



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for selecting the U.S. Audio Mix 16 line mixer. This mixer represents an excellent value for monitoring and mixing multiple feeds, delivering the highest quality audio performance in a compact one rack space package. The U.S Audio Mix 16 is a 16 channel balanced line level mixer, designed for use in broadcast production, as a studio mixdown / monitor mixer for multitrack recorders or in countless other applications. Features include channel level controls, and a headphone monitor circuit with individual volume control. The Mix 16 can provide up to 36 dB of gain, with a professional quality signal to noise ratio and full frequency response. All connections are made through balanced 1/4" tip-ringsleeve jacks.

UNPACKING

U.S. Audio has made every effort to ensure that your equipment is received in the same perfect condition it was when it left the factory. Please inspect your product for any signs of damage during shipping and report them to your dealer so that a claim can be made to the shipper. We recommend that you save your packing material for use in the unlikely event that you need to return your equipment for service.

THEORY OF OPERATION

The U.S. Audio Mix 16 is a line level mixer with 1/4" tip-ring-sleeve input jacks. Each input signal is actively balanced through a differential buffer amp and sent to the channel gain circuit. Each channel has a level control with a gain range of -60 to +18 dBm, allowing operation with a wide range of input volume levels. Unity gain is at the 12 o'clock position for both channel volume and the master volume.

Signals from individual channels are summed together and delivered to the master gain stages and to the headphone driver circuit. There are two main output jacks controlled by a single volume pot which has a gain range of -60 to +18 dBm. Each output jack is balanced (tip is positive) and driven by a separate circuit. The 60 dBm of attenuation turns off the audio signal at the main outputs if necessary.

The Mix 16 headphone circuit monitors the summing buss and will drive stereo headphones with impedances greater than 30 ohms. The front panel stereo 1/4" headphone jack has a volume control with a range of -60 to +18 dB. The signal going into the headphone circuit is a pre master fader.

Careful layout of the circuit board and a star grounding scheme ensure no internal ground loops between channels and / or sections of circuitry. Using low noise components, noise is 81 dB below 0 dB at unity gain, with one channel up and 76 dB below 0 dB with all channels up at unity.

The Mix 16 utilizes a dual transformer power supply which is configured with internal jumpers for 120 VAC 60 Hz or 230 VAC 50 Hz operation. There is an internal fuse on the hot side of the AC cord, and the power switch makes and breaks both the hot and neutral legs of the AC cord.

SPECIFICATIONS

