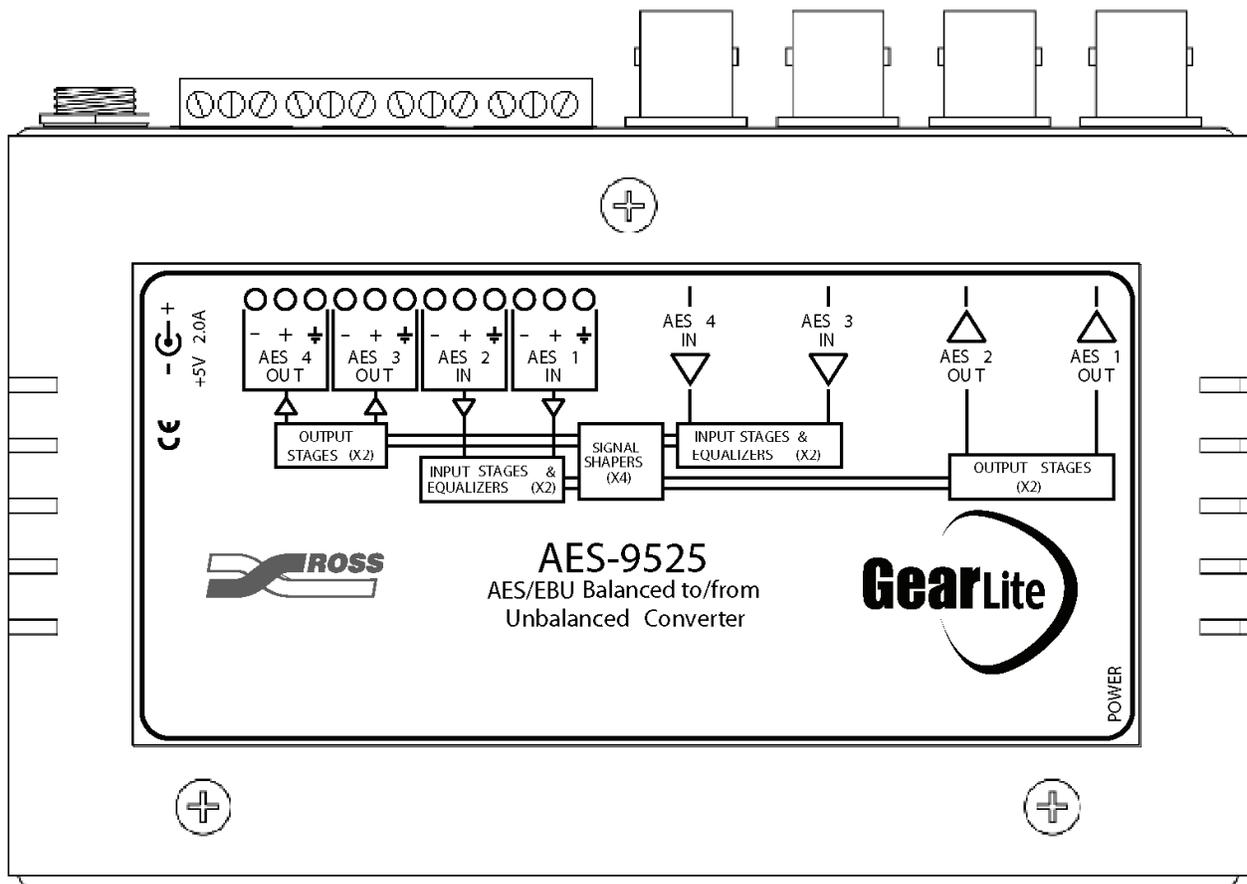




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Before using this product and any associated equipment, refer to the “Important Safety Instructions” listed below so as to avoid personnel injury and to prevent product damage.

Products may require specific equipment, and /or installation procedures be carried out to satisfy certain regulatory compliance requirements. Notices have been included in this publication to call attention to these Specific requirements.

Symbol Meanings



Warning

This symbol with the word “**Warning**” within the equipment manual indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



Notice

This symbol with the word “**Notice**” within the equipment manual indicates a situation, which if not avoided, may result in major or minor equipment damage or a situation, which could place the equipment in a non-compliant operating state.



**ESD
Suscep-
tibility**

This symbol is used to alert the user that an electrical or electronic device or assembly is susceptible to damage from an ESD event.

Important Safety Instructions



Warning

Read these instructions.

Keep these instructions.

Heed all warning.

Follow all instructions.

The safe operation of this product requires that a protective earth connection be provided. A grounding conductor in the equipment's supply cord provides this protective earth. To reduce the risk of electrical shock to the operator and service personnel, this ground conductor must be connected to an earthed ground.

Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type plug. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit in to your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinching particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and point where they exit from the apparatus.

Use only power cords specified for this product and certified for the country of use. Refer to the Product Power Cord Requirement Section that follows.

Indoor Use: “WARNING – TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR

ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE”

Do not block ventilation openings. Install in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

Do not install near heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

Do not use this apparatus near water.

Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

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

Clean only with a dry cloth.

To avoid electrical shock, disconnect the A/C power cord before any servicing.

Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug damage, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

EMC Notices

US FCC Part 15

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class A Digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case users will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.



Notice

Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by Ross Video Ltd. could void the user’s authority to operate this equipment.

CANADA

This Class “A” digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

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

EUROPE

This equipment is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of **CE Directive 93/68/EEC**.

INTERNATIONAL

This equipment has been tested to **CISPR 22:1997** along with amendments **A1:2000** and **A2:2002** and found to comply with the limits for a Class A Digital device.



Notice

This is a Class A product. In domestic environments this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may have to take adequate measures.

Maintenance/User Serviceable Parts

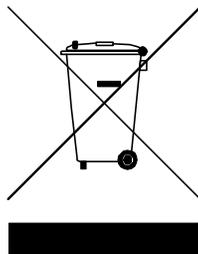
Routine maintenance to this GearLite product is not required. This product contains no user serviceable parts. If the module does not appear to be working properly, please contact Technical Support using the numbers listed under the “Contact Us” section on the last page of this manual. All RossGear GearLite products are covered by a generous 3-year warranty and will be repaired without charge for materials or labor within this period. See the “Warranty and Repair Policy” section in this manual for details.

Environmental Information

The equipment that you purchased required the extraction and use of natural resources for its production. It may contain hazardous substances that could impact health and the environment.

To avoid the potential release of those substances into the environment and to diminish the need for the extraction of natural resources, Ross Video encourages you to use the appropriate take-back systems. These systems will reuse or recycle most of the materials from your end-of-life equipment in an environmentally friendly and health conscious manner.

The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol invites you to use these systems.



If you need more information on the collection, reuse, and recycling systems, please contact your local or regional waste administration.

You can also contact Ross Video for more information on the environmental performances of our products.



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Introduction

In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Overview
- Functional Block Diagrams
- Features

Overview

The RossGear AES-9521, AES-9523, and AES-9525 AES Signal Converters are broadcast quality modular products allowing multi channel conversion between balanced 110 Ω twisted-pair AES-3 signals and unbalanced 75 Ω coaxial AES-3id signals.

- The AES-9521 provides four channels of balanced 110 Ω to unbalanced 75 Ω conversion.
- The AES-9523 provides four channels of unbalanced 75 Ω to balanced 110 Ω conversion.
- The AES-9525 provides two channels of conversion each way between balanced 110 Ω and unbalanced 75 Ω signals.

These signal converters are active, not simple impedance transformers. The converters provide true adherence to digital audio transmission standards.

All inputs offer fully-automatic cable equalization. For unbalanced 75 Ω coaxial inputs, equalization for cable lengths beyond 548m (1800ft.) is provided. For balanced 110 Ω shielded twisted-pair inputs, equalization for up to 182m (600ft) is provided.

All signal waveforms are re-shaped to reduce cable transmission artifacts. Output drivers provide output voltages fully conforming to the AES-3 and AES-3id standards.

Balanced 110Ω signal connections are made using a removable 12-pin screw-type audio terminal block connector. Unbalanced 75Ω connections are made using BNC connectors.

Each converter includes a universal power adaptor and line cord suitable for the country of use. Various mounting options are included that enable a wide range of installation choices. The converters provide an ideal AES/EBU conversion solution in a compact, stand-alone package. Designed and manufactured to meet the highest quality broadcast industry standards, the RossGear AES-9521/23/25 converters are ideal, cost effective solutions for AES/EBU audio format conversion.

Functional Block Diagrams

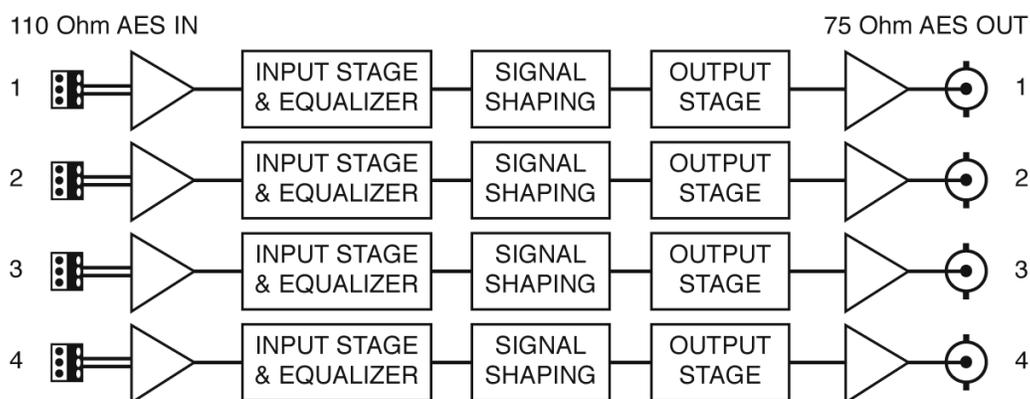


Figure 1. Simplified Block Diagram of AES-9521 Functions

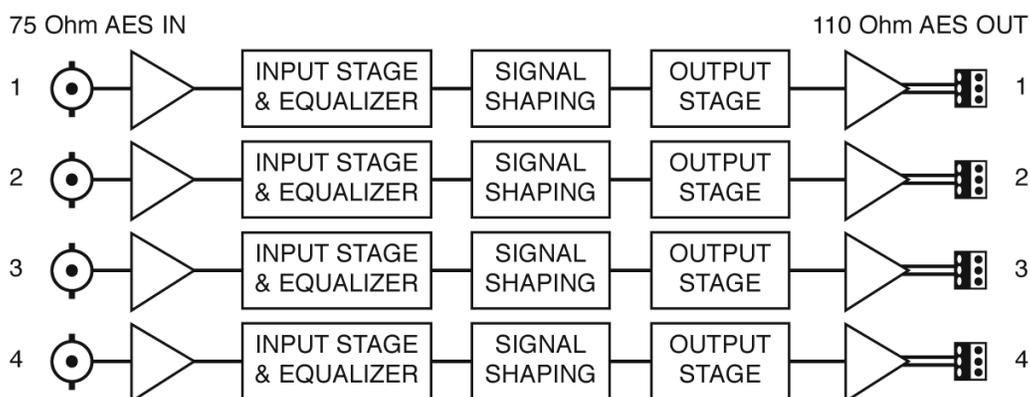


Figure 2. Simplified Block Diagram of AES-9523 Functions

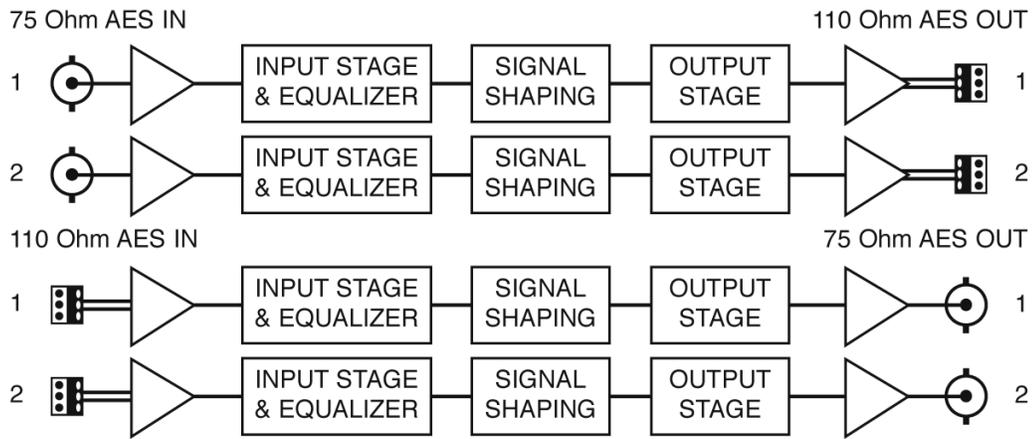


Figure 3. Simplified Block Diagram of AES-9525 Functions

Features

The AES-9521/23/25 family of GearLite AES Signal Converters have the following features:

- Support data rates in the 28 to 50kHz range including 32, 44.1, and 48kHz
- Conform to AES-3id 1995, SMPTE 276M, and AES-3 1992 standards
- Visual indicator LED for power status
- Small brick form factor
- 5V universal adapter with locking DC connector
- 3 year warranty

Balanced 110Ω AES-3 inputs feature:

- Input equalization for >182m (>600ft.) of Belden 1800B
- Input range from 2.0V to 10.0V p-p for AES-3
- 110Ω terminating input

Unbalanced 75Ω AES-3id inputs feature:

- Input equalization for >548m (>1800ft.) of Belden 8281
- Input range from 1.0V to 2.5V p-p for AES-3id
- 75Ω terminating input

Installation

In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Static Discharge
- Unpacking
- Mounting and Installation
- Velcro Strips
- Flat Metal Plate
- Non-Slip Pads
- Optional Mounting Accessories

Static Discharge

Whenever handling the AES-9525 AES Signal Converter and other related equipment, please observe all static discharge precautions as described in the following note:



Static discharge can cause serious damage to sensitive semiconductor devices. Avoid handling circuit boards in high static environments, such as carpeted areas, and when wearing synthetic fiber clothing. Always exercise proper grounding precautions when working on circuit boards and related equipment.

Unpacking

Unpack each AES-9525 module you received from the shipping container and check the contents against the packing list to ensure that all items are included. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your sales representative or Ross Video directly.

Mounting and Installation

The GearLite 9000 series self-contained modules can be mounted in any convenient location. However, to ensure long life for these products, observe the following precautions and operating requirements:

- Maintain an ambient temperature of 20° to 40°C.
- Allow for air circulation around the chassis for convectional cooling.

Many different mounting positions are possible with the included mounting hardware. Some installation options are permanent and require careful consideration of the final positioning before installation. Please note that in some mounting locations, the power adaptor must be affixed in a similar manner as the chassis.

Other possible options include the use of adhesive magnetic sheets (not included) affixed to the chassis and the power adaptor, for removable mounting on metal cabinets etc.

Cable ties may be necessary in some applications to relieve strain on the mounting hardware and the BNC connectors.

Velcro Strips

The included Velcro strips allow the GearLite module and power supply to be affixed to a permanent location during use and easily removed for adjustments. Carefully consider the installation location before proceeding; the adhesive is very aggressive and is not easily removed. The adhesive will cure fully in 24 hours.

Installing Velcro Strips

1. Remove the protective backing film from the adhesive on the bottom of the two mating Velcro strip sets.
2. Adhere the strip sets to the bottom side of the module as shown in Figure 2.

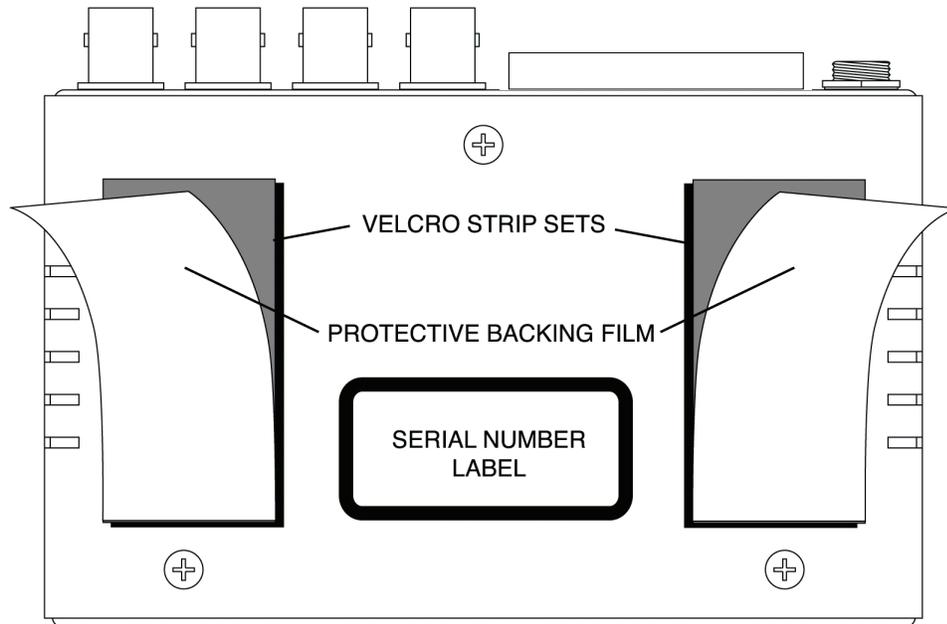


Figure 4. Velcro Installation Option

3. To apply the adhesive Velcro to the mounting location:
 - remove the protective backing film from the top of the adhesive strips
 - press the module into position on the mounting surface
4. To mount the power adaptor, apply the remaining mating Velcro strip set, repeating the previous steps.

Flat Metal Plate

Use the flat metal plate for permanent mounting to a rack, a desk, or any other location where bolts or screws can be applied. Be sure to position the module to allow for operator adjustments, if required.

Installing the Flat Metal Plate

1. Affix the flat metal plate to the bottom of the chassis using the chassis screws as shown in the figure below:

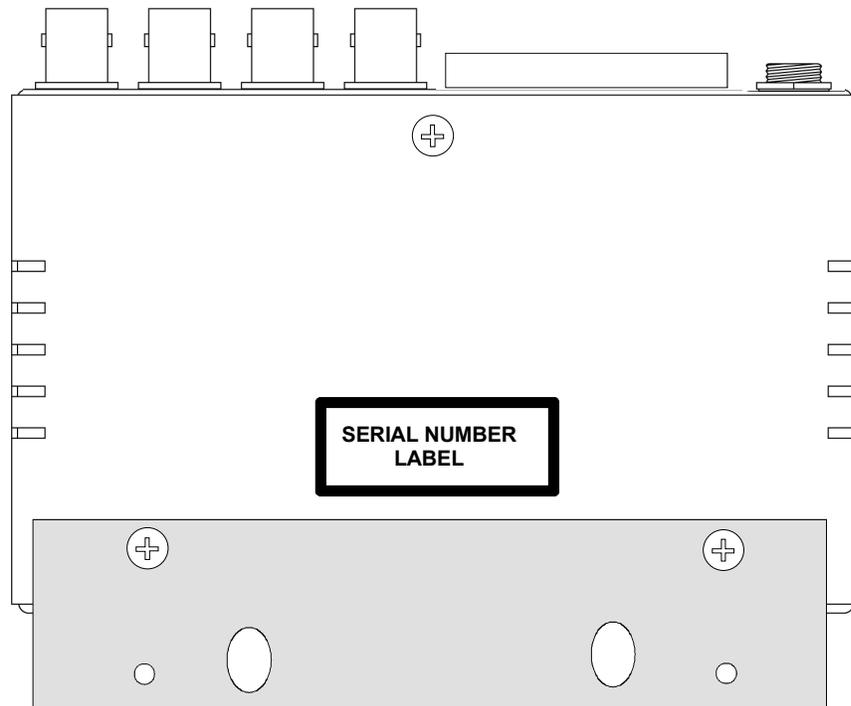


Figure 5. Flat Metal Plate Installation Option

2. Affix the metal plate by the two extended holes to the desired location with customer supplied bolts or screws according to the installation requirements.

Non-Slip Pads

Four non-slip adhesive pads have been supplied for desktop placements. Simply remove the protective backing film from the adhesive and affix one non-slip pad to each of the four corners on the bottom of the chassis. Two pads can be used at the rear of the module to help support it when mounted in the GRF-9000 GearLite Rack Frame (see Optional Mounting Accessories).

Optional Mounting Accessories

Ross Video is committed to providing practical solutions for the needs of your high-quality broadcast facility. The following products may be ordered separately to expand your installation options. Refer to Chapter 6, “**Ordering Information**” for details.

BPM-9000

The BPM-9000 Angle Mounting Bracket enables a single GearLite module to be installed in positions not possible with the flat metal plate. The installer must provide screws or bolts for installing in the desired location. The bracket has a 90° angle.

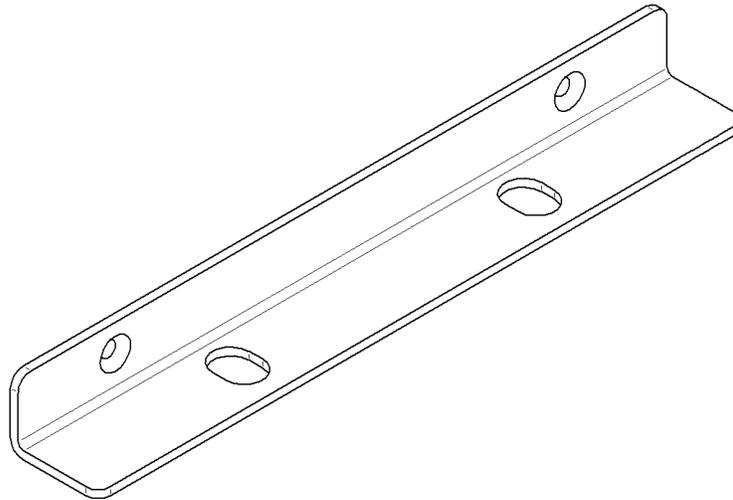


Figure 6. *BMP-9000 90° Mounting Bracket*

GRF-9000

The GRF-9000 GearLite Rack Frame is a rack mounting frame system for GearLite modules. The mounting system provides convenient organization for up to nine GearLite modules in only a 2RU space.

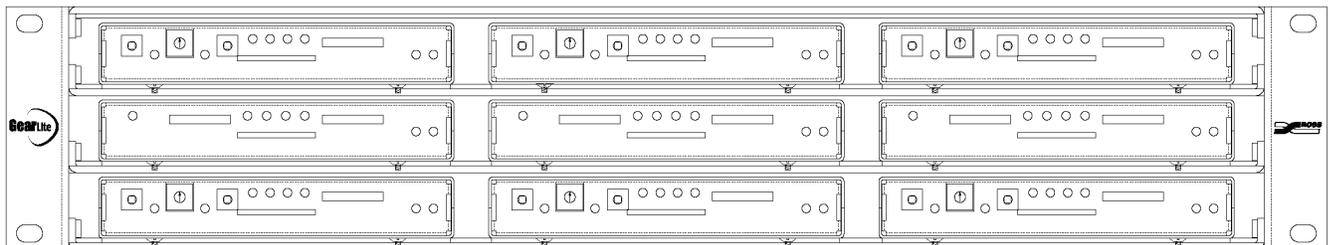


Figure 7. *GRF-9000 with Nine GearLite Modules Installed*

The flat metal plate and small plastic label (see Figure 8) included with every GearLite module are used to mount a module into the GRF-9000. Complete instructions are included in the GRF-9000 User Manual.

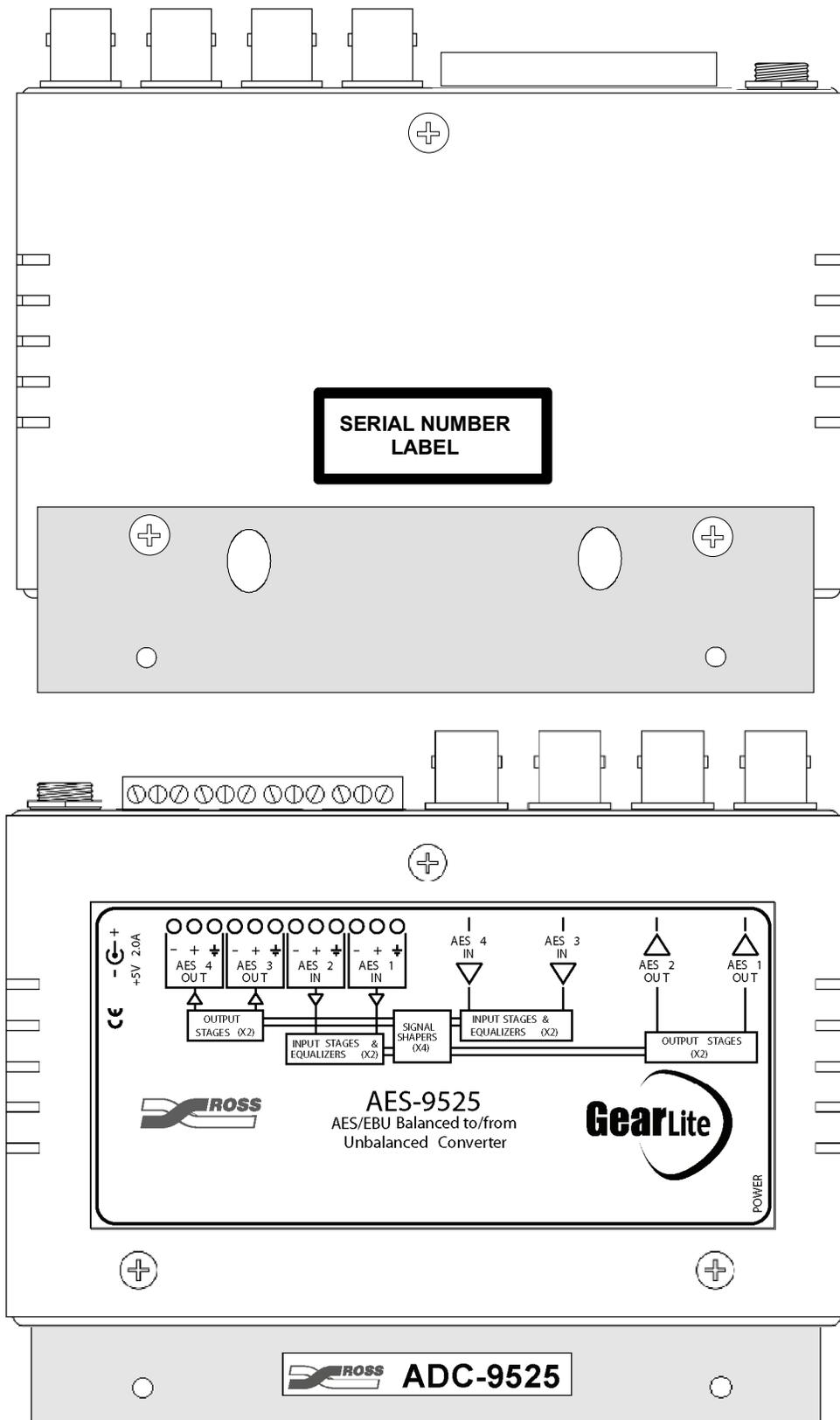


Figure 8. Flat Metal Plate and Label Positions for GRF-9000 Mounting

Setup

In This Chapter

This section provides details of all operating modes and features.

The following topics are discussed:

- Cable Connections
- LED

Cable Connections

This section discusses the cabling connector types and distributions found on the AES-9521/23/25 AES Signal Converters.

Unbalanced 75 Ω Coaxial Connections

Depending on the type of converter you have, connect unbalanced inputs and/or outputs to the BNC connectors as indicated on the product label. It is not necessary to terminate unused inputs or outputs.

Balanced 110 Ω Twisted Pair Connections

Depending on the model of converter you have, connect balanced inputs and/or outputs to the removable 12-pin cabling terminal block as indicated on the device label. The block has slots for the positive, negative, and grounded wires for each of four balanced cables. Use the following steps to wire the cables to the connector:

1. Gently pull the block from the unit.
2. Following the diagram on the top of the unit, insert an AES-3 wire into the designated polarity slot on the block.
3. Use a tweaker screwdriver to tighten the slot's connector clamp on the block.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each wire on each input.
5. Once the cables have been wired to the block, insert the block back onto the unit so that the slotted tongues fit in the grooved side on the block socket.

Power Adaptor and Supply

Connect the PS-9000 power adaptor to the power supply connector. The PS-9000 provides up to 2A of regulated +5V DC (5%). The DC power cord has a locking connector that securely fastens into the power supply DC jack on the converter. The converter has a standard miniature power jack (center pin positive). See Figure 7.

If using an adaptor other than the PS-9000, ensure that:

- the polarity is correct
- the voltage is +5V DC regulated to 5%
- sufficient current for the AES-9521/23/25 is supplied



Caution

Use of improper adaptors may damage the AES-9521/23/25 and will void the warranty.

Installations outside of North America using line voltages of 200 – 240 Volts require a plug, certified for the country of use, to be installed on the supplied line cord.

See the Important Regulatory and Safety Notices section at the beginning of this manual for details.

AES-9521:

- 4 balanced 110Ω AES-3 inputs (positive, negative, and ground terminals for each channel) on a 12-pin removable terminal block. Inputs are internally terminated to 110Ω.
- 4 unbalanced 75Ω AES-3id coaxial outputs on BNC connectors.
- 1 power supply input.

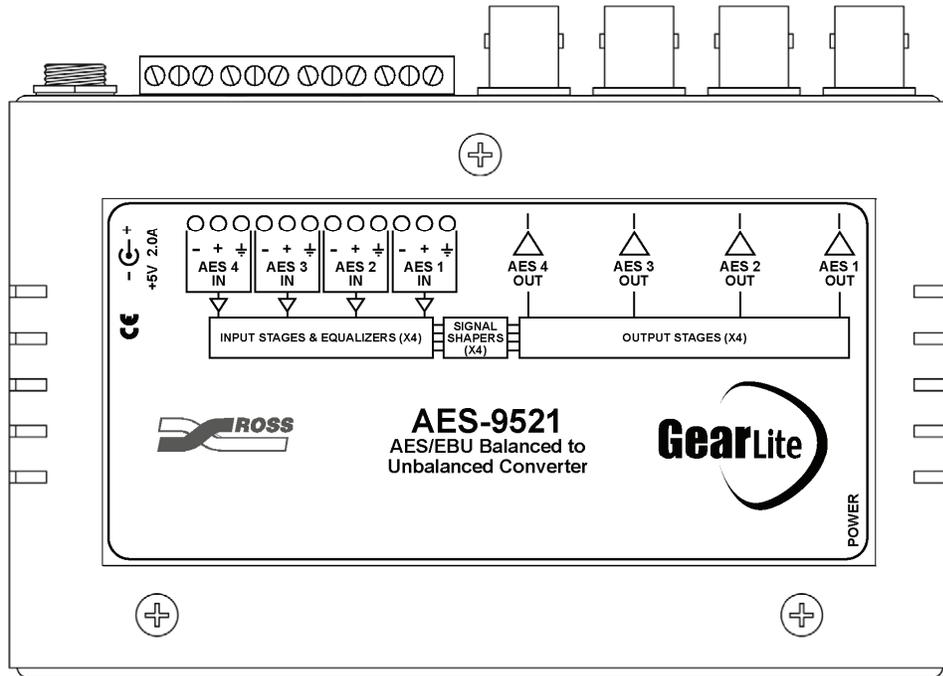


Figure 9. AES-9521 Cable Connections Indicator Label

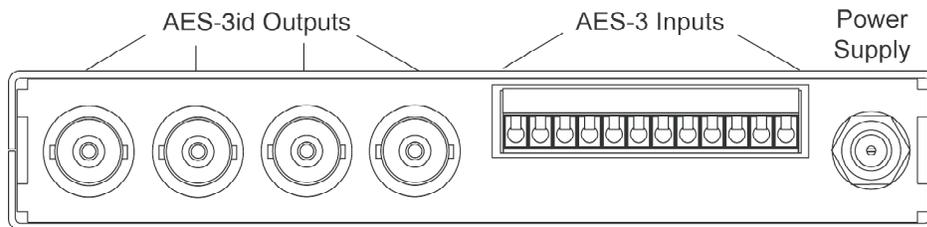


Figure 10. AES-9521 Rear Edge Connections

AES-9523:

- 4 unbalanced 75Ω AES-3id coaxial inputs on BNC connectors. Inputs are internally terminated to 75Ω.
- 4 balanced 110Ω AES-3 outputs (positive, negative, and ground terminals for each channel) on a 12-pin removable terminal block.
- 1 power supply input.

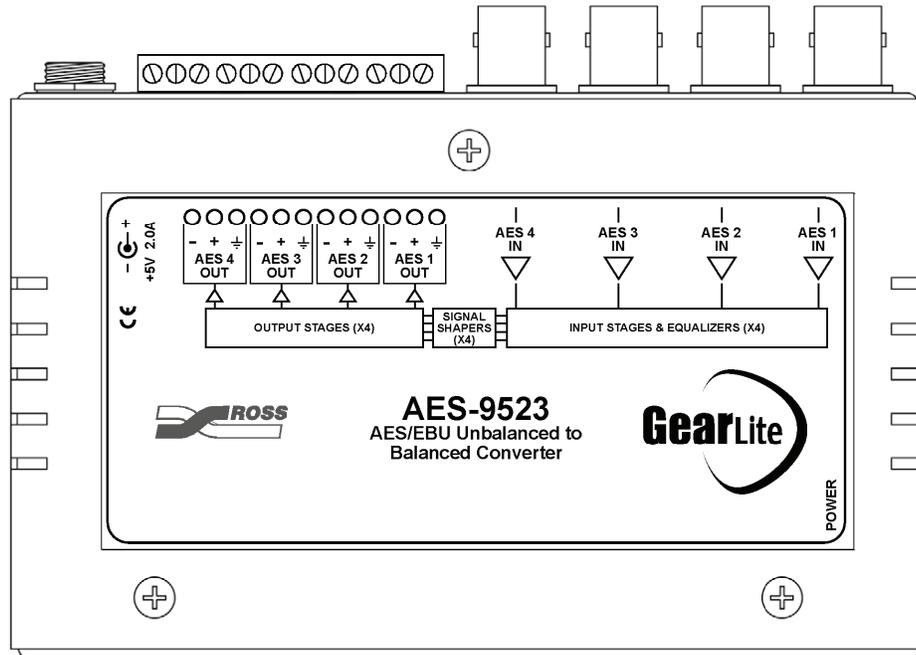


Figure 11. AES-9523 Cable Connections Indicator Label

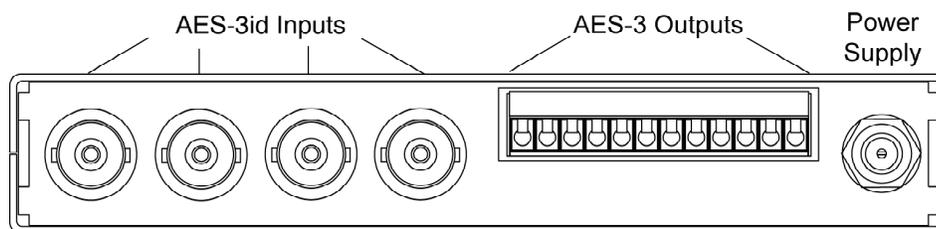


Figure 12. AES-9523 Rear Edge Connections

AES-9525:

- 2 balanced 110Ω AES-3 inputs and 2 balanced 110Ω AES-3 outputs (positive, negative, and ground terminals for each channel) on a 12-pin removable terminal block. Inputs are internally terminated to 110Ω.
- 2 unbalanced 75Ω AES-3id coaxial inputs and 2 unbalanced 75Ω AES-3id coaxial outputs on BNC connectors. Inputs are internally terminated to 75Ω.
- 1 power supply input

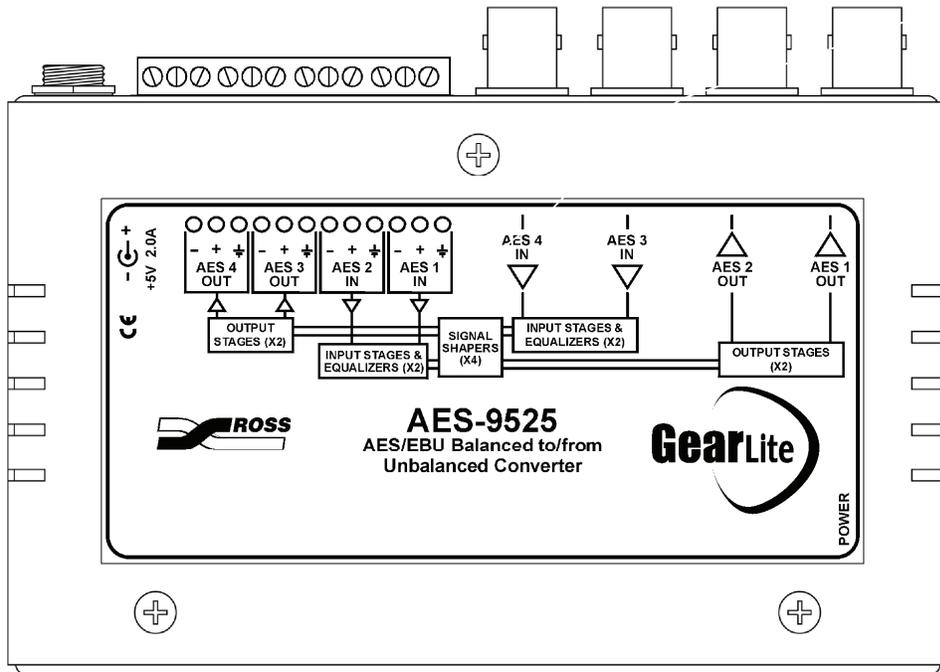


Figure 13. AES-9525 Cable Connections Indicator Label

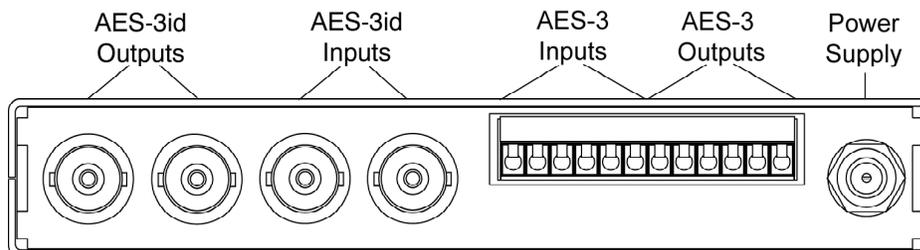


Figure 14. AES-9525 Rear Edge Connections

LED

The front edge of the converter has a Power LED that indicates whether the device is on or off. The LED display is described in the following table:

Table 1. Selection and Status LED Descriptions

LED	Display	Status Description
Power (Green)	On	The unit has power.
	Off	Loss of power.

Specifications

In This Chapter

This chapter contains the Technical Specifications table.

Technical Specifications

Table 2. AES-9521/23/25 - Technical Specifications

Category	Parameter	Specification
AES-3id Inputs (AES-9523, AES-9525)	Input Specification	AES-3id (SMPTE 276M), Unbalanced
	Connector	BNC
	Input Impedance	75Ω terminating
	Input Return Loss	>38dB (0.1 to 6MHz)
	Input Level, Minimum	1.0V p-p
	Input Level, Maximum	2.5V p-p (continuous)
AES-3id Outputs (AES-9521, AES-9525)	Output Specification	AES-3id (SMPTE 276M), Unbalanced
	Connector	BNC
	Output Impedance	75Ω
	Output Level	1.0V p-p
	Output Return Loss	>40dB (0.1 to 6MHz)
AES-3 Inputs (AES-9521, AES-9525)	Input Specification	AES-3, Balanced
	Connector	12-pin Terminal Block
	Sampling Rates	28-50kHz
	Input Impedance	110Ω terminating
	Input Return Loss	>38dB (0.1 to 6MHz)
	Input Level, Minimum	2.0V p-p
	Input Level, Maximum	10.0V p-p (continuous)
AES-3 Outputs (AES-9523, AES-9525)	Output Specification	AES-3, Balanced
	Connector	12-pin Terminal Block
	Output Impedance	110Ω
	Maximum Output Level	4.0V p-p
Performance	Jitter	<4nS (up to 1800 ft (AES-3id) or 600 ft (AES-3) of cable)
Power	Required Voltage	+5VDC (5% Regulation)
	Total Power	1.7W
	Current Consumption	0.36A
Other	Thermal Environment	20 – 40°C (68 – 104°F) ambient, non-condensing
	Warranty	3 year transferable

Specifications are subject to change without notification.

Service Information

In This Chapter

This chapter contains Warranty and Repair Policy information.

Warranty and Repair Policy

The RossGear AES-9525 is warranted to be free of any defect with respect to performance, quality, reliability, and workmanship for a period of **THREE (3)** years from the date of delivery to the customer. In the event that your RossGear AES-9525 proves to be defective in any way during this warranty period, Ross Video Limited reserves the right to repair or replace this piece of equipment with a unit of equal or superior performance characteristics.

Should you find that this RossGear AES-9525 has failed after your warranty period has expired, we will repair your defective product should suitable replacement components be available. You, the owner, will bear any labor and/or part costs incurred in the repair or refurbishment of said equipment beyond the **THREE (3)** year warranty period.

In no event shall Ross Video Limited be liable for direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages (including loss of profits) incurred by the use of this product. Implied warranties are expressly limited to the duration of this warranty.

This RossGear AES-9525 AES Signal Converter User Manual of our Digital Products line provides all pertinent information for the safe installation and operation of your RossGear Product. Ross Video policy dictates that all repairs to the RossGear AES-9525 are to be conducted only by an authorized Ross Video Limited factory representative. Therefore, any unauthorized attempt to repair this product, by anyone other than an authorized Ross Video Limited factory representative, will automatically void the warranty. Please contact Ross Video Technical Support for more information.

In Case of Problems

Should any problem arise with your RossGear AES-9525, please contact the Ross Video Technical Support Department. (Contact information is supplied at the end of this publication.)

A Return Material Authorization number (RMA) will be issued to you, as well as specific shipping instructions, should you wish our factory to repair your RossGear AES-9525. If required, a temporary replacement module will be made available at a nominal charge. Any shipping costs incurred will be the responsibility of you, the customer. All products shipped to you from Ross Video Limited will be shipped collect.

The Ross Video Technical Support Department will continue to provide advice on any product manufactured by Ross Video Limited, beyond the warranty period without charge, for the life of the equipment.

Ordering Information

In This Chapter

This chapter contains ordering information for the AES-9525 and related products.

AES-9525 and Related Products

Standard Equipment

- **AES-9525**, AES Signal Converter, including:
 - one User Manual
 - an installation kit with various mounting hardware
 - one **PS-9000** 5V Universal Power Adaptor and line cord (pre-packaged for the country of use)

Optional Equipment

- **9525DR-004**, additional User Manual
- **PS-9000** additional 5V Universal Power Adaptor and line cord (pre-packaged for the country of use)
- **BPM-9000**, 90° Angle Mounting Bracket
(90° angle metal mounting bracket for rack and desk installation)
- **GRF-9000**, GearLite Rack Frame (Front)
(Front of rack frame for mounting up to nine GearLite modules in 2RU space)

Your **AES-9525 AES Signal Converter** is part of the GearLite line of the RossGEAR family of products. Ross Video Limited offers a full line of RossGEAR digital terminal equipment including distribution, conversion, monitoring, synchronizers, encoders, decoders, amplifiers, keyers, switchers, as well as analog audio and video products.

Notes

Notes

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Contact our friendly and professional support representatives for the following:

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- Product information and pricing
- Technical support
- Upcoming trade show information

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