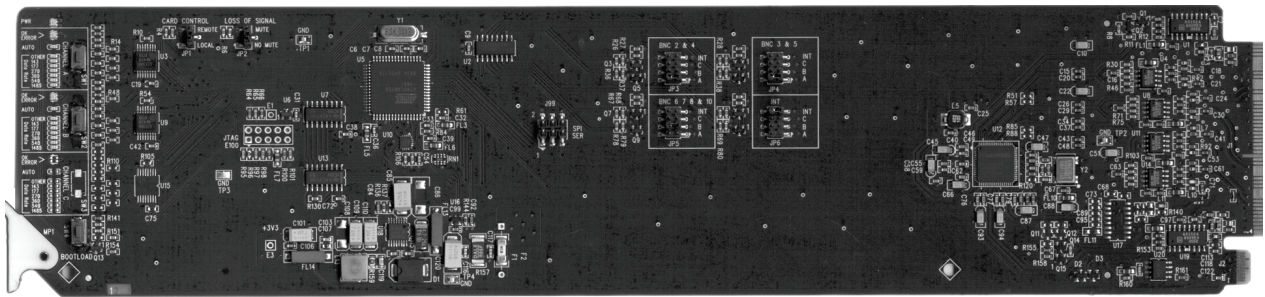


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Dual MD-SDI Reclocking Amplifier

User Manual



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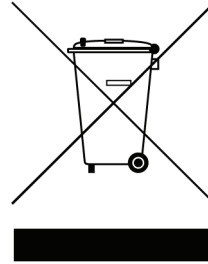
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Introduction

In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Overview
- Functional Block Diagram
- Documentation Terms

A Word of Thanks

Congratulations on choosing an openGear **DRA-8204 Dual MD-SDI Reclocking Amplifier**. Your DRA-8204 is part of a full line of Digital Products within the openGear Terminal Equipment family of products, backed by Ross Video's experience in engineering and design expertise since 1974.

You will be pleased at how easily your new DRA-8204 fits into your overall working environment. Equally pleasing is the product quality, reliability and functionality. Thank you for joining the group of worldwide satisfied Ross Video customers!

Should you have a question pertaining to the installation or operation of your DRA-8204, please contact us at the numbers listed on the back cover of this manual. Our technical support staff is always available for consultation, training, or service.

Overview

The DRA-8204 is a two channel Multi-Definition SDI distribution amplifier, capable of equalizing and reclocking all common serial digital signals. Support for both standard-definition and high-definition signals makes the DRA-8204 a universal SDI distribution amplifier.

Each channel of the DRA-8204 equalizes the incoming SDI signal, compensating for up to 300m of cable at 270Mbps and over 120m of cable at 1.485Gbps. The signal is then reclocked, with automatic rate detection for all popular data rates. Each channel is fully independent and can run at different data rates. LED indicators at the front of the card identify the presence of incoming video and the identified signal data rate for each channel independently.

A special feature of the DRA-8204 is the ability to operate in a number of different channel configurations. Dual channel mode is ideal for applications requiring only a few outputs, such as mid-cable signal boosters, router expansion, or signal cleanup. Up to 20 SDI distribution channels can be housed in a 2RU space. Special attention has been taken to ensure the SDI outputs faithfully reproduce the incoming signals, with excellent jitter and return loss specifications.

LED indicators at the front of the card identify the presence of incoming video, simplifying system troubleshooting.

Features

The following features make the DRA-8204 the best solution for general SDI equalizing, reclocking, and distribution:

- Two independent channels of SDI distribution
- Flexible channel configurations:
 - a single channel 1:8
 - a dual channel 1:4 + 1:4
 - a dual channel 1:6 + 1:2
- Equalizes and reclocks all popular SDI signals from 143Mbps to 1.485Gbps
- Equalizes up to 300m of Belden 1694A cable at 270Mbps, or over 120m of cable at 1.485Gbps
- Automatic detection of incoming data rate
- LED indicators for signal presence and data rate for each channel
- Excellent input and output return loss exceeds SMPTE specifications
- Fits openGear DFR-8300 series frames
- 5 year transferable warranty

Functional Block Diagram

This section provides the functional block diagram for the DRA-8204.

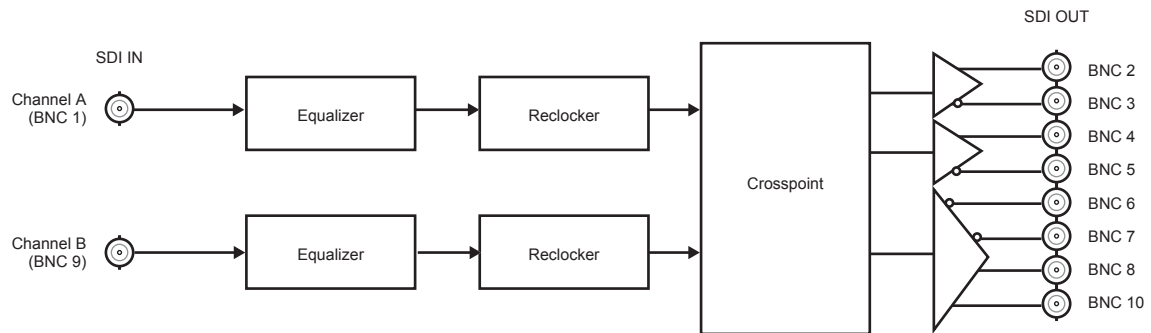


Figure 1.1 Simplified Block Diagram of DRA-8204 Functions

Documentation Terms

The following terms are used throughout this manual:

- “**Frame**” refers to DFR-8300 series frame that houses the DRA-8204 card, as well as any openGear frames.
- All references to the **DFR-8300 series frame** also includes all version of the 10-slot (DFR-8310 series) and 20-slot (DFR-8321 series) frames and any available options unless otherwise noted.
- All references to the DRA-8204 also includes all versions unless otherwise indicated.
- “**Operator**” and “**User**” refer to the person who uses DRA-8204.
- “**Board**”, and “**Card**” refer to openGear terminal devices within openGear frames, including all components and switches.
- “**System**” and “**Video system**” refer to the mix of interconnected production and terminal equipment in your environment.
- “**DashBoard**” refers to the DashBoard Control System™.
- The “**Operating Tips**” and “**Note**” boxes are used throughout this manual to provide additional user information.

Installation

In This Chapter

This chapter provides instructions for installing the rear modules for the DRA-8204, installing the card into the frame, and cabling details.

The following topics are discussed:

- Before You Begin
- Installing the DRA-8204
- Cabling for the DRA-8204

Before You Begin

Before proceeding with the instructions in this chapter, ensure that your DFR-8300 series frame is properly installed according to the instructions in the ***DFR-8300 Series User Manual***.

Static Discharge

Whenever handling the DRA-8204 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 synthetic fiber clothing is worn. Always exercise proper grounding precautions when working on circuit boards and related equipment.*

Unpacking

Unpack each DRA-8204 you received from the shipping container and ensure that all items are included. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your sales representative or Ross Video directly.

Installing the DRA-8204

This section outlines how to install a Rear Module and the DRA-8204 in a DFR-8300 series frame.

Rear Modules for the DRA-8204

The following rear module are required when installing the DRA-8204:

- **DFR-8310 series frames** — The DRA-8204 requires the **8310AR-030** Rear Module (R1-8204), and is also compatible with the DFR-8310-BNC frame.
- **DFR-8321 series frames** — The DRA-8204 requires the **8320AR-030** Full Rear Module (R2-8204).

Installing a Rear Module

If you are installing the DRA-8204 in an DFR-8310-BNC frame, or the rear module is already present, skip this section

Use the following procedure to install a Rear Module in a DFR-8300 series frame:

1. Refer to the **DFR-8300 Series User Manual** to ensure that the frame is properly installed according to instructions.
2. Locate the card frame slot on the rear of the frame.
3. Seat the bottom of the Rear Module in the seating slot at the base of the frame's back plane.

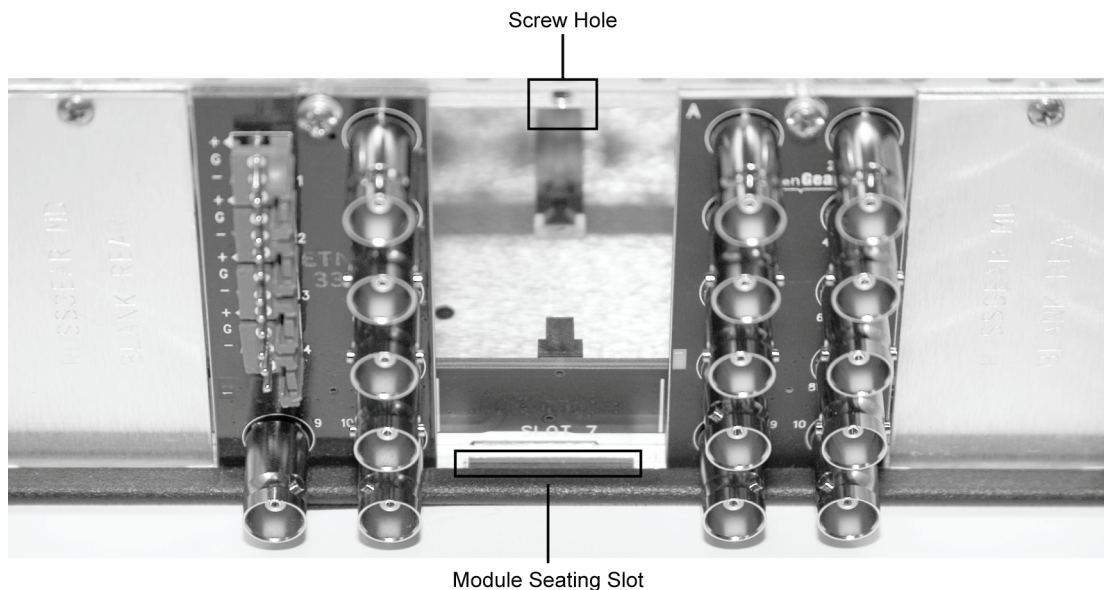


Figure 2.1 Rear Module Installation (DRA-8204 not shown)

4. Align the top hole of the Rear Module with the screw hole on the top edge of the frame back plane.
5. Using a Phillips screwdriver and the supplied screw, fasten the Rear Module to the frame back plane. Do not over tighten.

This completes the procedure for installing the RM-8300-B in an 8300 series frame.

Installing the DRA-8204

Use the following procedure to install the DRA-8204 in a DFR-8300 series frame:

1. Locate the Rear Module you installed in the procedure “**Installing a Rear Module**” on page 2-3.
2. Ensure the Rear Module is the required one.
3. Hold the card by the edges and carefully align the card edges with the slots in the frame.
4. Fully insert the card into the frame until the rear connection plugs are properly seated on the midplane and rear module.
5. Affix the supplied Rear Module label to the BNC area on the rear module.

This completes the procedure for installing the DRA-8204 in an DFR-8300 series frame.

Cabling for the DRA-8204

This section provides instructions for connecting cables to the installed Rear Modules on the DFR-8300 series frame backplane. Connect the input and output cables according to the following diagram. The inputs are internally terminated in 75 ohms. It is not necessary to terminate unused outputs.

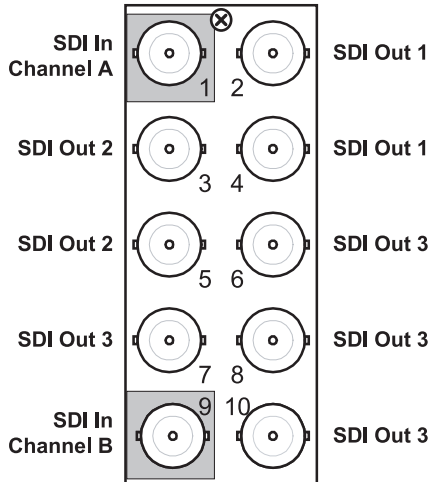


Figure 2.2 Cable Connections for the DRA-8204

The flexible assignment of Input Channels to Output BNCs via jumper selection is discussed in the section “**Output Channel Configuration**” on page 3-4.

User Controls

In This Chapter

This chapter provides a general overview of the user controls available on the DRA-8204.

The following topics are discussed:

- Card Overview
- Output Channel Configuration
- Control and Monitoring

Card Overview

This section provides an overview of the DRA-8204 components. The DRA-8204 is a dual channel Distribution Amplifier, and will only have components installed into the **CHANNEL A** and **B** sections of the card-edge. Channel C is not applicable to the DRA-8204.

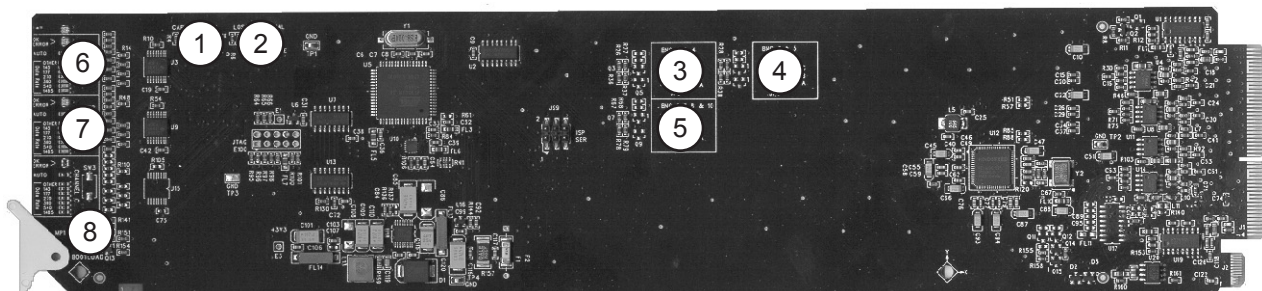


Figure 3.1 DRA-8204 — Card-edge Controls

1) Card Control (JP1)	4) BNC 3 and 5 Configuration (JP4)	7) Channel B Rate Selection Button
2) Loss of Signal (JP2)	5) BNCs 6-10 Configuration (JP5)	8) Bootload Button
3) BNC 2 and 4 Configuration (JP3)	6) Channel A Rate Selection Button	

1. Card Control (JP1)



Note — This setting applies to control of the jumpers only. Card-edge buttons and switch settings can be configured remotely or locally in either setting

JP1 selects whether the Output Mute and Output Channel Configuration jumper settings are respected or ignored by remote control settings. Using **Figure 3.1**, the card labeling, and the following descriptions, select one of the following options on **JP1**:

- **REMOTE** — the local jumper settings are ignored and the card is configured remotely.
- **LOCAL** — the local jumper settings are respected and card is controlled locally. The card controls and status can be read remotely but not changed (default setting).

2. Loss of Signal (JP2)

Using **Figure 3.1**, the card labeling, and the following descriptions, select one of the following options on **JP2** to enable or disable the **Loss of Signal** option:

- **MUTE** — a channel's outputs will be muted if the input signal degrades to the point that the input EQ can no longer guarantee error-free performance. When the red ERROR LED is on, the outputs will be muted.
- If you have input channels set to any rate other than **Auto** mode, we recommend this jumper position. The output of the card would then mute if an incorrect data rate is applied to the input, or if the input signal became too weak for the input equalizer to compensate for.
- **NO MUTE** — a channel's outputs will work to the limits of the input stage (default setting).

3. BNC 2 and 4 Configuration (JP3)

Using **Figure 3.1**, the card labeling, and the following descriptions, select one of the following input channels on **JP3** to output:

- **A** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A (default setting).
- **B** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel B.

- **C** — Position C is not used on the DRA-8204 and should not be selected.
- **Blank** — The top blank position for these jumpers is for factory use, and should not be selected for normal operation. Should you select this position, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.
- **None** — If the jumper is removed, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.

4. BNC 3 and 5 Configuration (JP4)

Using **Figure 3.1**, the card labeling, and the following descriptions, select one of the following input channels on **JP4** to output:

- **A** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A (default setting).
- **B** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel B.
- **C** — Position C is not used on the DRA-8204 and should not be selected.
- **Blank** — The top blank position for these jumpers is for factory use, and should not be selected for normal operation. Should you select this position, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.
- **None** — If the jumper is removed, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.

5. BNCs 6-10 Configuration (JP5)

Using **Figure 3.1**, the card labeling, and the following descriptions, select one of the following input channels on **JP5** to output:

- **A** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.
- **B** — BNCs will output the signal input on Channel B (default setting).
- **C** — Position C is not used on the DRA-8204 and should not be selected.
- **Blank** — The top blank position for these jumpers is for factory use, and should not be selected for normal operation. Should you select this position, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.
- **None** — If the jumper is removed, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.

6. Channel A Rate Selection Button

Channel A has a rate selection button and corresponding SD and HD LEDs. Use the rate selection button and LEDs to set the input signal rate type that Channel A will process. Pressing the button cycles between the HD and SD options. You can choose between the following signal rate types:

- **HD** — 1.485Gbps
- **SD** — 143Mbps, 177Mbps, 270Mbps, 360Mbps, and 540Mbps

If a mix of SD and HD signals are passed through the channel, select HD.

7. Channel B Rate Selection Button

Channel B has a rate selection button and corresponding SD and HD LEDs. Use the rate selection button and LEDs to set the input signal rate type that Channel B will process. Pressing the button cycles between the HD and SD options. You can choose between the following signal rate types:

- **HD** — 1.485Gbps
- **SD** — 143Mbps, 177Mbps, 270Mbps, 360Mbps, and 540Mbps

If a mix of SD and HD signals are passed through the channel, select HD.

8. Bootload Button

In the unlikely event of a complete card failure, you may be instructed by a Ross Technical Support specialist to perform a complete software reload on the DRA-8204.

Output Channel Configuration

A special feature of the DRA-8204 is the ability to operate in a number of different channel configurations. By simply changing channel jumpers, the DRA-8204 can be configured in the following ways:

- **Single channel** — 1:8
- **Dual channel** — 1:4 + 1:4 (default setting)
- **Dual channel** — 1:6 + 1:2

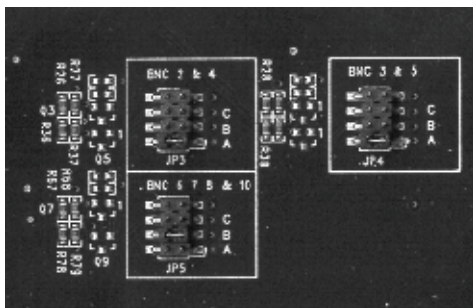


Figure 3.2 Channel Output Jumpers



Note — Position **C** is not used on the DRA-8204 and should not be selected. The top empty position for each jumper is for factory use only.

Channel Rate Selection Buttons and LEDs

Each channel has a channel rate selector button and rate LEDs to set the input signal rate that the channel will process. Pressing the button illuminates a corresponding LED. Repeated presses will cycle through the selections.

For most applications, setting the Channel Rate to **AUTO** (default setting) will allow the DRA-8204 to automatically detect the incoming data rate. In the **AUTO** mode, the Data Rate LEDs will display the data rate detected from the incoming SDI signal.

For applications where only one specific data rate will be used, and the fastest possible lock times are desired, the DRA-8204 can be set and locked to a specific data rate. Press the **Channel Rate Selection** button until the **AUTO LED** is off, and the specific data rate LED is illuminated. Only SDI signals matching the selected data rate will be reclocked and passed through the DRA-8204.

Single or Dual Channel Jumper Configurations

Use **Table 3.1** to configure your channel for single or dual channel operation.

Table 3.1 Output Configuration

Configuration		JP3	JP4	JP5
Single Channel 1:8	Input Channel A: Output BNCs 2-8, 10	A	A	A
	Input Channel B: Output BNCs 2-8, 10	B	B	B
Dual Channel 1:4 + 1:4 (default)	Input Channel A: Output BNCs 2-5	A	A	B
	Input Channel B: Output BNCs 6-8, 10			
Dual Channel 1:6 + 1:2	Input Channel A: Output BNCs 2 and 4	A	B	B
	Input Channel B: Output BNCs 3, 5-8 and 10			

Control and Monitoring

This section describes the card-edge LEDs on the DRA-8204.

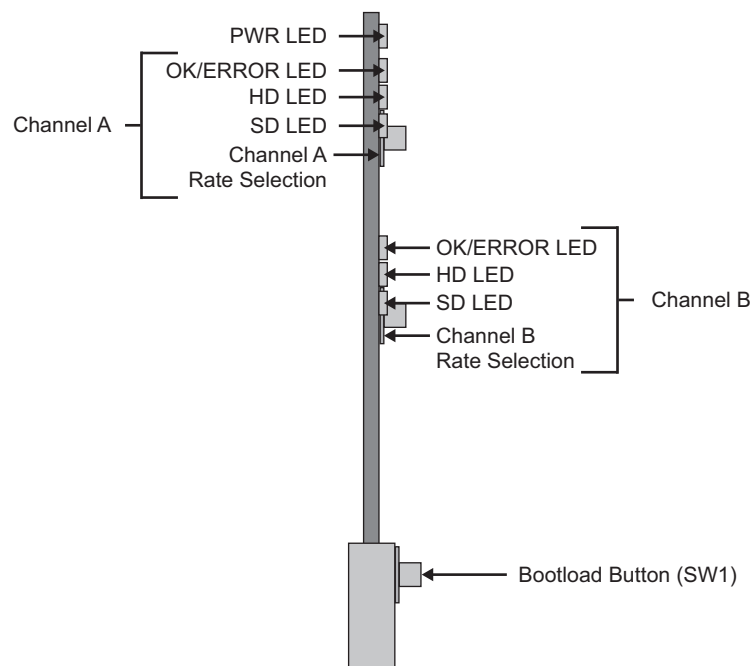


Figure 3.3 DRA-8204 — Card-edge LEDs

Status and Selection LEDs on the DRA-8204

The front-edge of the DRA-8204 has LED indicators for the power, video input status, and communication activity. Basic LED displays and descriptions are provided in **Table 3.2**. Refer to the section “**Reclocker Rate Selection**” on page 3-7 for information on the card-edge rate selection LEDs.

Table 3.2 LEDs on the DRA-8204

LED	Color	Display and Description
PWR	Green	When lit green, this LED indicates that the card is functioning normal and that no anomalies have been detected. The following conditions must be satisfied: • a valid input signal is present • a valid reference signal is present when a reference is required, and that the reference standard matches the input standard.
	Flashing Green	When flashing green, this LED indicates that the Bootload button was pressed, and the card is receiving a new software load from the frame.
	Flashing Green and Orange	When lit green with flashing orange, this LED indicates a signal or configuration problem. Verify the signal status and settings.
	Amber	When lit amber, this LED indicates the card is running internal diagnostics while powering up.

Table 3.2 LEDs on the DRA-8204

LED	Color	Display and Description
PWR	Red	When lit red or flashing red, this LED indicates the card is not operational. Re-seat card in frame, check the rear module type and connections, or call Ross Video Technical Support.
	Off	When off, this LED indicates there is no power to the card.
CH A - OK/ERROR	Green	When lit, this LED indicates that Channel A is reclocking a valid signal without errors.
	Red	When red, this LED indicates an invalid signal or rate setting, Channel A cannot reclock.
CH B - OK/ERROR	Green	When lit, this LED indicates that Channel B is reclocking a valid signal without errors.
	Red	When red, this LED indicates an invalid signal or rate setting, Channel B cannot reclock.

Factory Default Values

Any channel can be set back to factory settings, where the data rate is set to **AUTO** and the alarm is enabled on loss of input.

Use the following procedure to reset a channel to factory default values:

1. Press and hold the **Bootload** button on the card.
2. Press the **Channel Rate Selection** button for the selected channel. The **Signal Status LED** flashes green and red for approximately 2 seconds to confirm the reset values.

This completes the procedure for reset a channel to factory default values.

Reclocker Rate Selection

This section describes the Reclocker Rate Selection button and LEDs. Refer to **Figure 3.3** for button and LED locations.

Reclocker Rate Selection LEDs

Table 3.3 provides status information on the Rate Selection button and LED functions. For example, if the **AUTO** and **BYPASS** LEDs are both lit, the card is configured for Bypass mode.

Table 3.3 Rate Selection and LED Functions

Date Rate LED Displays								Description
AUTO	OTHER	143	177	270	360	540	1485	
		 Cycling through LEDs						Channel searching incoming signal for a valid data rate (default setting).
								Auto mode, channel detects and reclocks 143Mbps.
								Auto mode, channel detects and reclocks 270Mbps.
								Auto mode, channel detects and reclocks 360Mbps.
								Auto mode, channel detects and reclocks 540Mbps.
								Auto mode, channel detects and reclocks 1.485Gbps.
								Channel set to reclock 143Mbps.
								Channel set to reclock 177Mbps.
								Channel set to reclock 270Mbps.
								Channel set to reclock 360Mbps.
								Channel set to reclock 540Mbps.
								Channel set to reclock 1.485Gbps.
								Channel equalizes (but does not reclock) any SDI signal from 143Mbps to 1.485Gbps.

 = Illuminated LED

Menus

In This Chapter

This section provides a summary of the menus available for the DRA-8204.

The following topics are discussed:

- SNMP Monitoring and Control
- DashBoard Control System Software

SNMP Monitoring and Control

The MFC-8300 Series Network Controller card in the DFR-8300 series frame provides optional support for remote monitoring and control of your frame and DRA-8204 using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), which is compatible with many third-party monitoring and control tools.

Refer to your DRA-8204 Management Information Base (MIB) file for a breakdown of SNMP controls on this card.

Refer to your ***DFR-8300 Series User Manual*** and your ***MFC-8300 Series User Manual*** for additional information on SNMP Monitoring and Control.

DashBoard Control System Software

The DashBoard Control System™ enables you to monitor and control openGear frames and cards from a computer. DashBoard communicates with other cards in the DFR-8300 series frame through the Network Controller Card. This section briefly summarizes the menus, items, and parameters available from DashBoard for the DRA-8204. Default parameters are noted with an asterisk (*).

Status Menus

Table 4.1 summarizes the **Status** tab fields displayed in DashBoard for the DRA-8204.

Table 4.1 Status Tab Items

Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Product (Read-only)	Product	DRA-8204	
	Supplier	Ross Video Ltd.	
	Board Rev	##	
	Board S/N	#####	Indicates the card serial number
	Software Rev	##.##	Indicates the software version
Hardware (Read-only)	Voltage (mV)	#	Supply Voltage
	Current (mA)	#	Current consumption of card
	Rear Module	14.4	Indicates a Full Rear Module is installed
		15.4	Indicates a Split Rear Module is installed
	CPU Headroom	#	Processing power available
	RAM Available	#/##	On-board processing memory available
	Uptime (h)		Displays the number of hours since the last reboot of the card
	EE Bank	#	Storage count
Signal (Read-only)	Signal Status	OK	All channels are passing a valid signal
		Input Unlocked (A/B)	The indicated channel(s) cannot reclock due to an invalid signal or rate setting
	Input A Status	Locked – 143 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Locked – 177 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Locked – 270 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Locked – 360 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Locked – 540 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Locked – 1485 MHz	Input is OK with the specified bit rate
		Bypass	Signal present, channel configured to “Bypass” and is not reclocked
		Not routed	Input is not routed to any output BNCs
		No signal	No signal present

Table 4.1 Status Tab Items

Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Signal (Read-only)	Input A Status	No signal — muted	No signal present, output is muted
		Unlocked	Input present, PLL is unlocked
		Unlocked — muted	Input present, PLL is unlocked, output is muted
	Input B Status	Same as above	

Setup Menus

Table 4.2 summarizes the **Setup** menu options available in DashBoard.

Table 4.2 Setup Menu Items

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Setup	Channel A Input Rate	Auto* ^a	Card automatically detects the incoming data rate for the specified channel
		Bypass	Card does not reclock the input rate for the specified channel
		143 MHz	Sets the data rate to the specified value
		177 MHz	
		270 MHz	
		360 MHz	
		540 MHz	
		1485 MHz	
	Channel B Input Rate	Same as above	
	Low Signal	Mute ^b	The channel outputs are muted if the input signal degrades to the point that the input EQ can no longer guarantee error-free performance
		Pass*	The channel outputs work to the limits of the input stage
	Edit Permission	Unlocked*	When JP1 is set to REMOTE , selecting this option allows all editable menus to be editable
		Locked	When JP1 is set to REMOTE , selecting this option locks all editable menus, except this one, and are read-only
		Local Only	When JP1 is set to LOCAL , selecting this option locks all editable menus, and are read-only
	Factory Defaults	Reset	Resets all parameters to factory default values

- When **Auto** is selected as an input rate, the data rate of 177 MHz is not detected.
- If you have input channels set to any rate other than **Auto Mode**, the **Mute** option is recommended. The output of the card would then mute if an incorrect data rate is applied to the input, or if the input signal became too weak for the input equalizer to compensate.

Routing Menus

Table 4.3 summarizes the **Routing** menu options available in DashBoard.

Table 4.3 Routing Menu Items

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Routing^a	Output BNC 2 & 4	Input A*	The BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A
		Input B	The BNCs will output the signal input on Channel B
	Output BNC 3 & 5	Same as above	
	Output BNC 6,7,8&10	Same as above	

- a. In the **Routing** menu, if the associated jumper for the BNCs is set to **INT** or is removed, the BNCs will output the signal input on Channel A.

Alarms Menus

Table 4.4 summarizes the **Alarm** menu options available in DashBoard.

Table 4.4 Alarms Menu Items

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Alarms^a	Loss of Input A	Ignore	Input Status field ignores the status for the specified input
		Alarm*	Input Status field displays the status for the specified input
	Loss of Input B	Same as above	

- a. In the **Alarms** menu, if an input channel is not routed to any outputs, the **Input Status** field ignores any loss of input, and the status is not displayed in DashBoard.

Specifications

In This Chapter

This chapter provides technical specifications information on the DRA-8204. Note that technical specifications are subject to change without notice.

The following topic is discussed:

- Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications

This section includes the technical specifications for the DRA-8204.

Table 5.1 DRA-8204 Technical Specifications

Category	Parameter	Specification
SDI Input	Number of Inputs	2
	Data Rates Supported	• 143Mbps, NTSC Composite, SMPTE 259M-A • 177Mbps, PAL Composite, SMPTE 259M-B • 270Mbps, 525/625 Component, SMPTE 259M-C • 360Mbps, 525/625 Component (wide screen), SMPTE 259M-D • 540Mbps, 525/625 Component (wide screen), SMPTE 344M • 1.485 or 1.4835 Gbps Component, SMPTE 292M
	Impedance	75Ω terminating
	Equalization	• <120m of Belden 1694A cable @ 1.485Gbps • <300m of Belden 1694A cable @ 270Mbps
	Return Loss	>15dB to 1.485GHz
SDI Outputs	Number of Outputs	8
	Impedance	75Ω
	Return Loss	>15dB to 1.485GHz
	Signal Level	800mV ±10%
	DC Offset	0V ±50mV
	Rise & Fall Time (20-80%)	• 700ps Typical (270Mbps) • 120ps Typical (1.485Gbps)
	Overshoot	• <8%
Power	Total Power Consumption	3.2W

Service Information

In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Troubleshooting Checklist
- Warranty and Repair Policy

Troubleshooting Checklist

Routine maintenance to this openGear product is not required. In the event of problems with your DRA-8204, the following basic troubleshooting checklist may help identify the source of the problem. If the frame still does not appear to be working properly after checking all possible causes, please contact your openGear products distributor, or the Technical Support department at the numbers listed under the “**Contact Us**” section.

1. **Visual Review** — Performing a quick visual check may reveal many problems, such as connectors not properly seated or loose cables. Check the nodule, the frame, and any associated peripheral equipment for signs of trouble.
2. **Power Check** — Check the power indicator LED on the distribution frame front panel for the presence of power. If the power LED is not illuminated, verify that the power cable is connected to a power source and that power is available at the power main. Confirm that the power supplies are fully seated in their slots. If the power LED is still not illuminated, replace the power supply with one that is verified to work.
3. **Re-seat the Card in the Frame** — Eject the card and re-insert it in the frame.
4. **Check Control Settings** — Refer to the Installation and Operation sections of the manual and verify all user-adjustable component settings.
5. **Input Signal Status** — Verify that source equipment is operating correctly and that a valid signal is being supplied.
6. **Output Signal Path** — Verify that destination equipment is operating correctly and receiving a valid signal.
7. **Card Exchange** — Exchanging a suspect card with a card that is known to be working correctly is an efficient method for localizing problems to individual cards.

Bootload Button

In the unlikely event of a complete card failure, you may be instructed by a Ross Technical Support specialist to perform a complete software reload on the DRA-8204. To perform this task, perform the following steps:

1. Eject the card
2. Press and hold the Bootload button, while re-inserting the card into the frame.
3. Release the button.
 - The **PWR** LED will flash GREEN while the card is waiting for a new software load.
 - If a new software load is not sent to the card within 60 seconds, the card will attempt to restart with its last operational software load.
 - Software loads can be sent to the DRA-8204 using the MFC-8300 Frame Controller Card or via connection to the openBUS on the rear of the frame.

Warranty and Repair Policy

The DRA-8204 is warranted to be free of any defect with respect to performance, quality, reliability, and workmanship for a period of FIVE (5) years from the date of shipment from our factory. In the event that your DRA-8204 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 DRA-8204 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 FIVE (5) 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 DRA-8204 User Manual provides all pertinent information for the safe installation and operation of your openGear Product. Ross Video policy dictates that all repairs to the DRA-8204 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 DRA-8204, 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 DRA-8204. If required, a temporary replacement frame 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.

Notes:

Contact Us

Contact our friendly and professional support representatives for the following:

- Name and address of your local dealer
- Product information and pricing
- Technical support
- Upcoming trade show information

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