

SKAARHOJ RCP Pro

For

RED Cameras



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Important Information

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Warnings

- If the product does not work properly, please contact your dealer. Never attempt to disassemble the controller yourself (we will not assume any responsibility for problems caused by unauthorized repair or maintenance)
- This installation should be made by a qualified service person and should conform to all the local codes
- When shipping, the controller should be packed in its original packaging
- Make sure the power supply voltage is correct before using the controller
- Do not drop the controller or subject it to physical shock

Maintenance Precautions

- If there is dust on the controller and the displays, remove the dust gently using a oil-free brush or dust blowing apparatus

- Do not use organic solvents, such as benzene or ethanol when cleaning the surface of the controller

Regulatory Compliance

For private households: Information on Disposal for Users of WEEE

This symbol on the product(s) and / or accompanying documents means that used electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) should not be mixed with general household waste. For proper treatment, recovery and recycling, please take this product(s) to designated collection points where it will be accepted free of charge.



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For disposal in countries outside of the European Union

This symbol is only valid in the European Union (EU). If you wish to discard this product please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

What's In the Box

- 1 x SKAARHOJ RCP Pro Controller
- 1 x Power Adaptor including power plug
- 1 x 2m CAT.5E Ethernet cable

Overview

This user guide is suitable for the following models

- RCP Pro with RED default configuration

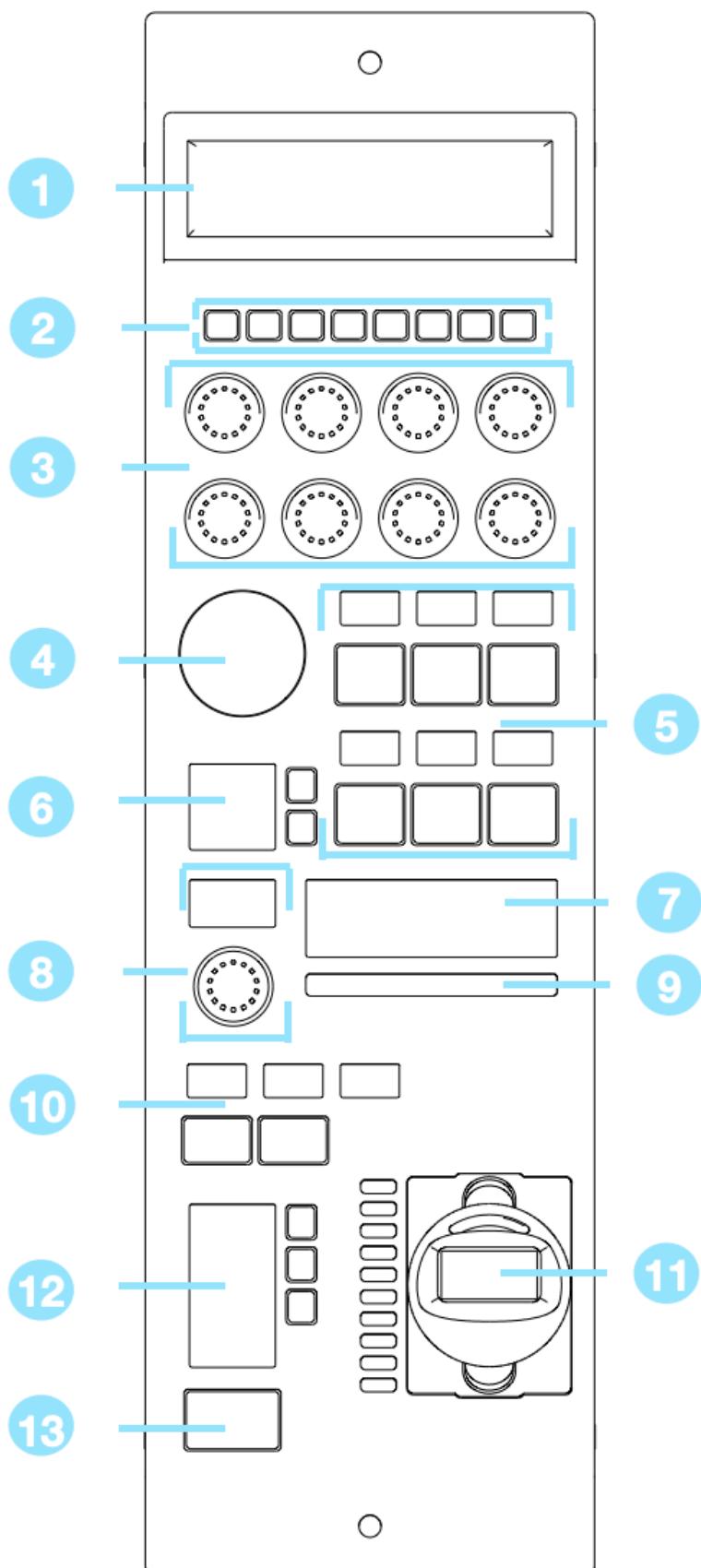
Features

- Support for RED Protocol including
 - Focus
 - Iris
 - Color Offset Red/Blue/Green
 - White Balance
 - Auto White Balance
 - Color Temperature
 - ISO
 - Shutter Speed
 - Shutter Mode
 - Power Red/Blue/Green
 - Color Saturation
 - Slope Red/Blue/Green
 - Tint
 - Display
 - Highlight
 - Paint Preset
 - Record Start/Stop
 - Audio Source
- Audio Gain
- Super crisp window with large display tiles for settings
- High-quality encoders with RGB backlight for function identification
- Camera ID display with OLED technology
- RGB tally bar
- Preview button for GPI or control of video router
- Four-way buttons with OLED legends for dynamic labelling and functionality
- Pressure and direction sensitive joystick pad
- Custom iris joystick with built in display and tally light
- Industry standard form factor (4"/102mm wide)
- Sits console style on table top or mountable in OB van rack
- Power: DC 12V, 5W-30W PoE (+)
- PoE Standard: IEEE 802.3af/t
- Firmware Upgrade via networked connection
- DB9 (EXT I/O) connector
- Option for changing configuration layout

Controller Diagram

Top

1. Large tilted display with 8 tiles. Functions associated with encoders from group 3
2. Preset and Camera Select
3. 8 rotary encoders with RGB backlight for function identification
4. Elastomer joypad
5. Group of 6 4-way buttons with associated displays
6. Connection Status
7. Camera ID display
8. Undefined
9. Tally bar
10. Record
11. Joystick with Iris display, master black ring, and push button
12. Panel Lock and Shifts
13. 4-way button for Preview



Backside

1. **DB9 (EXT I/O)**

For external routing/tally systems

2. **Camera Selector**

3. **Micro USB 2.0 Port**

For serial programming

4. **IP Network RJ45 Port**

For IP Control with PoE (5-30W PoE+/ IEEE 802.3af/t)

5. **12V DC Power Supply**

Connect the supplied DC Power adaptor

6. **Status LED**

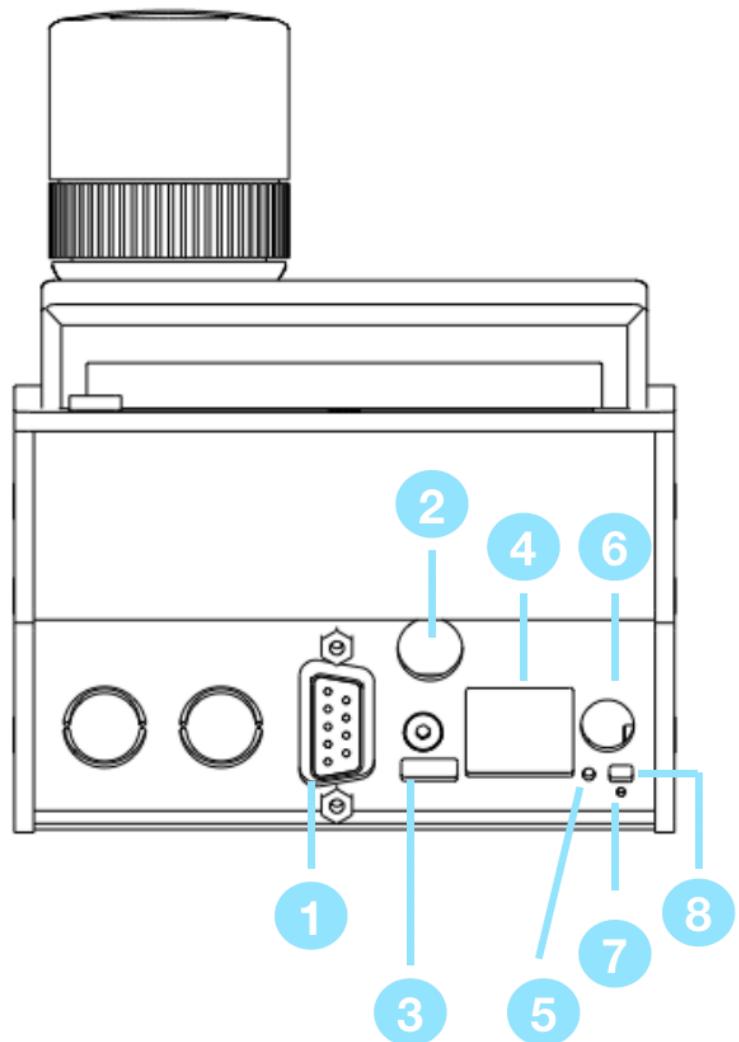
For monitoring and debugging

7. **Programming mode reset**

Only to be used if contact with support has been established and instructions given

8. **Config Button**

Enables wifi access point

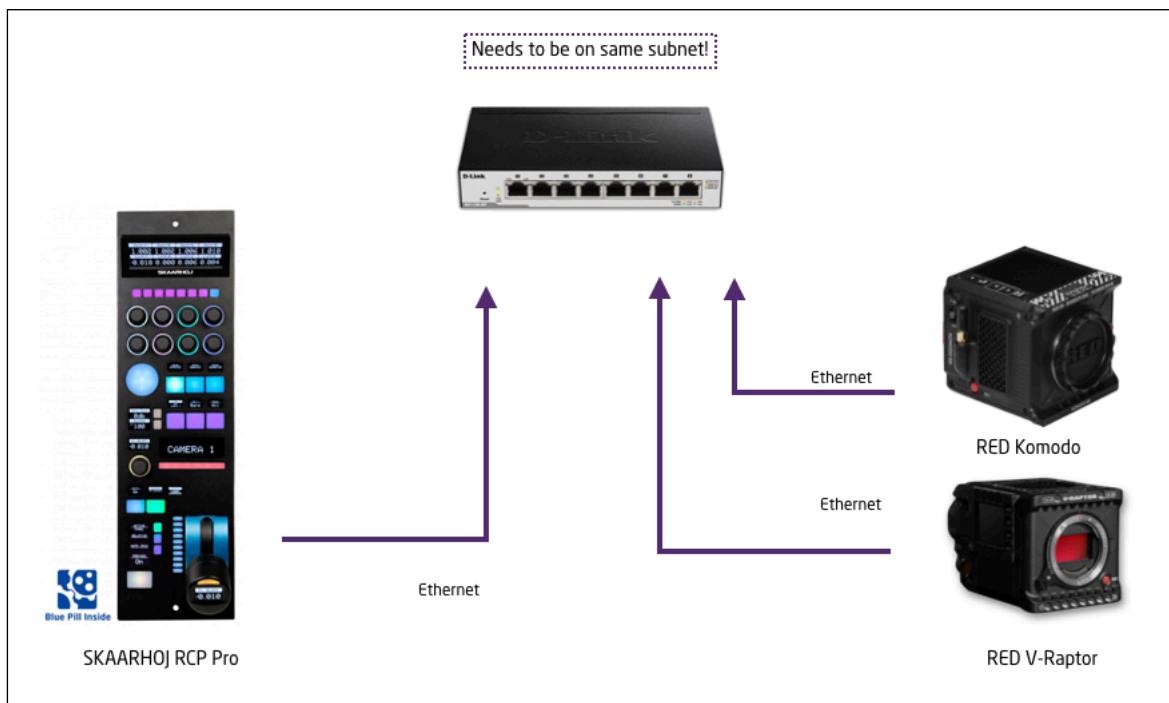


System Configuration

Connection

The SKAARHOJ RCP Pro communicates to camera(s) via a network. This can be via WiFi connection in the camera to the network or RED's USB-C adaptor to ethernet adaptor is needed for the Komodo, the V-Raptor has it built in. No video signal processing is done on the SKAARHOJ RCP Pro.

The layout of the configuration for the RCP Pro is done towards control of a single camera, but more cameras *can* be controlled from the same RCP Pro (or any other SKAARHOJ controller).



Power

- Use only the DC power adapter supplied with the controller. Do not use any other DC power adaptor
- If using PoE to power the controller, make sure the network switch supports 5W-30W PoE (+)/PoE Standard: IEEE 802.3af/t
- Ensure the PoE provider has sufficient power budget to power the controller. Otherwise it will not function properly
- Power Consumption: 6 Watts

Network Interface Details

-SKAARHOJ Blue Pill controllers have a 1 GBit network interface

-5W-30W PoE (+)

-PoE Standard: IEEE 802.3af/t

Remember a SKAARHOJ controller and client must be on the same subnet (192.168.10.* or one defined for the local network used by the controller). With multiple SKAARHOJ units connected to the same network they need to have different IP addresses!

Power over Ethernet (PoE) Specifications

We use the PoE industry standard 5W-30W PoE (+) IEEE802.3af/t. To power our controllers using PoE it is important the switch supports this standard. Please notice some manufactures such as Ubiquity have their own non-standard 24V type of PoE which is incompatible with our controllers. Especially pay attention to the standard when using a PoE injector.

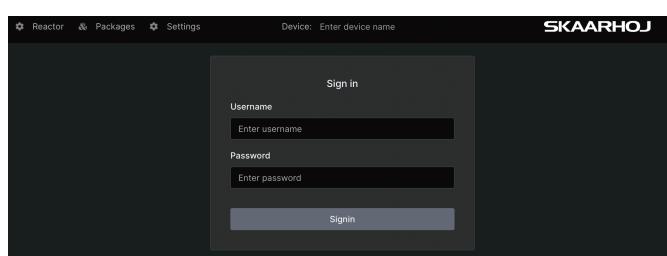
Accessing Blue Pill

DHCP or Static IP

The Blue Pill's user interface is accessed via the device's IP Address and any web browser. The IP address can be found on the display after it is plugged into a network connection with PoE or a network connection and a power supply (5V Micro USB).



Entering the IP address into the address bar of a search engine will bring up a prompt for username and password. The default is username: **admin** password: **skaarhoj**



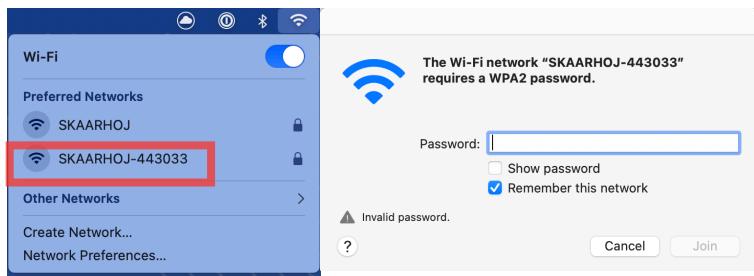
Wi-Fi Access Point

If the Blue Pill is not displaying an IP address, the web interface is accessible by enabling the internal Wi-Fi access point.

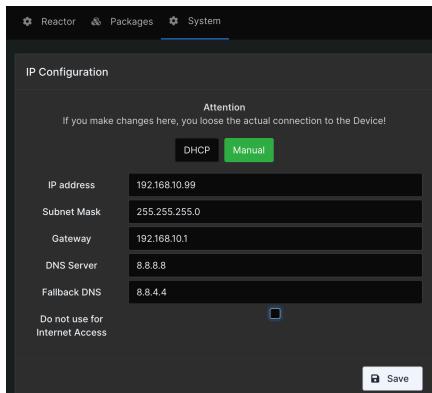
To enable the Wi-Fi access point, gently press and hold the config button on the side of the Blue Pill for about 3 seconds (Found next to the Ethernet jack. Use a flat screw driver, a paper clip or similar). When released, it will enable the internal Access Point and the LED will light up purple. It will show up in the Wi-Fi networks list as SKAARHOJ-XXXXXX (Blue Pill's serial number).

The default password is: **skaarhoj**

The web interface is then accessed at the IP address: **192.168.4.1**

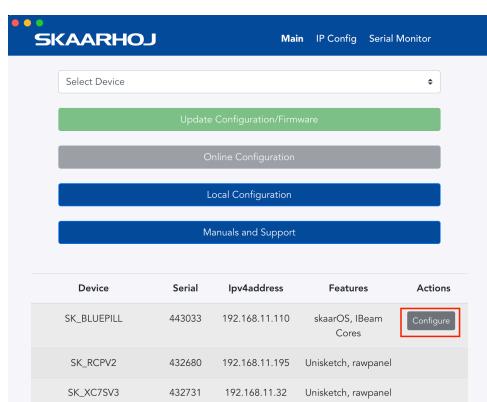


After accessing the Blue Pill it is best to navigate to the System Menu/System page to set a static IP address. Once saved, the new IP address will appear on the Blue Pill's display, it may be necessary to reboot or power cycle the device afterwards.



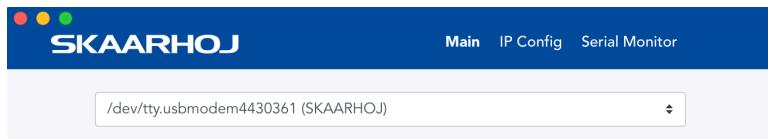
Link from SKAARHOJ Firmware Updater

If the SKAARHOJ Firmware Updater open on a computer running on the same subnet as the Blue Pill, the Blue Pill should appear below the main controller access buttons of the updater. Clicking on Configure next to the panel's information will open the web interface directly. The Blue Pill does not need to be connected to the computer via USB.



SKAARHOJ Firmware Updater and Micro USB

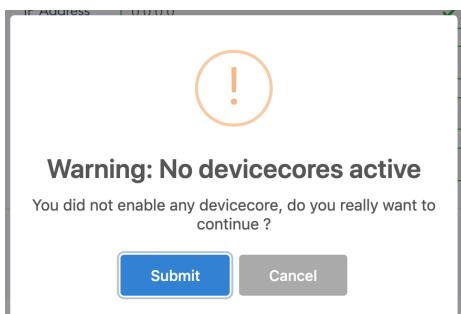
If a network connection to the Blue Pill is not available, the IP address can be set using a Micro USB cable. In this case the Blue Pill will appear in the "Select Device" dropdown and the "IP Config" tab in the Firmware Updater can be used to set the IP address (same procedure from UniSketch):



In this case it was identified as "/dev/tty.usbmodem4430361" (on MacOS) and pressing IP Config will open the IP set up page:



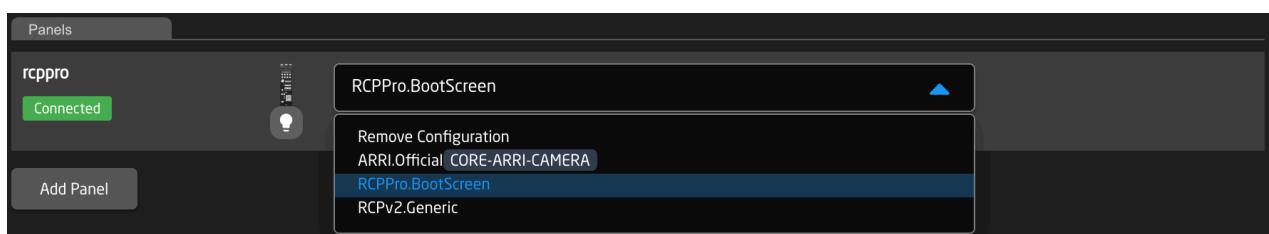
If/When the warning below appears, press "Submit" and reboot the Blue Pill:



Select Mapping

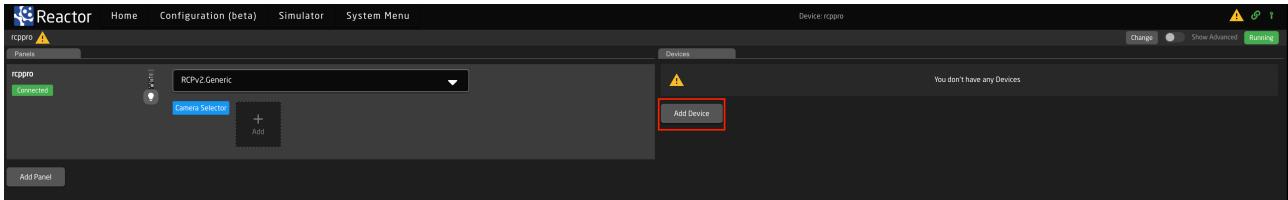
The controller's layout is determined by the Mapping. For our RED integration, RCPv2.Generic is the needed mapping.

The mapping is chosen in the drop down next to the panel.



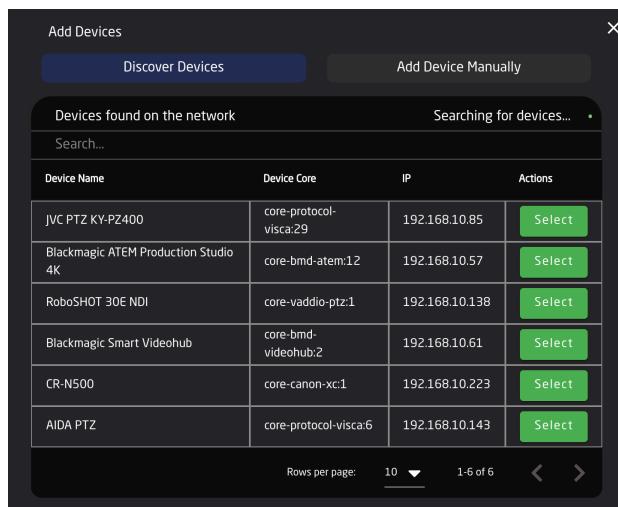
Adding Devices

There are two main ways a device can be added to a new Blue Pill, Auto Discover and Manually.



Auto Discover

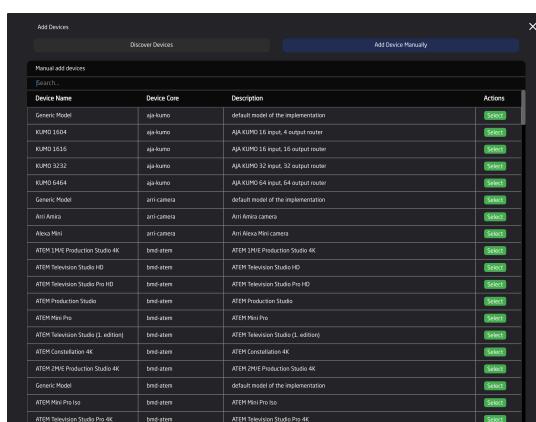
Searching on the network for devices will find many types by a combination of mDNS look-ups and other methods. However, not all devices can be discovered easily, but with those that can, it's a simple click of a button to add it to the Blue Pill device collection. Following an Auto Discover some device details may still be needed to establish connectivity. See Device Details section for set up.



Pressing SHIFT + the green Select button will allow for multiple panel selection.

Manually Added

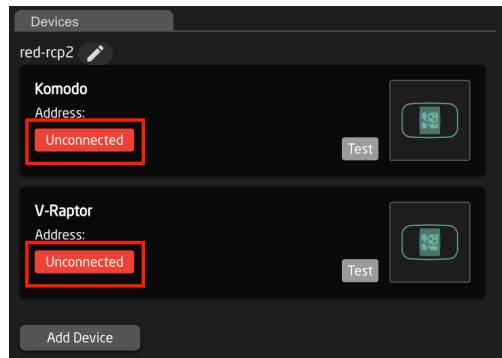
If a device must be added manually, it's easy to look it up in the list of supported models. Following a manual choice of device, the user will have to enter the IP address and other possible device detail information. See the Panel Details section for set up.



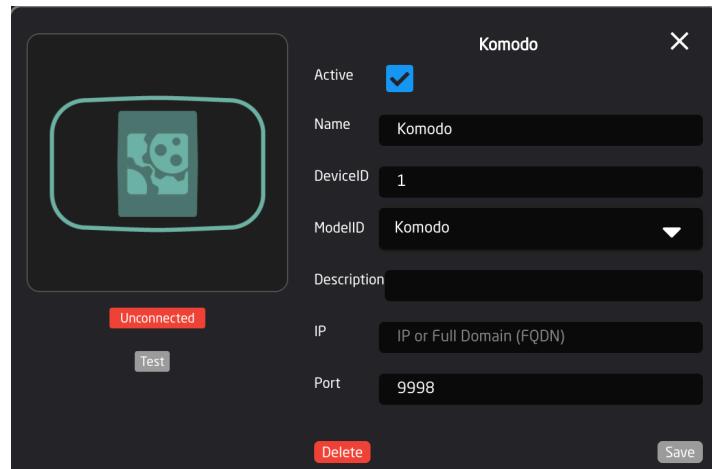
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Device Details

Panels have their status displayed clearly in the overviews on the Home screen.

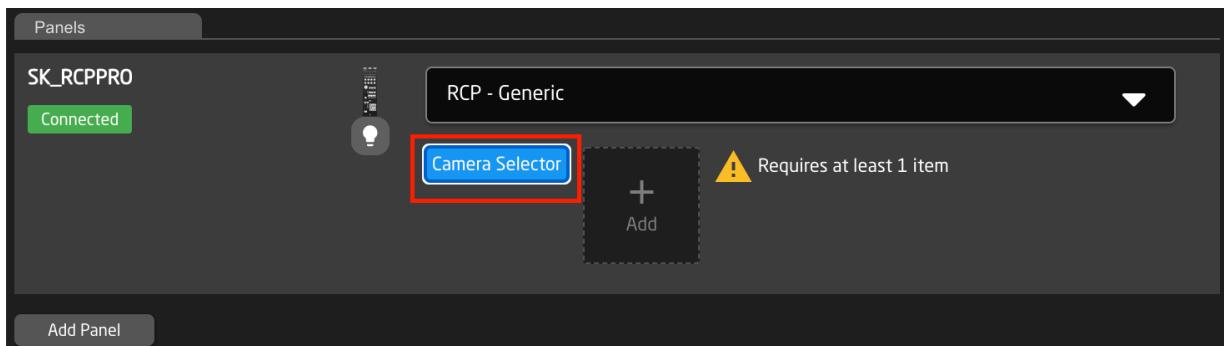


Clicking on a device name in the Devices section will open up the details. Here the name, ID number, Active status, and IP address of the device can be changed. By default the device name will be the same as the model name, the ID will be auto generated in order, and the status will be active. A device's status needs to be active for use.

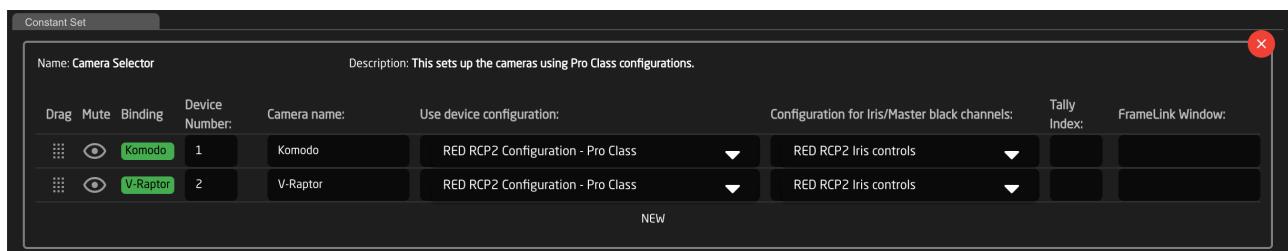


Populate Constant Sets

The final step is to fill in any constant sets. The constant sets are available based on the chosen configuration and should contain entries such as specific cameras for a PTZ controller, or the inputs for a video switcher etc. They are most common when working with PTZ cameras and routing panels, though may be available for additional device configurations.



The setup tables will auto save and quickly appear on displays and enable the function.



Column	Description
Drag	Allows for quick rearranging of camera order. Right clicking on drag will allow for deleting the row.
Mute	Allows for removing access to a specific camera or to leave a blank spot on the panel
Binding	Allows for the selecting of a specific connected camera
Camera Name	Customizable name to appear on the displays. Character limit is determined by size of display and can vary.
Device Number	Ties the camera selector to the specific device. This is found in the Devices section. Each device will have a unique device number per device core. This box should auto-populate when a camera is selected in binding
Use Device Configuration	Selects the protocol based configuration associated with camera. Needed protocol can be seen in the Devices section, each device is grouped into their native protocols. Double check the correct configuration is selected. Improper selection will effect camera control.
Configuration for Iris/Master Black Channel	Selects the needed protocol for Iris/Master Black control. For cameras without a variable lens this will follow the same protocol as the device. For cameras with a variable lens, select the protocol for the attached lens.
Tally Index	Tally Index number is set in advanced configuration tool. See Blue Pill/Reactor Manual for more information. This column does not need to be filled out for standard operation.
FrameLink Window	Sets the FrameLink Window value associated with the FrameLink device core for use with FrameLink compatible devices. See Blue Pill/Reactor Manual for more information. This column does not need to be filled out for standard operation.

Controller Use

Overall the controller has seven Menus. To change between the menus press M1- M6 and a shift accessible ENG menu. The controller has 1 shift level. To activate this press B11.

C1-C8

	Default	Shifted
C1-C8	Paint Preset	Camera Select

UD/LR

Undefined

M1-M6

	Settings
M1	Home
M2	Exposure
M3	Color 1
M4	Color 2
M5	Audio
M6	-
M7	Auto White Balance
M8	Record

B1-5

	Default	Shifted	Eng. Menu
B1	Connection Status	Connection Status	Reset Sleep
B2	-	-	Sleep On/Off
B3	Panel Lock	Eng. Menu On	Eng. Menu Off
B4	-	-	-
B5	Shift	Shift	Shift

ID Display

Displays camera name set in the Reactor UI Camera Selector

ID Tally

Lights up white by default and red when pins on DB9 connector is s

Iris

Displays Iris value

Preview

Hold down: Activates "Preview" relay on DB9 connector

LED Bar

Indicates Iris value

Joystick

Controls iris value

Ring

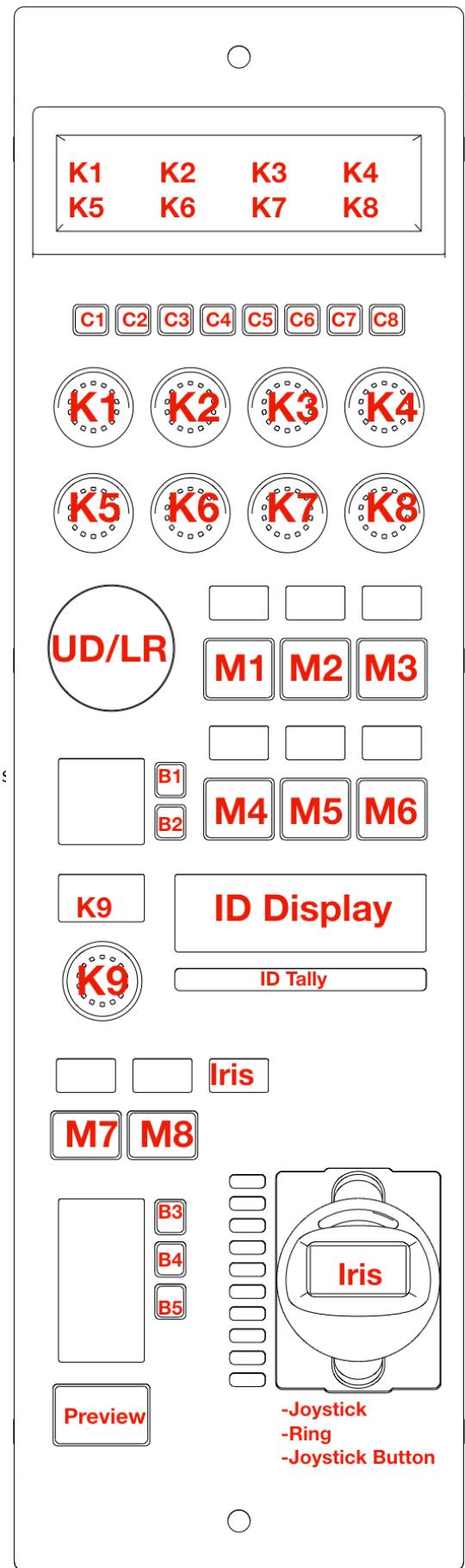
Master Pedestal

Joystick Button

Activates "Preview" relay on DB9 connector

Preview

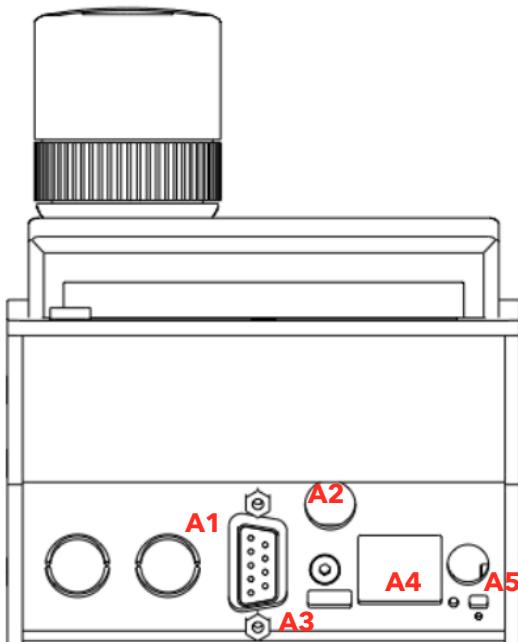
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K1-K9

The tiles in the main display are associated with Knob 1-8

	Home	Exposure	Color 1	Color 2	Audio	Eng. Menu
K1	Offset Red	Iris	Offset Red	Power Red	Audio Source	-
K2	Offset Green	Display Preset	Offset Green	Power Green	Link L/R Gain	-
K3	Offset Blue	Highlight Roll-Off	Offset Blue	Power Blue	Audio Gain Left	-
K4	Color Temperature	Output Tone Map	Color Temperature	Color Saturation	Audio Gain Right	-
K5	Exposure Adjust	Exposure Adjust	-	Slope Red	-	Sleep Time
K6	Iso	Iso	-	Slope Green	-	Dim Time
K7	Shutter	Shutter Speed	-	Slope Blue	-	Display Brightness
K8	Focus	Shutter Mode	Enable COL	Tint	-	LED Brightness
K9	-	-	-	-	-	-

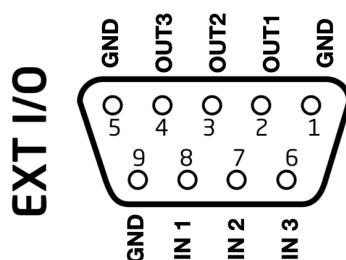


A1-A5

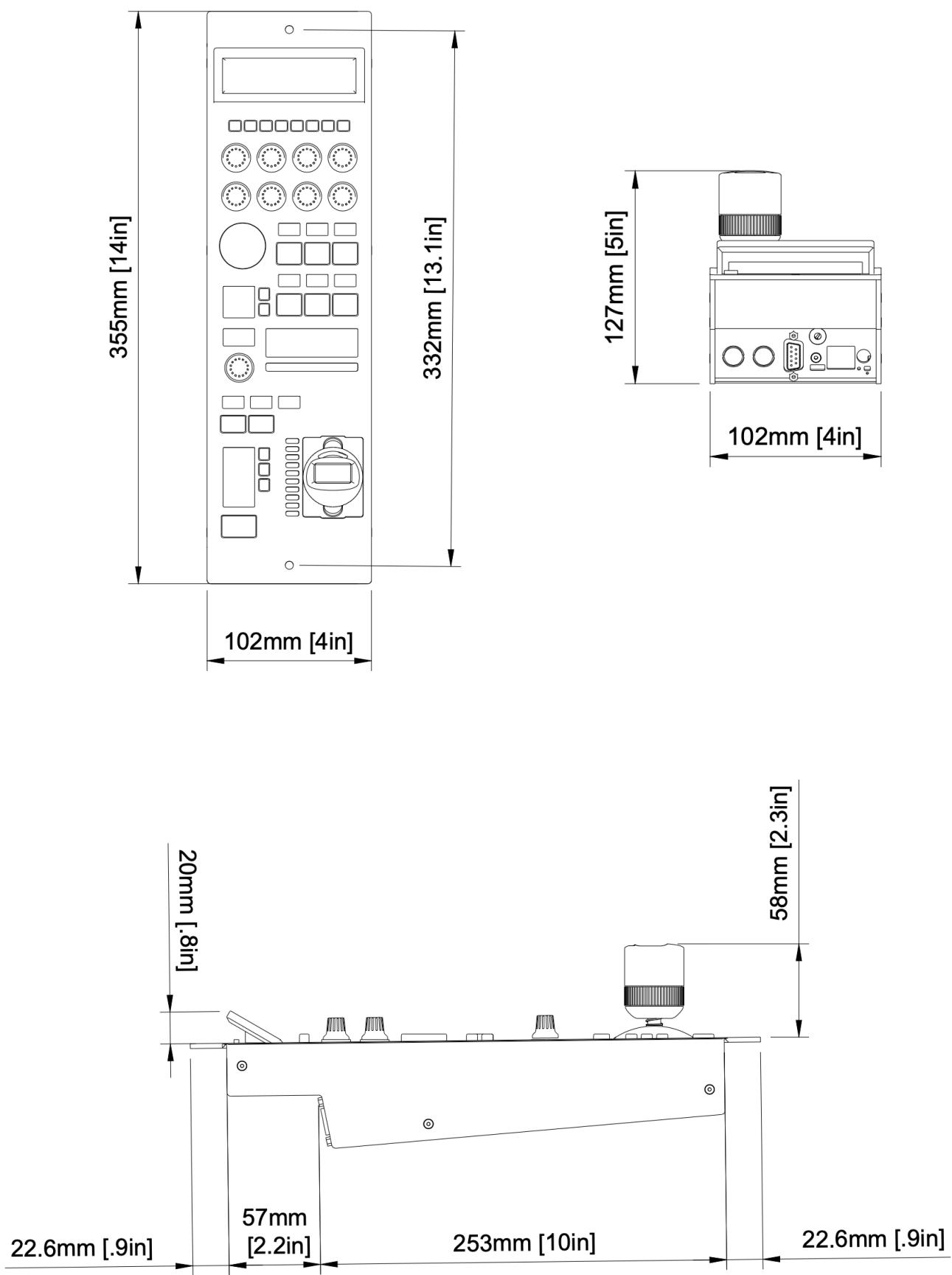
A1	DB9 (EXT I/O)
A2	Camera Select Dial
A3	USB 2.0 Port
A4	IP Network RJ45 Port
A5	12V DC Power

DB9 (EXT I/O)

This is the pinout for the DB9 connector on the RCP Pro.



Dimensions



Troubleshooting

Home Screen disappeared from web interface	-Check that Reactor is running in the Packages section. If it is not, restart it.
Can't find IP address	-Connect the controller to the computer via USB and use the Skaarhoj Firmware Updater to identify the IP address or set a static IP address. https://www.skaarhoj.com/support/firmware-updater
Controller not connected	-Check the IP address is correct -For Blue Pill Inside units the IP should be: host and the type should be: server
Cameras not connected	-Check their IP addresses are correct -Check the username and password are correct
Other Questions	Check out the full Blue Pill/Reactor manual available at www.skaarhoj.com/support

Contact Support

You are always welcome to contact us for support questions - write an email to support@skaarhoj.com and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

In order for us to provide the best support please state:

- Which SKAARHOJ unit it is about
- The serial number of your device (small silver label with 6 digits)
- The nature of the problem
- Which hardware device(s) you are controlling and their firmware version
- If you have successfully made contact with your device though the web interface
- Your operating system



Additional Resources

For additional information, tips, and tricks please visit our YouTube page at:

www.youtube.com/SKAARHOJ

For additional manuals, please visit our website:

<https://www.skaarhoj.com/support/manuals>

For additional manuals, check out our GitHub repository:

<https://github.com/SKAARHOJ/Support/tree/master/Manuals/Blue%20Pill>