



SRA-9201

Multi-Definition SDI Auto-Reclocking Amplifier

User Manual



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Symbol Meanings



Protective Earth — This symbol identifies a Protective Earth (PE) terminal, which is provided for connection of the supply system’s protective earth (green or green/yellow) conductor.



This symbol on the equipment refers you to important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions within the Product Manual Documentation. Failure to heed this information may present a major risk of damage or injury to persons or equipment.



Warning — The 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.



Caution — The symbol with the word “**Caution**” within the equipment manual indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



Warning Hazardous Voltages — This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated “dangerous voltage” within the product enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of shock to persons.



ESD Susceptibility — 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



1. **Warning** – Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. 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.
6. 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.



7. **Warning – Indoor Use: WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.
8. Do not block ventilation openings. Install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
9. Do not install near heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
10. Do not use this apparatus near water.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
13. Clean only with a dry cloth.
14. To avoid electrical shock, disconnect the A/C power cord before any servicing.
15. 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

United States of America **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 the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.



Notice — *Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by Ross Video Limited 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 la 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

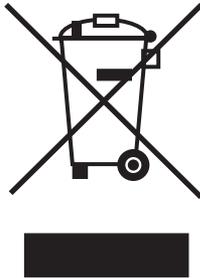
“Contact Us” section on the last page of this manual. All GearLite products are covered by a generous 3-year warranty and will be repaired without charge for materials or labor within this period. See the “Warranty and Repair Policy” section in this manual for details.

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.

Introduction

Overview

The SRA-9201 Multi-Definition SDI Auto-Reclocking Amplifier Amplifier is part of the GearLite 9000 series of self-contained, small brick-format modules. The SRA-9201 is designed for use in both SD and HD systems where signals of more than one digital standard are distributed. The amplifier detects the current standard, automatically selects the reclocking rate, and automatically equalizes up to 305m (1000ft) of Belden 1694A input cable at 270Mbps, or up to 100m (325ft) at 1485Mbps. The SRA-9201 operates on all serial digital standards, from 143Mbps up to and including 1485Mbps. Special measures have been taken to ensure excellent return loss at both input and output. This ensures error-free performance with short cables.

The front panel of the SRA-9201 chassis provides visual performance indicators and user accessible DIP switches to select its mode of operation.

The SRA-9201 can be forced to reclock a single data rate by using the DIP switches.

The SRA-9201 is delivered with a universal power adaptor and line cord suitable for the country of use. Various mounting options are included that allow a wide range of installation choices. The SRA-9201 provides a broadcast-quality SDI reclocking distribution solution in a small, stand-alone package.

Simplified Block Diagram

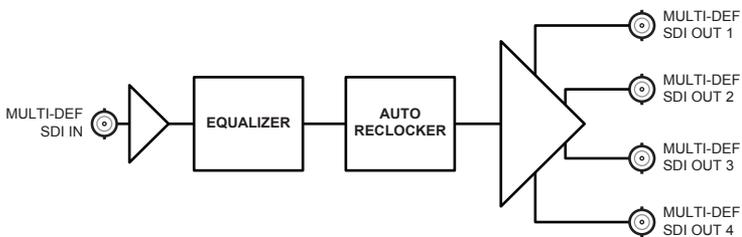


Figure 1 Simplified Block Diagram of SRA-9201 Functions

Features

The SRA-9201 includes the following features:

- Automatically supports common data rates (143Mbps to 1485Mbps)
- Reclocking to reduce jitter
- Automatic input cable equalization up to 305m (1000ft) of Belden 1694A input cable at 270Mbps, or up to 100m (325ft) at 1485Mbps

- Excellent I/O specifications
- Terminating input 75ohm
- Visual indicator LEDs for power, status, and data rate
- Small brick form factor
- 5V universal adapter with locking DC connector
- 3-year warranty

Installation

Static Discharge

Whenever handling the SRA-9201 and other related equipment, please observe all static discharge precautions as described in the following note:



ESD Susceptibility — *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 SRA-9201 you received from the shipping container and check the contents 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 SRA-9201 can be mounted in any convenient location. However, to ensure long life for this product, observe the following precautions and operating requirements:

- Maintain an ambient temperature of 20°C 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 connectors.

Surface Mount Strips

The included VELCRO® brand surface mount 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.

To install the Surface Mount Strips

1. Remove the **Protective Backing Film** from the adhesive on the bottom of the two **VELCRO® brand Surface Mount Strips**.
2. Adhere the **Surface Mount Strips** to the bottom side of the chassis. (**Figure 2**)

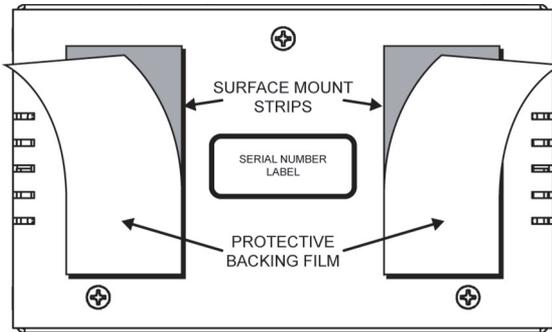


Figure 2 Surface Mount Installation Option

3. Remove the **Protective Backing Film** from the other side of the **VELCRO® brand Surface Mount Strips**.
4. Press the chassis into position on the surface you want to mount it to.



Operating Tip — An additional **VELCRO® brand Surface Mount Strip** is available to mount the power adapter.

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.

Optional Mounting Accessories

Ross Video is committed to providing practical solutions for the needs of your high-quality broadcast facility.

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.

To install the Flat Metal Plate

1. Remove the **2** screws from the bottom of the chassis.
2. Install the **Flat Metal Plate** onto the bottom of the chassis (**Figure 3**) using the screws provided in the Mounting Kit. Do not use the screws removed during **Step 1**.

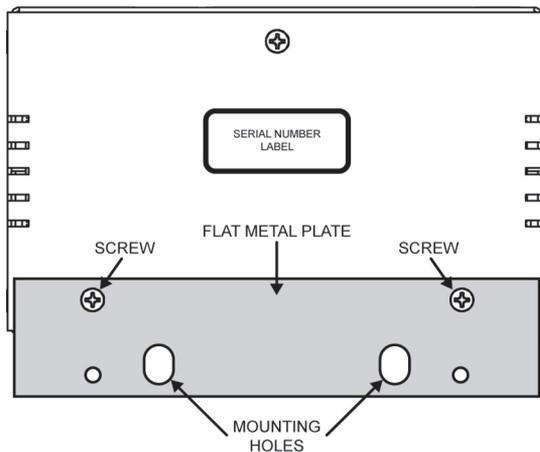


Figure 3 Flat Metal Plate Installation Option

3. Install the chassis in the desired location using the **Mounting Holes** on the **Flat Metal Plate**. Mounting screws are not provided by Ross Video.

Angle Mounting Bracket

The Angle Mounting Bracket (**Figure 4**) allows a single GearLite module to be installed in positions not possible with the flat metal plate. The bracket has a 90° angle. Mounting screws are not provided by Ross Video.

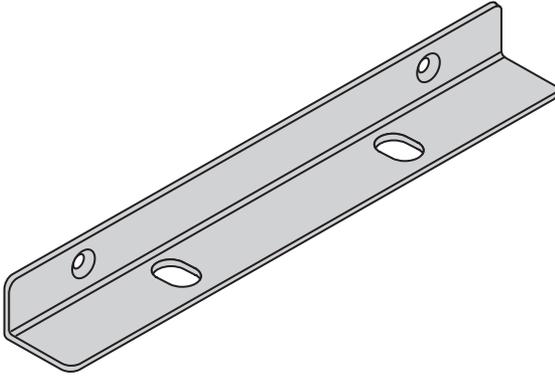


Figure 4 *Angle Mounting Bracket*

Setup



Note — In this manual, the term *SDI (Serial Digital Interface)* is used to refer to both *Standard Definition (up to 540Mbps)* and *High Definition (1485Mbps)*.

Power Adapter 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 SRA-9201. The SRA-9201 has a standard miniature power jack (center pin positive).

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 SRA-9201 is supplied



Caution — Use of improper adaptors may damage the SRA-9201 and will void the warranty.

Installations outside of North America using line voltages of 200-240V require a plug, certified for the country of use, to be installed on the supplied line cord. Refer to the section “**Important Regulatory and Safety Notices to Service Personnel**” at the front of this manual for details.

Cable Connections Overview

Connect the SDI input and output cables to the SRA-9201 according to the designations indicated on the chassis label and **Figure 5**. The input is internally terminated at 75ohm. It is not necessary to terminate unused outputs.

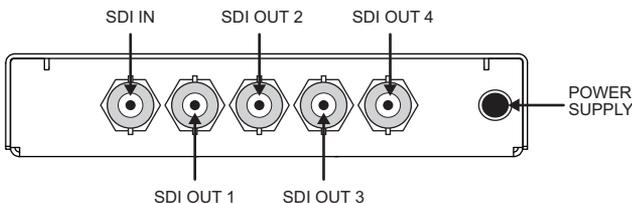


Figure 5 SRA-9201 Connections

Output Polarity

SDI Out 1 and **SDI Out 3** are inverting.

SDI Out 2 and **SDI Out 4** are non-inverting.

DIP Switches

The front edge of the amplifier has DIP switches for the user to configure the SRA-9201 to fit into many installations. In most circumstances, the SRA-9201 will be left in the automatic rate selection mode. However, if you require a signal path to only support a single data rate, you can force the SRA-9201 into this mode using the DIP switches. Refer to **Figure 6** for DIP Switch locations.

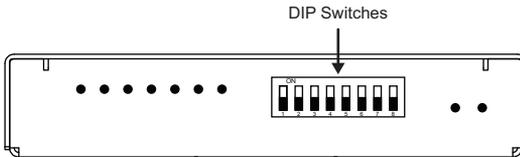


Figure 6 SRA-9201 — DIP Switch Locations

Table 1 outlines how to set **SW1** to **SW5**. The following conventions are used:

- ↑ Set the DIP switch in the UP position
- ↓ Set the DIP Switch in the DOWN position

Table 1 DIP Switch Positions

Mode Select	177Mbps	Rate Select			Selected Data Rate (Mbps)
		SW1	SW2	SW3	
↑	↑				SRA-9201 automatically detects an incoming data rate (143, 177, 270, 360, 540, or 1485 Mbps) and reclocks at that rate
↑	↓				SRA-9201 automatically detects an incoming data rate (143, 270, 360, 540, or 1485 Mbps) and reclocks at that rate
↓		↑	↑	↑	Detects and reclocks at 143Mbps
↓		↑	↑	↓	Detects and reclocks at 177Mbps
↓		↑	↓	↑	Detects and reclocks at 270Mbps
↓		↑	↓	↓	Detects and reclocks at 360Mbps

Table 1 DIP Switch Positions

Mode Select	177Mbps	Rate Select			Selected Data Rate (Mbps)
		SW1	SW2	SW3	
↓		↓	↑	↑	Detects and reclocks at 540Mbps
↓		↓	↑	↓	Detects and reclocks at 1485Mbps

Mode Select (SW1)

SW1 specifies how the SRA-9201 detects the data rate(s).

- **Auto Mode** — Set **SW1** to UP. The SRA-9201 automatically detects an incoming data rate (143, 177, 270, 360, 540, or 1485 Mbps) and reclocks at that rate.
- **Manual Mode** — Set **SW1** to DOWN. The user must select a specific data rate using SW3-SW5.

177 Mbps (SW2)

SW2 serves to exclude 177Mbps rates or not and is only applicable when **SW1** is set to Auto.

- When **SW2** is DOWN and **SW1** is set to Auto, the SRA-9201 does not detect or reclock at 177Mbps. The SRA-9201 detects and reclocks *only* rates of 143, 270, 360, 540, and 1485Mbps.
- When **SW2** is UP and **SW1** is set to Auto, the SRA-9201 automatically detects *any* incoming data rate (143, 177, 270, 360, 540, or 1485 Mbps) and reclocks at that rate.

Rate Select (SW3, SW4, SW5)

These switches only apply when the **SW1** is set to Manual. These switches work in tandem to configure the unit to reclock specific rates. Refer to **Table 1** on page 13.

SW6, SW7, SW8

These DIP switches are not implemented.

Status LEDs

The front panel of the module has two LEDs that display the input status and indicate whether the device is on or off. **Figure 7** indicates the location of the LEDs.

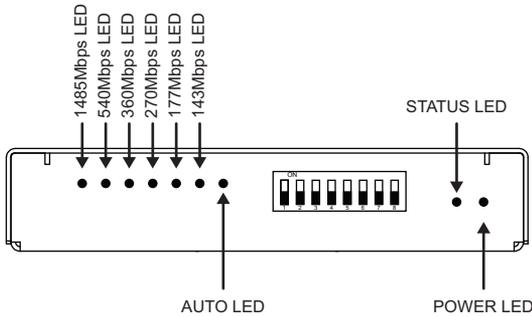


Figure 7 SRA-9201 — LEDs

Table 2 describes the status LEDs available on the SRA-9201.

Table 2 Status LED Descriptions

LED	Color	Function
1485Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 1485Mbps.
540Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 540Mbps.
360Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 360Mbps.
270Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 270Mbps.
177Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 177Mbps.
143Mbps	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the reclocker is set to 143Mbps.
AUTO	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates that the SRA-9201 is automatically detecting the data rate (SW1 is set to UP).
STATUS	Green	When lit green, this LED indicates that the input signal is present and valid.
	Red	When lit red, this LED indicates that the input signal carrier could not be detected, or the signal is not locked.
POWER	Green	When lit, this LED indicates the SRA-9201 is powered on.

Specifications

Specifications are subject to change without notification.

Table 3 SRA-9201 — Technical Specifications

Category	Parameter	Specification
Serial Digital Video Input	Number of Inputs	1
	Data Rates SMPTE 259M	143Mbps
		177Mbps
		270Mbps
		360Mbps
	Data Rates SMPTE 344M	540Mbps
	Data Rates SMPTE 292M	1483.5Mbps
		1485Mbps
	Impedance	75ohm terminating
Return Loss	SD: >20dB to 360MHz HD: >15dB to 1485MHz	
Equalization (Belden 1694A cable)	SD: 305m (1000ft) HD: 100m (325ft)	
Serial Digital Video Output	Number of Outputs	4
	Impedance	75ohm
	Return Loss	SD: >22dB to 360MHz HD: >16dB to 1485MHz
	Signal Level	800mV ±10%
	DC Offset	0V ± 50mV
	Rise and Fall Time	SD: 700ps typical HD: 120ps typical
	Overshoot	<8% typical
Power	Power Requirements	5V DC (5% regulation)
	Power Consumption	<2.0W @ 270Mbps (380mA)

Table 3 SRA-9201 — Technical Specifications

Category	Parameter	Specification
Other	Operating Range	20°C to 40°C ambient
	Dimensions	13cm x 9.5cm x 2.5cm (5" x 4" x 1")
	Weight	312g (11oz)

Service Information

Warranty and Repair Policy

The GearLite SRA-9201 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 GearLite SRA-9201 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 GearLite SRA-9201 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 GearLite SRA-9201 User Manual provides all pertinent information for the safe installation and operation of your GearLite Product. Ross Video policy dictates that all repairs to the GearLite SRA-9201 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 GearLite SRA-9201, 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 GearLite SRA-9201. 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.



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

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