

### **AUDIO CODEC**



















## Merlin PLUS (TLR5200MP)

Rapidly expand your remote capability by using Merlin PLUS to create and manage up to 6 independent bidirectional mono connections with IP codecs or smartphones using Report-IT, and at the same time save money on codec hardware costs and reduce studio rack space requirements.

Merlin PLUS can also deliver high fidelity, bidirectional stereo IP audio and IFB communications from the studio to a remote codec.

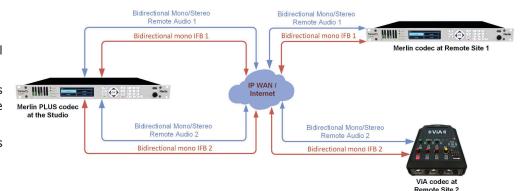
## **Flexible Applications**

Merlin PLUS is the ideal 1RU codec for studio installations and offers a simple, compact and scalable solution for managing multiple simultaneous remotes. Use Merlin PLUS for:

- > Bidirectional stereo or mono
- Up to 6 simultaneous bidirectional mono remote connections.
- ➤ 1 or 2 stereo remote connections (bidirectional), each with separate IFB communication channels.
- Recallable codec configurations via 'programs'.



6 bidirectional mono remotes



# Reliability and Connectivity

Merlin PLUS is specifically designed to deliver remote broadcast connections over the full suite of wired and wireless IP networks. The codec features dual Gigabit Ethernet ports, dual internal power supplies and IP network backup, as well as SmartStream PLUS redundant IP streaming to ensure you're always on the air.

## Fuse-IP and SmartStream PLUS

With Tieline's proprietary Fuse-IP data aggregation technology you can bond multiple IP interfaces you choose, including options like:

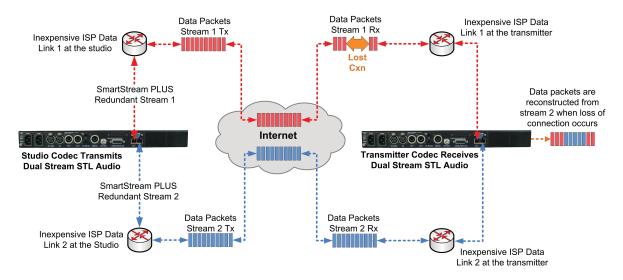
- > USB Wi-Fi Modem and LAN port, or
- Dual Ethernet LAN Ports.

Imagine the peace of mind knowing you can bond 2 links from different Telcos and let Tieline's Fuse-IP technology automatically manage the data capability of each link!



Tieline's SmartStream PLUS dual redundant streaming software has set the benchmark for redundant IP streaming over the public internet. Some manufacturers charge thousands of dollars for IP management software like SmartStream PLUS as an optional extra, however Tieline believes high performance and rock-solid reliability is an essential part of each and every broadcast, so you get it for FREE!

Nobody likes a traffic jam, least of all broadcasters dealing with IP packet congestion! With Tieline's SmartStream PLUS and Fuse-IP technologies, as well as automated jitter buffer management and error correction strategies, you can be assured of trouble-free motoring on the information superhighway!

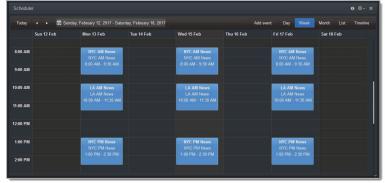


SmartStream PLUS Redundant Streaming Reconstitutes Lost Packets from Stream 1 using Stream 2

## **Program Scheduler**

The Program Scheduler is a powerful tool which automatically connects and disconnects scheduled programs using a simple calendar-based user interface. Key features include:

- > Drag and drop to add programs into the scheduler.
- Drag the top or bottom of a scheduled program to adjust the scheduled time.
- Customization of time-zones.
- > Day, week, month, list and timeline views available.
- > Enable and disable events in a snap.
- Automatically switch program types from dialing to answering.



The Web-GUI Program Scheduler

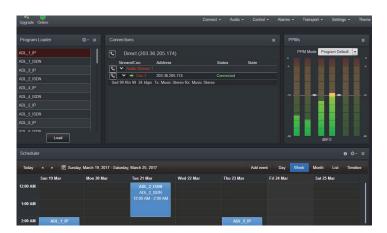
## **Algorithms**

The codec includes the low delay and cascade-resilient aptX® Enhanced algorithm, as well as other popular algorithms including the full AAC suite, variable bit-rate Opus, MPEG Layer II, MP3, Tieline Music and MusicPLUS, G.722 and G.711.

## **Codec Management**

Our ToolBox Web-browser Graphical User Interface (GUI) allows you to remotely configure and control all your Tieline codecs from anywhere you can connect to the internet. Two versions are available, including:

- HTML5 ToolBox Web-GUI: Fully configure all codec and connection settings.
- HTML5 ToolBox Quick Connect Web-GUI: Simplified GUI for less technical users. Load existing programs and simple point-to-point dialing.



The Web-GUI

Input/Output Specifications

Analog Audio Inputs 2 x Female XLR line inputs

2 x Male XLR Analog Audio Outputs

1 x female XLR (Channel 1 in; shared with Ch1 analog input) AFS3 In AES3 Out

1 x male XLR

 $1 \times 6.35$ mm (1/4") Mic/Line level Jack on rear panel Aux Input

Headphones Out/Aux Out  $1 \times 6.35$ mm (1/4") Jack on rear panel and  $1 \times 6.35$ mm (1/4") Jack on the front panel

Female DB25 4 Channel audio expansion connector

BNC Wordclock input Sync Input

Control Port In/Out Four relay inputs and four opto-isolated outputs for machine control via a DB15 connector. Audio Input Impedance High Impedance > 5K ohm

<50 ohm Balanced Output Impedance Clipping Level +22dBu (input and outputs)

24 bit A/D & D/A Converters 20Hz to 22kHz Frequency Response

Total Harmonic Distortion <0.0035% at +16dBu or -89 dBu unweighted

Signal To Noise Ratio >98.5dB at +22dBu, unweighted

#### Sample Frequencies

IP Sample Frequencies 8kHz, 16kHz, 32kHz, 44,1kHz, 48kHz

#### **Algorithms**

ΙP Tieline Music, Tieline MusicPLUS, Opus, G.711, G.722, MPEG Layer 2, MPEG Layer-3 LC-AAC, HE-AAC, HE-AACv.2, AAC-LD, AAC-ELD, 16/24 bit aptX® Enhanced algorithm

IP (uncompressed) Linear PCM16/24 bit 32kHz, 44.1kHz, 48kHz

#### Data and Control Interfaces

USB USB 2.0 Host port on the front panel (support for USB firmware upgrades & Wi-Fi USB Modems) LAN

2 x 10/100/1000 RJ45 connectors

RS232 up to 115kbps with or without CTS/RTS flow control can be used as a proprietary data channel Serial Protocols

SIP (EBU N/ACIP 3326 compliant), RTP, DHCP, SNMP, DNS, HTTP, IGMP, IPv4/IPv6, RTCP

I3P EBU3347 Compliant ISDN Optional via module slot **POTS** Optional via module slot

#### Advanced Networking

IEEE 802.1Q,802.1p VLAN Tagging

#### Front Panel Interfaces

256 x 64 monochrome LCD Keypad 21 button keypad Navigation 5 button keypad

#### General

PC Configuration User-configurable settings via browser-based Toolbox Graphical User Interface

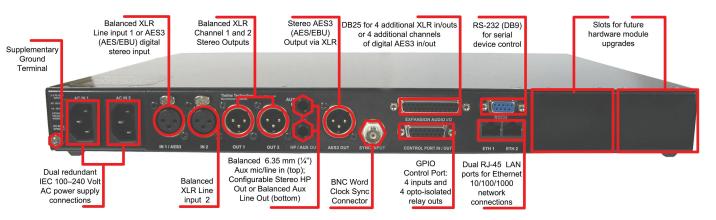
Multilingual menus and configuration software 1U x 19" Rackmount Multilingual

Size Dimensions

19" x 1.75" x 13.5" [482mm (W) x 44mm (H) x 343mm (D) including rear connectors] 6lb 7.7oz/2.94Kg Weight

Power Consumption

Dual 100-240V IEC power inlets; 1A 50-60Hz  $0^{\circ}$ C to 45°C (32°F to 113°F)  $20^{\circ}$ S RH  $\leq 70^{\circ}$ M (0 to 35°C/32°F to 95°F), non-condensing. Operating Temperature Humidity Operating Range



#### Merlin PLUS rear panel

Extensive dealer network with global telephone support in 2 strategic locations around the world

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