked (see SETUP GANGING section), the display first line shows CHA&B and the DEQ parameters are modified in the same way in both inputs A and B.

IN A DEQ, EACH CELL IS AN EQ FILTER WHERE THE GAIN PARAMETER IS DYNAMICALLY CONTROLLED BY THE LEVEL OF THE INPUT SIGNAL.

All parameters can be adjusted separately for each cell, these are:

GAIN

Sets the gain parameter for the filter.

FREQ

Sets the reference frequency for the filter.





BAND

Controls the filter bandwidth (available only for parametric type and not for shelving types).

TYPE

Panan

THRE 0.0dB

TIME Medium1

DEQ1 CHA: INPUT.

DEQ1 CHA: INPUT_A

Below

GAIN 0.038

BAND 0.430

MODE

FREQ 1k00Hz

TYPE

Selects the type of filter. Note that when changing the filter type the GAIN is set to zero.

EQ filter types available are:

"Param" as Parametric filter,

"LoSh" as Low Shelf 6dB/oct. filter,

"HiSh" as High Shelf 6dB/oct. filter.

THRE

Threshold sets which the level of the input signal that congrols the gain of the dynamic EQ filter. According to the MODE setting (ABOVE / BELOW), when the input signal reaches the threshold, the gain increase or reduction of the dynamic filter is activated or deactivated.

The amount of gain increase or reduction is shown by the GAIN METER (see also MODE parameter). The threshold level is referred to 0 dB: if the input has no attenuation, it corresponds to 0 dBu (775 mV) of the input signal, so Threshold = +21 dB (max signal) means no detection of input signal.



BYPASS

LEV

(dB)

GAIN

(dB)

clip

2/6

-18

+14

D**O**



Time definitions for DEQ cells.		
Label	Attack Time (ms)	Release Time (ms)
Fast 1	1	10
Fast 2	4	40
Medium 1	8	80
Medium 2	20	200
Medium 3	40	400
Slow 1	80	800
Slow 2	100	1000

TYPE (signal equalization)	SIDECH: SIDE filter
Low Shelf at freq. f0	Low pass, cut freq. f0
Peaking centered at f0	pass band centered at f0
High Shelf at freq. f0	High pass, cut freq. f0

TIME

Determines how quickly the DEQ filter reacts to signals that reach the threshold (attack) and how slowly it is restored after signal goes goes away from the threshold (release). The table to the left shows all possible settings and the relative attack and release time. In order to avoid "pumping" effect on the signal, choose a fast setting for high frequency EQ and a slow setting for low frequency EQ.

MODE

It determines if the DEQ filter works when the signal is ABOVE the threshold or when the signal is BELOW the threshold.

SIDECH

Sidechain determines how the detection block analyzes the signal. In normal mode (NORM) the whole signal is sent to the threshold detection block. In sidechain mode (SIDE) a filtered signal is sent to the threshold detection block. The filter applied for the sidechain is choosen according to the TYPE of filter selected for the signal equalization (see the table).

BYPASS

Enable or disable the single DEQ filter.

LEV METER

As show in the block diagram, the level meter receives the signal after the sidechain block, so it shows the signal that controls the threshold detection block for a specific filter. It's useful for checking your sound program and set an appropriate threshold level.

GAIN METER

The GAIN meter shows the amount of gain / reduction of the filter. Depending on how the filter MODE is set (ABOVE / BELOW) you can see the filter action while the sound is played.

The example below shows how to use the DEQ for obtaining an automatic loudness effect.

In filters 1 and 3, low and high frequencies are boosted when the signal is <u>BELOW</u> the threshold: this means that the sound is richer and more defined with a low level signal. Whenever the signal goes above the set theshold, the low and high frequency boost is reduced or cancelled.

The filter 2 has a cut in the mid-high region that is activated when the signal goes <u>ABOVE</u> the threshold: this means that with a high level signal the sound is more pleasant and less harsh.

Note that the time setting is decreasing with frequency and that the SIDECHAIN is set to NORMAL for the HF band because, in a typical audio spectrum there isn't sufficient energy in high frequency range for driving properly a dynamic control.





DYN - dynamic processor

To access the first page of the dynamic section, press the DYN button and then the EDIT button of the channel you want to edit. Push the DATA knob to select the parameter to edit and rotate the knob to adjust it. Use PG UP and PG DW buttons for scrolling between the two pages available.

Each input and output of the PC260 has a dynamic processor hat can be configured as limiter or compressor and that provides a very complete set of parameters to control the sound dynamics. The most typical setups includea limiter on the outputs for protecting the speakers from excessive power and a compressor on the inputs for enhance the performance of the loudspeaker system or for controlling the sound pressure level.

THRE

This parameter set the threshold level for the compressor/limiter. Below the threshold no compression/limiting occurs, above the threshold the signal is

compress or limited as indicated in the dynamic curve. The threshold level is referred to the 0 dB: if the input has no attenuation it corresponds to 0 dBu (775 mV) of the input signal, so Threshold = +21 dB (max signal) means no detection of input signal. See further the SPEAKER PROTECTION SETTING information note for more details.

ATK

Attack time: determines how quickly the compressor/limiter reacts when the signal reaches above the threshold.

RFI

Release time: determines how slowly the compressor/limiter restores its normal gain after the signal goes below the threshold.

Attack and release times are dependent to the music genre and to the type of loudspeaker connected to the outputs. For an compressor/limiter on the inputs we suggest to start using a medium-long time for both attack and release time, such as 50mS for the attack and 450mS for the release, then shortest or longer the times if some audible artefacts are noted. For an output limiter for a specified speaker type we suggest to start with the times indicated in the table below and then adjust them if some audible artefacts are noted.

MODE

This parameter is used to set the dynamic processor as compressor (Comp) or limiter (Lim). When it is set as limiter the RATIO parameter is not available because the limiter has a fixed ratio of ∞ : 1. In limiter mode also the KNEE parameter, fixed as hard knee, and the GAIN parameter are not available.

RATIO

Available only when the dynamic processor is set as compressor, this parameter sets the amount of compression for the signal. In other words, it determines the input/output ratio for signals above the threshold. For example, a 5:1 ratio means that an input signal overshooting the threshold by 5 dB will goes out compressed to 1 dB.

KNEE

This parameter controls the transition from uncompressed to compressed signal in the dynamic curve of the dynamic processor.

Knee works in conjuction with the Ratio parameter to "gently" reduce the dynamic of the signal minimizing the effects of non-naturality that a hard compression causes, especially for higher ratios where the changeover from uncompressed and compressed signal is more noticeable. The knee can be set as follow:

Hard: select a basic hard transition of the dynamic curve.

Soft1: select a smooth and continuous transition of the dynamic curve from 5dB under the threshold to 5dB above the threshold.

Soft2: select a smooth and continuous transition of the dynamic curve from 10dB under the threshold to 10dB above the threshold. **REDU METER**

This is a meter showing when and how much the compressor/limiter is reducing the audio signal. It works only when the dynamic processor is enabled (BYPASS is "OFF").

GAIN

Gain control lets you to compensate the overall level reduction of a compressed signal. This parameter is not available when the dynamic processor is set as limiter.

BYPASS

This parameter enables or disables the dynamic processor.

OUT GRAPH

This graph shows the dynamic curve, i.e. the relation between the input level and output level.





COMP CHASE THRE 0.001 ATK 8ns REL 0.083	MODE Lin RATIO KNEE	BVPASS 1/2 REDU (dB) -15 -50
COMP CHA INPUT_A GAIN BYPASS J		
COMP CH1: THRE 0.0dB ATK 45ns REL 0.453	OUTPUT_1 8 MODE Lin RATIO 8	1∕2 REDU (dB) (=15 (=15)
COMP CH1 OUTPUT_1	2/2	

Minimum frequency (HPF)	Attack time (max)	Release time (min)
15.6 Hz - 62.5 Hz	45 mS	450 mS
62.5 Hz - 125 Hz	20 mS	250 mS
125 Hz - 250 Hz	8 mS	130 mS
250 Hz - 500 Hz	4 mS	80 mS
500 Hz - 2K Hz	2 mS	30 mS
2K Hz - 20K Hz	1 mS	10 mS

INFORMATION NOTE: Speaker protection setting

Replacing a professional speaker is an expensive cost and reducing this risk is good, so many users want to know how to set a limiter properly for the speaker protection.

The PC260 processors, like other loudspeaker processors, can protect the speaker from excessive heating using the OUTPUT LIMITER (though it is not possible to protect a speaker from every possible cause that occurs to damage it, such as over-excursion, very unnatural sound signals or an erroneous cross-over filter setting).

To protect a speaker from over heating you have to know some technical data:

1) The speaker power handling (PAES) measured with the AES2-1984 (r2003) standard (AES Recommended Practice - Specification of loudspeaker components used in professional audio and sound reinforcement), usually it is indicated in the speaker technical data in WAES. This standard is actually the best method to know the power handling capability of the speaker for a standard music program. In case of a group of speaker connected to the same channel you have to consider the whole power handling.

2) The **nominal impedance (ZNOM)** of the speaker and/or the resulting nominal impedance of the group of speaker connected at the same amplifier channel (typically 4 or 8 ohm).

3) Choose an amplifier that can drive this speaker with a nominal continuous power (PAVG or PCONTINUOUS or P(EIA 1KH2 THD<1%)) higher than the specified power handling of the speaker. Obviously this power must be delivered from the amplifier for the nominal impedance specified. The power of the amplifier must be always higher than that of the speaker in order to avoid the signal clipping, an event that can seriously damage or destroy a speaker

4) A typical professional amplifier has two operating modes that can be selected by a switch in the rear panel:

The first mode is at "nominal input sensitivity", which means that "full power is delivered when the input signal is XX dBu", typical values being 0dBu or +4dBu.

The second mode is at "fixed gain", which means that the amplifier voltage gain is fixed at a specified value expressed in dB, typical values being 26 or 32dB (GAIN).

To simplify the calculations we consider only the second case with an amplifier with a fixed gain. Calculate the limiter setting using the following equation:

$$LIMIT_{(dBu)} = 20 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sqrt{P_{AES} \times Z_{NOM}}}{0.775} \right) - GAIN$$

As example we presume to have a speaker with the following data: PAES = 300 W ZNOM = 4 OHM

$$LIMIT_{(dBu)} = 20 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sqrt{300 \times 4}}{0.775} \right) - 32 = +1 \, dBu$$

So we choose an amplifier capable of 500 W with a load of 4 ohm for channel with a fixed gain of: GAIN = 32 dB

Please note that in some cases you can obtain a negative result.

SOME TIPS

• To protect the high frequency drivers from dangerous feedbacks in live environments we suggest to set the limiter 3 dB under the calculated value.

• In some speaker systems you can note that the low-mid frequencies are limited before the high-mid frequencies. This can be due to the fact that the program reproduced is more rich in low frequencies (which usually have a higher energy contents) than in high frequencies, so the LF limiter is activated before and more often than the HF limiter. In this cases, the system sound can become very harsh and to restore a natural sound you'll need to set the HF driver limiter some dB under the calculated value (usually 3 - 6 dB).

• Often using bridged amplifier you have to add 6 dB to your amplifier GAIN: see the amplifier manual.



SPL MANAGEMENT

PC260 has a unique feature called Sound Pressure Level Management, specifically designed for the use of the processor in FIXED INSTALLATIONS. Using the SPLM the user can program changes in the settings of the audio system at a specified time in a specified day of the week. The PC260 has an internal clock that keeps the time also if the unit is turned off, so when an SPLM program is activated, the event programmed can be performed in real time.

The SPLM has 4 programs that can be used, for example, for different periods of the year. Each program includes 16 events that can be selected among the following:

- Mute, Level, Threshold (DYN processor) adjustment on the INPUTS (single A or B, ALL)
- Mute, Level, Threshold (DYN processor) adjustment on the OUTPUTS (single 1 to 4 or 1 to 6, ALL)
- PRESET recall

Press the SPLM button to access the first page of the Sound Pressure Level Management, where you can select the PROGRAM to edit or activate using the DATA knob (rotate + press).

In the following page use again the DATA knob (rotate + press) for choosing between EDIT or $\operatorname{ACTIVATE}$

If you choose EDIT, in the following page you have to enter the name of the program: type the name using the DATA knob, then press SPLM to confirm it. Use PG UP or PG DW to scroll between the events and the DATA knob for setting the time and choosing the event to program. Finally tick the ENABLE flag (note that unticked flags disable the event of the list).

If you choose ACTIVATE, the sequence of programmed events will be activated according to the real time clock and to the time set for the events. For activating the SPLM, the processor must be set in TOTAL LOCK status, so in the following page you will be required to enter a password. Once the password the PC260 will be put in TOTAL LOCK status and the SPLM sequence will be activated.





DATA

RTA

The PC260 processor has a built in 1/3 octave Real Time Analyzer, which is a useful tool for measuring the acoustic response of the sound system in order to make the proper EQ adjustments.

This RTA is not a precise measurement system such as dedicated computer software, but it can be used to get a general overview of the system's response in a not too much reverberant and noisy environment.

When you use an acoustic measurement gear remember always the following tips:

• You have to fix the system not a line on the screen.

• With the equalization you cannot correct a bad room acoustic: if the venue is too reverberant at some frequencies it remains reverberant also after the equalization.

• Always listen with your hear, do not blindfold trust any measurement.

• A good audio system placed in a good enviroment requires only little adjustments, usually by cutting few dBs in some frequency ranges. If you have to set exaggerated EQ, you probably have a noticeable acoustic problem and EQ'ing could not be the right cure.

• Acoustics measurements are not a simple issue and require a specific knowledge.

To make a RTA measurement you must have some additional equipment:

• A measurement microphone: for this kind of measurement you don't need the best microphone avilable, a simple and economic class 2 microphone is sufficient.

• A microphone stand.

• A XLR balanced cable (the lenght depends by the distance between the measurement mic and the PC260).

• A track with a pink noise record: pink noise is a special random noise where each octave carries an equal amount of noise power.

• A track or a selection of tracks of your preferred songs.

Connect the mic to the RTA MIC INPUT then place the mic on the stand at the centre of the venue. The distance between the speakers and the measurement mic must be no longer than 10 meters (30 ft), otherwise you may not have a sufficient signal to noise ratio.

1) Play the pink noise on the audio system.

2) Turn up the volume to a reasonable level, avoiding to compress/limit any input/output in the PC260 (see the LED indicators on the front panel).

3) Press RTA, then using the DIAL knob adjust the mic input level to have a sufficient signal across the mid line. If the audio system is right tuned, the RTA is aproximately linear with some bars above and some bars below the mid line.

4) If a noticeable misalignment is displayed you can try to adjust it using the input GEQ or PEQ.

5) After some adjustments you may be obtain a more linear RTA. Often if the misalignement is under the 400 Hz and you cannot obtain any adjustment, try to move the MIC in another position.

6) Once you are satisfied, turn off the pink noise and play you favorite songs. By turning on and off the EQ section, listen the differences and if necessary adjust the EQ settings. Always remember the first tip: **You have to fix the system not a line on the screen.**



RTA

MIC GAIN

AFTER EQ'ING







TYPICAL CONFIGURATIONS

As explained in the ROUTING section, the signal routing from input channels A & B is completely free and and can be assigned to any output channel. The following figures show some configuration example:

PC260 2 x 3 xover (advanced live or disco system)



PC260 2 x 2 xover + 1 zone (advanced live or disco pub system)



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PRONET NETWORK

The PRONET philosophy

PRONET software has been designed by Proel's Research & Development Department to easily control a single unit or a network of devices, like active loudspeakers or speaker processors, equipped with the C-AUDIO CORE digital processing platform.

PRONET has been developed in collaboration with sound engineers and sound designers, in order to offer an "easy-to-use" tool to setup and manage your audio system. With PRONET you can visualize signal levels, monitor internal status and edit all the parameters of each connected device.

Download the PRONET app from the PROEL website at http://www.proel.com clicking on support / download section.

Connecting devices

To configure a single processor like PC260 you can use a direct connection from your computer to the front panel USB port:

PC260 has both a USB and a network connection, so you'll need to select which connection you want to use in the SETUP menu (see above in this manual). If you want to use the network connection, the PROEL USB2CAN converter is needed.

The first time you connect a Processor device with a USB cable or with USB2CAN converter, Windows O.S. will ask you to install the driver files, which you can find in the Driver folder within the Pronet application folder (by default is C:\Program Files\Proel\Pronet\Driver, or if you changed it <your path>\Driver). Please refer also to "Installation" and "Drivers" paragraphs in the Pronet documentation.

Connecting devices to a PRONET NETWORK

For managing complex setups including multiple units of active speakers and processors, PROEL engineers have developed a networking system based on a robust, reliable and fast communication protocol called CANBUS.

The devices in a PRONET NETWORK are connected toghether with a "linear bus topology". A PROEL **USB2CAN CONVERTER** is needed for connecting the network to the USB port of the PC running the PRONET application. The USB2CAN CONVERTER is connected to the newtork input of the first device, the network output of the first device is connected to the input of the second and so on. For the network connections simple RJ45 cat.5 (or cat.6) ethernet cables can be used.

The beginning and the end of a PRONET NETWORK must be terminated. One side is terminated by the USB2CAN converter, the other side must be terminated pressing the TERMINATE switch on the last device. All devices between these two points must have the TERMINATE switch lifted.



Assign the ID number

To work properly in a PRONET NETWORK each connected device must have a unique Identifier Number, called ID. By default the PC controller has ID=0 and there can be only one PC controller in a network. Every other device connected must have its own unique ID equal or greater than 1: in the network cannot exist two devices with the same ID.

An ID number is assigned automatically to each devices when they are turned on for the first time connected to a network.

In order to correctly assign a new available ID to each device for working properly in a Pronet network, follow these instructions:

- 1. Switch off all the devices.
- 2. Connect them correctly to the network cables.
- 3. "TERMINATE" the lastest device in the network connection.
- 4. Switch on the first device in the network connection.
 - If it is a loudspeaker processor keep pressed "RTA" button on the front panel while switching on.
 - If it is an active loudspeaker keep pressed "Preset" button on the back panel while switching on.
- 5. Leaving the previous device switched on, repeat the previous operation on the next device,
- until the latest device is turned on.

The "Assign ID" procedure for a device makes the internal network controller to perform two operations: reset the current ID; search the first free ID in the network, starting from ID=1.

If no other devices are connected (and powered on), the controller assume ID=1, that is the first free ID, otherwise it searches the next one left free.

These operations ensure that every device has it's own unique ID, if you need to add a new device to the network you simply repeat the operation of step 5.



Every device maintains its ID also when it is turned-off, because the identifier is stored in the internal memory and it is cleared only by another "Assign ID" step, as explained above. This means that if your network is made always of the same devices the assigning ID procedure must be executed only the first time the system is turned on.

Note 1: If you add a new device as the last device in a Pronet network you have to re-set correctly the termination.

Note 2: Each device is issued from the PROEL factory has ID=1. Often also a device that returns from a technical assistance center will be ID=1.

Note 3: Into a Pronet network the IDs don't need to be sequential, they only must be unique. An example of this happen when you remove or power-off a device correctly assigned and already working into a network, there is a gap in the IDs sequence but it isn't a problem. Another example is when you add a new device with ID already assigned in different Pronet network, but different from any other ID already assigned in the network.

When working without a PC controller, you can still connect together a subsystem of active loudspeakers (satellities or subwoofers): with this kind of network, when you change a preset in one device you also change the same preset in each connected device of the same type (the same model).

Working with PRONET

PRONET application constantly checks the status of connected devices, if one of them loses the connection (network discontinuity, power shut down and so on), its label in the device tree list is highlighted with a red background colour.

PRONET application detect automatically if a disconnected device is re-actived, in this case PRONET re-load the device's data and the label in the device tree list changes to a green background colour.

PRONET can also detect automatically if a new device has been connected. If the new device's ID is a valid one then PRONET loads its datas and a new label appears in the device tree list. If the ID is not valid, because there is another device with the same ID in the network, no new device appears in the tree list or "ID conflict" / "Wrong Type" message appears in the device tree list.

In this case turn off the devices then turn on it as described in the ASSIGN ID section at the point 5, then force a new scan of the network using the "rescan" button on the PRONET application (also available in Menu/Connection/Rescan). A rescan operation clears the device tree list and searches again the connected devices.

More detailed instructions about PRONET application can be found in the included / on line documentation.



USB2CAN converter

To work with a Pronet network you need a USB2CAN converter that converts the USB data flow into the CAN bus. The USB2CAN converter needs to be connected to a USB 2.0 full speed port.

USB2CAN Features:

ARM7 microcontroller inside Galvanic isolation 500 V Voltage supply via USB bus USB 2.0 full speed High productivity on 1Mbit CAN bus speed Wide CAN bus baud rate range: 10-1000 Kbit/s Compliant with CAN specifications 2.0A (11-bit ID) and 2.0B (29-bit ID) Firmware upgrade via bootloader Drivers for Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7

To install correctly the software driver for the USB2CAN converter see "Installation" and "Drivers" paragraphs in the included or online ducumentation.

When you connect the converter to the USB port of the PC, the LED on the top lights RED: this mean that it is powered but the converter is not working yet.

The first time you go "online", the Pronet software application starts to control the network via the USB2CAN controller, sending and receiving datas from connected devices. If everything is OK the LED on the top of the converter lights GREEN indicating the activities on the network.

If there is a problem with the software driver, with network bus or there is a problem on the converter the LED flashes red and/or green.

STATUS LED	operation
RED/GREEN toggling	PC USB driver isn't installed
RED steady	converter is not working
GREEN steady	converter is working
GREEN blinking slow	there is a problem in the bus
GREEN blinking fast	there is a problem in the bus
RED blinking slow	there is a problem in the bus
RED and GREEN steady	Service mode



CLOCK BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The internal clock is equipped with a long time discharge LITHIUM battery, in order to keep running also when the unti is switched off. The discharge time may be more than 2 years and the battery status is showed on the display. In the figure on the left the bar inside the battery shows that it is completely charge. When it will be completely empty the battery must be replaced as follow:





0. USE A CR2477 LITHIUM BATTERY FOR REPLACEMENT.

- 1. DISCONNECT THE PC260 FROM THE MAINS LINE OUTLET.
- 2. OPEN THE PC260 REMOVING THE SCREWS SHOWN IN THE FIGURE:
- 3. LOCATE THE BATTERY (IT IS THE SILVER BOTTON ON THE REAR SIDE).
- 4. REMOVE THE OLD BATTERY (USE A PLASTIC TOOL TO LIFT UP THE POSITIVE CONTACT).
- 5. PLACE THE NEW BATTERY INSTEAD THE OLD ONE:

IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT ALWAYS FOLLOW CAREFULLY THESE TWO STEPS IN ORDER TO AVOID ABNORMAL CONSUMPTION OF THE BATTERY

6. SWITCH ON THE PC260 AND WAIT SOME SECONDS UNTIL THE DISPLAY SHOWS THE INITIAL PAGE. 7. SWITCH OFF, WAIT 2 SECONDS THEN SWITCH ON AGAIN.



BE CAREFUL

DANGER OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS INCORRECTLY REPLACED. REPLACE ONLY WITH SAME TYPE: CR 2477 LITHIUM MANGANESE DIOXIDE BATTERY.



The battery contains Perchlorate Material - special handling may apply, it should not be disposed with other household wastes at the end of its working life. To prevent possible harm to the enviroment or human health from uncontrolled waste disposal, please separate this from other types of wastes and recycle it.



Input Section						
Inputs	2 electronically balanced					
Input Impedance	> 10 kohm					
Maximum Input Level	+20 dBu (+26 dBu with -6dB pad)					
Input gain	+6 dB to –30 dB in 0,2 dB steps					
Input Connectors	XLR F - XLR M to link					
Digital Input	AES/EBU (32 - 96 KHz sample rate converter inside)					
Output Section						
Outputs	6					
Maximum Output Level	+20 dBu					
Output Gain	+15 dB to –30 dB in 0,2 dB steps and mute					
Output Connectors	XLR M					
Crossover Filters						
Slopes	6 / 12 / 18 / 24 / 48 dB per octave					
Туре	Bessel / Butterworth / Linkwitz-Riley					
Delays						
Max Delay time	600 ms on ALL In and Out					
Min Delay Step	21 us					
Parametric EQ filters						
Maximum number of filters	5 per input / 5 per output					
EQ Type	Parametric, Notch, Shelf, Bandpass, res. hp/lp, Allpass					
EQ Gain	+15 dB to -15 dB in 0.2 dB steps					
Q (bandwidth)	0.4 to 28.85 (3 to 0.05.1/20 oct. steps)					
EQ freq	15.6 Hz - 22.62 kHz (1/20 oct. steps)					
Dynamic EQ filters	- Provide Alexandree Characteria					
Maximum number of filters	3 per input					
Parameters	EQ Param., Shelf 6 / Freq. / Gain / Thre. / Time / Below-Above					
Graphic EQ						
EQ Type	28 band 1/3 oct.					
EQ freq	31.5Hz - 16kHz 1/3 oct.					
EQ Gain	+12 dB to -12 dB in 0,2 dB steps					
EXTRA FEATURES						
RTA range	20Hz-20kHz 1/3oct.					
RTA MIC input	15V phantom power					
SPLM	4 scene /16 events for each scene					
General						
AD/DA conversion	24 bit					
AD/DA latency	1,68 ms (analogue in – analogue out @ 48 KHz)					
Sampling frequency	48 kHz					
Internal processing	40 bit floating point					
Frequency response	±0,5 dB 20 Hz-20 kHz					
Dynamic range	>110 dB 20 H-0 kHz unweighted					
Distortion (THD)	< 0,015% @ 1kHz, +18dBu					
Display	192x32 LCD Graphic Display					
Input / Output meters	4 LED					
Remote control	USB, RJ45 PRONET network					
Dimensions	44 x 482 x 295 mm					
Weight	4,1 kg (9 lb)					
AC Power	100 to 240V ±15% @ 50/60 Hz					
	25 \/A					
Consumption	35 VA					



With the following table is possible to set the limiters without using a scientific calculator. To explain how to use it we make an example.

You have two loudspeaker with this data: Power handling: 250 Waes Nominal Impedance: 8 ohm and an amplifier capable of 600 Wcontinuos at 4 ohm with a FIXED GAIN of 32 dB, so

the loudspeakers are arranged in parallel resulting a power handling of 500 Waes at 4 ohm,

you have to choose the 4 ohm column in the fixed gain = 32 dB, scroll the values until reach 475, it is the value more close and slightly less to 500 Waes, then scroll the row at right and note the +3 dBu value, this is the value of the input signal that delivers 475 W to your loudspeaker, you have to set the limiter to this value.

Note: to avoid clipping the amplifier must be always capable to deliver a power greater than the power you have to limit.

INPUT SIGNAL to OUTPUT POWER CONVERSION TABLE												
Input Signal			Power Output									
			Fixed amp gain = 26 dB Fixed amp gain = 32 dB							6		
Signal references			Impedance				Impedance					
dBu	dBv	Vrms	2 ohm	4 ohm	8 ohm	16 ohm	2 ohm	4 ohm	8 ohm	16 ohm		
+21	+18,79	8,696		7526	3763	1881				7490		
+20	+17,79	7,750		5978	2989	1494				5950		
+19	+16,79	6,907	9497	4748	2374	1187			9452	4726		
+18	+15,79	6,156	7544	3772	1886	943		15016	7508	3754		
+17	+14,79	5,487	5992	2996	1498	749		11927	5964	2982		
+16	+13,79	4,890	4760	2380	1190	595		9474	4737	2369		
+15	+12,79	4,358	3781	1890	945	473		7526	3763	1881		
+14	+11,79	3,884	3003	1502	751	375		5978	2989	1494		
+13	+10,79	3,462	2385	1193	596	298	9497	4748	2374	1187		
+12	+9,79	3,085	1895	947	474	237	7544	3772	1886	943		
+11	+8,79	2,750	1505	753	376	188	5992	2996	1498	749		
+10	+7,79	2,451	1196	598	299	149	4760	2380	1190	595		
+9	+6,79	2,184	950	475	237	119	3781	1890	945	473		
+8	+5,79	1,947	754	377	189	94	3003	1502	751	375		
+7	+4,79	1,735	599	300	150	75	2385	1193	596	298		
+6	+3,79	1,546	476	238	119	59	1895	947	474	237		
+5	+2,79	1,378	378	189	95	47	1505	753	376	188		
+4	+1,79	1,228	300	150	75	38	1196	598	299	149		
+3	+0,79	1,095	239	119	60	30	950	475	237	119		
+2	-0,21	0,976	189	95	47	24	754	377	189	94		
+1	-1,21	0,870	151	75	38	19	599	300	150	75		
+0	-2,21	0,775	120	60	30	15	476	238	119	59		
-1	-3,21	0,691	95	47	24	12	378	189	95	47		
-2	-4,21	0,616	75	38	19	9	300	150	75	38		
-3	-5,21	0,549	60	30	15	7	239	119	60	30		
-4	-6,21	0,489	48	24	12	6	189	95	47	24		
-5	-7,21	0,436	38	19	9	5	151	75	38	19		
-6	-8,21	0,388	30	15	8	4	120	60	30	15		





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