

# User Guide

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## MVC 121 Plus

Three Input Stereo Mixer with DSP



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## Safety Instructions • English

 This symbol is intended to alert the user of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature provided with the equipment.

 This symbol is intended to alert the user of the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that may present a risk of electric shock.

### Caution

**Read Instructions** • Read and understand all safety and operating instructions before using the equipment.

**Retain Instructions** • The safety instructions should be kept for future reference.

**Follow Warnings** • Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the equipment or in the user information.

**Avoid Attachments** • Do not use tools or attachments that are not recommended by the equipment manufacturer because they may be hazardous.

## Consignes de Sécurité • Français

 Ce symbole sert à avertir l'utilisateur que la documentation fournie avec le matériel contient des instructions importantes concernant l'exploitation et la maintenance (réparation).

 Ce symbole sert à avertir l'utilisateur de la présence dans le boîtier de l'appareil de tensions dangereuses non isolées posant des risques d'électrocution.

### Attention

**Lire les instructions** • Prendre connaissance de toutes les consignes de sécurité et d'exploitation avant d'utiliser le matériel.

**Conserver les instructions** • Ranger les consignes de sécurité afin de pouvoir les consulter à l'avenir.

**Respecter les avertissements** • Observer tous les avertissements et consignes marqués sur le matériel ou présents dans la documentation utilisateur.

**Eviter les pièces de fixation** • Ne pas utiliser de pièces de fixation ni d'outils non recommandés par le fabricant du matériel car cela risquerait de poser certains dangers.

## Sicherheitsanleitungen • Deutsch

 Dieses Symbol soll dem Benutzer in der im Lieferumfang enthaltenen Dokumentation besonders wichtige Hinweise zur Bedienung und Wartung (Instandhaltung) geben.

 Dieses Symbol soll den Benutzer darauf aufmerksam machen, daß im Inneren des Gehäuses dieses Produktes gefährliche Spannungen, die nicht isoliert sind und die einen elektrischen Schock verursachen können, herrschen.

### Achtung

**Lesen der Anleitungen** • Bevor Sie das Gerät zum ersten Mal verwenden, sollten Sie alle Sicherheits- und Bedienungsanleitungen genau durchlesen und verstehen.

**Aufbewahren der Anleitungen** • Die Hinweise zur elektrischen Sicherheit des Produktes sollten Sie aufbewahren, damit Sie im Bedarfsfall darauf zurückgreifen können.

**Befolgen der Warnhinweise** • Befolgen Sie alle Warnhinweise und Anleitungen auf dem Gerät oder in der Benutzerdokumentation.

**Keine Zusatzgeräte** • Verwenden Sie keine Werkzeuge oder Zusatzgeräte, die nicht ausdrücklich vom Hersteller empfohlen wurden, da diese eine Gefahrenquelle darstellen können.

## Instrucciones de seguridad • Español

 Este símbolo se utiliza para advertir al usuario sobre instrucciones importantes de operación y mantenimiento (o cambio de partes) que se desean destacar en el contenido de la documentación suministrada con los equipos.

 Este símbolo se utiliza para advertir al usuario sobre la presencia de elementos con voltaje peligroso sin protección aislante, que puedan encontrarse dentro de la caja o alojamiento del producto, y que puedan representar riesgo de electrocución.

### Precaucion

**Leer las instrucciones** • Leer y analizar todas las instrucciones de operación y seguridad, antes de usar el equipo.

**Conservar las instrucciones** • Conservar las instrucciones de seguridad para futura consulta.

**Obedecer las advertencias** • Todas las advertencias e instrucciones marcadas en el equipo o en la documentación del usuario, deben ser obedecidas.

**Evitar el uso de accesorios** • No usar herramientas o accesorios que no sean específicamente recomendados por el fabricante, ya que podrían implicar riesgos.

## 安全须知 • 中文

 这个符号提示用户该设备用户手册中有重要的操作和维护说明。

 这个符号警告用户该设备机壳内有暴露的危险电压，有触电危险。

### 注意

阅读说明书 • 用户使用该设备前必须阅读并理解所有安全和使用说明。

保存说明书 • 用户应保存安全说明书以备将来使用。

遵守警告 • 用户应遵守产品和用户指南上的所有安全和操作说明。

避免追加 • 不要使用该产品厂商没有推荐的工具或追加设备，以避免危险。

### Warning

**Power sources** • This equipment should be operated only from the power source indicated on the product. This equipment is intended to be used with a main power system with a grounded (neutral) conductor. The third (grounding) pin is a safety feature, do not attempt to bypass or disable it.

**Power disconnection** • To remove power from the equipment safely, remove all power cords from the rear of the equipment, or the desktop power module (if detachable), or from the power source receptacle (wall plug).

**Power cord protection** • Power cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be stepped on or pinched by items placed upon or against them.

**Servicing** • Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. There are no user-serviceable parts inside. To prevent the risk of shock, do not attempt to service this equipment yourself because opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards.

**Slots and openings** • If the equipment has slots or holes in the enclosure, these are provided to prevent overheating of sensitive components inside. These openings must never be blocked by other objects.

**Lithium battery** • There is a danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace it only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### Avertissement

**Alimentations** • Ne faire fonctionner ce matériel qu'avec la source d'alimentation indiquée sur l'appareil. Ce matériel doit être utilisé avec une alimentation principale comportant un fil de terre (neutre). Le troisième contact (de mise à la terre) constitue un dispositif de sécurité : n'essayez pas de contourner ni de désactiver.

**Déconnexion de l'alimentation** • Pour mettre le matériel hors tension sans danger, déconnectez tous les cordons d'alimentation de l'arrière de l'appareil ou du module d'alimentation de bureau (s'il est amovible) ou encore de la prise secteur.

**Protection du cordon d'alimentation** • Acheminer les cordons d'alimentation de manière à ce que personne ne risque de marcher dessus et à ce qu'ils ne soient pas écrasés ou pincés par des objets.

**Réparation-maintenance** • Faire exécuter toutes les interventions de réparation-maintenance par un technicien qualifié. Aucun des éléments internes ne peut être réparé par l'utilisateur. Afin d'éviter tout danger d'électrocution, l'utilisateur ne doit pas essayer de procéder lui-même à ces opérations car l'ouverture ou le retrait des couvercles risquent de l'exposer à de hautes tensions et autres dangers.

**Fentes et orifices** • Si le boîtier de l'appareil comporte des fentes ou des orifices, ceux-ci servent à empêcher les composants internes sensibles de surchauffer. Ces ouvertures ne doivent jamais être bloquées par des objets.

**Lithium Batterie** • Il a danger d'explosion s'il y a remplacement incorrect de la batterie. Remplacer uniquement avec une batterie du même type ou d'un type équivalent recommandé par le constructeur. Mettre au rebut les batteries usagées conformément aux instructions du fabricant.

### Vorsicht

**Stromquellen** • Dieses Gerät sollte nur über die auf dem Produkt angegebene Stromquelle betrieben werden. Dieses Gerät wurde für eine Verwendung mit einer Hauptstromleitung mit einem geerdeten (neutralen) Leiter konzipiert. Der dritte Kontakt ist für einen Erdanschluß, und stellt eine Sicherheitsfunktion dar. Diese sollte nicht umgangen oder außer Betrieb gesetzt werden.

**Stromunterbrechung** • Um das Gerät auf sichere Weise vom Netz zu trennen, sollten Sie alle Netzkabel aus der Rückseite des Gerätes, aus der externen Stromversorgung (falls dies möglich ist) oder aus der Wandsteckdose ziehen.

**Schutz des Netzkabels** • Netzkabel sollten stets so verlegt werden, daß sie nicht im Weg liegen und niemand darauf treten kann oder Objekte darauf- oder unmittelbar dagegengestellt werden können.

**Wartung** • Alle Wartungsmaßnahmen sollten nur von qualifiziertem Servicepersonal durchgeführt werden. Die internen Komponenten des Gerätes sind wartungsfrei. Zur Vermeidung eines elektrischen Schocks versuchen Sie in keinem Fall, dieses Gerät selbst öffnen, da beim Entfernen der Abdeckungen die Gefahr eines elektrischen Schlags und/oder andere Gefahren bestehen.

**Schlitz und Öffnungen** • Wenn das Gerät Schlitze oder Löcher im Gehäuse aufweist, dienen diese zur Vermeidung einer Überhitzung der empfindlichen Teile im Inneren. Diese Öffnungen dürfen niemals von anderen Objekten blockiert werden.

**Lithium-Batterie** • Explosionsgefahr, falls die Batterie nicht richtig ersetzt wird. Ersetzen Sie verbrauchte Batterien nur durch den gleichen oder einen vergleichbaren Batterietyp, der auch vom Hersteller empfohlen wird. Entsorgen Sie verbrauchte Batterien bitte gemäß den Herstelleranweisungen.

### Advertencia

**Alimentación eléctrica** • Este equipo debe conectarse únicamente a la fuente/tipo de alimentación eléctrica indicada en el mismo. La alimentación eléctrica de este equipo debe provenir de un sistema de distribución general con conductor neutro a tierra. La tercera pata (puesta a tierra) es una medida de seguridad, no puentearla ni eliminarla.

**Desconexión de alimentación eléctrica** • Para desconectar con seguridad la acometida de alimentación eléctrica al equipo, desenchufar todos los cables de alimentación en el panel trasero del equipo, o desenchufar el módulo de alimentación (si fuera independiente), o desenchufar el cable del receptáculo de la pared.

**Protección del cables de alimentación** • Los cables de alimentación eléctrica se deben instalar en lugares donde no sean pisados ni apretados por objetos que se puedan apoyar sobre ellos.

**Reparaciones/mantenimiento** • Solicitar siempre los servicios técnicos de personal calificado. En el interior no hay partes a las que el usuario deba acceder. Para evitar riesgo de electrocución, no intentar personalmente la reparación/mantenimiento de este equipo, ya que al abrir o extraer las tapas puede quedar expuesto a voltajes peligrosos u otros riesgos.

**Ranuras y aberturas** • Si el equipo posee ranuras o orificios en su caja/alojamiento, es para evitar el sobrecalentamiento de componentes internos sensibles. Estas aberturas nunca se deben obstruir con otros objetos.

**Batería de litio** • Existe riesgo de explosión si esta batería se coloca en la posición incorrecta. Cambiar esta batería únicamente con el mismo tipo (o su equivalente) recomendado por el fabricante. Descharar las baterías usadas siguiendo las instrucciones del fabricante.

### 警告

**电源** • 该设备只能使用产品上标明的电源。设备必须使用有地线的供电系统供电。第三条线(地线)是安全设施,不能不用或跳过。

**拔掉电源** • 为安全地从设备拔掉电源,请拔掉所有设备后或桌面电源的电源线,或任何接到市电系统的电源线。

**电源线保护** • 妥善布线, 避免被踩踏, 或重物挤压。

**维护** • 所有维修必须由认证的维修人员进行。设备内部没有用户可以更换的零件。为避免出现触电危险不要自己试图打开设备盖子维修该设备。

**通风孔** • 有些设备机壳上有通风槽或孔,它们是用来防止机内敏感元件过热。不要用任何东西挡住通风孔。

**锂电池** • 不正确的更换电池会有爆炸的危险。必须使用与厂家推荐的相同或相近型号的电池。按照生产厂的建议处理废弃电池。

## FCC Class A Notice

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. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1.** This device may not cause harmful interference.
- 2.** This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

The Class A 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.

**NOTE:** This unit was tested with shielded cables on the peripheral devices. Shielded cables must be used with the unit to ensure compliance with FCC emissions limits.

For more information on safety guidelines, regulatory compliances, EMI/EMF compliance, accessibility, and related topics, [click here](#).

## Conventions Used in this Guide

In this user guide, the following are used:

**NOTE:** A note draws attention to important information.

**TIP:** A tip provides a suggestion to make working with the application easier.

**CAUTION:** A caution indicates a potential hazard to equipment or data.

**WARNING:** A warning warns of things or actions that might cause injury, death, or other severe consequences.

Commands are written in the fonts shown here:

`^AR Merge Scene,,0p1 scene 1,1 ^B 51 ^W ^C`

`[Ø1] R Ø004 00300 00400 00800 00600 [Ø2] 35 [17] [Ø3]`

`Esc[X1*[X17*[X20*[X23*[X21CE←`

**NOTE:** For commands and examples of computer or device responses mentioned in this guide, the character “Ø” is used for the number zero and “O” represents the capital letter “o.”

Computer responses and directory paths that do not have variables are written in the font shown here:

`Reply from 208.132.180.48: bytes=32 times=2ms TTL=32`

`C:\Program Files\Extron`

Variables are written in slanted form as shown here:

`ping xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx -t`

`SOH R Data STX Command ETB ETX`

Selectable items, such as menu names, menu options, buttons, tabs, and field names are written in the font shown here:

From the **File** menu, select **New**.

Click the **OK** button.

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# Introduction

This section describes this manual and the MVC 121 Plus, including:

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- [MVC 121 Plus Description](#)
- [MVC 121 Plus Features](#)
- [MVC 121 Plus Application Diagram](#)

## About This Guide

This guide contains information about the Extron MVC 121 Plus audio mixer and volume controller with DSP. Unless otherwise specified, references in this guide to the “mixer” or “MVC” relate to the features or operation of the MVC 121 Plus.

## MVC 121 Plus Description

The MVC 121 Plus is an audio mixer and volume controller that will mix up to two mic/line inputs (mono, balanced or unbalanced) with one line level input (stereo, balanced or unbalanced). All audio input signals are converted from analog to digital prior to processing or routing. Each mic input and the stereo line level input have their own gain control adjustment screws, and the mixed output also features a volume control knob.

The MVC offers gain, Parametric EQ filter, and tone processing with quick and intuitive configuration using the DSP Configurator™ software. The DSP built into the MVC provides wide dynamic range and utilizes 24-bit audio converters with 48 kHz sampling to maintain audio signal transparency.

Two sets of outputs include a fixed output that is independent from volume control, and a variable output that is volume adjustable. All inputs and outputs are via 3.5 mm captive screw connectors, and the gain/volume settings are indicated by an eight segment LED ladder.

Rotating the gain adjustment screw clockwise increases gain, rotating the screw counterclockwise decreases gain. Gain values adjust in 1 dB increments.

Volume adjustment interval varies with knob rotation, that is, turning the knob clockwise increases the volume and turning the knob counterclockwise decreases the volume. The volume is increased more rapidly at lower volume settings.

The MVC offers RS-232 control of input gain/attenuation, and control of output volume. The latest firmware can be uploaded using RS-232 or USB and the Extron Firmware Loader program for Windows®.

## MVC 121 Plus Features

**Emulate and live modes for configuration** — The DSP Configurator control program can be used in emulate mode to create an MVC 121 Plus configuration offline. The modifications can be saved and applied to the unit when a connection is established. In live mode, the changes are made directly to the unit.

**Two mic/line inputs and one line level input** — Two mic/line (mono, balanced or unbalanced) inputs can mix with one line level (stereo, balanced or unbalanced) input.

**Fixed and variable outputs** — The MVC includes a fixed output and a volume adjustable variable output.

**Multi-function LED level indicator** — Automatically displays the mix-point gain or output volume setting for the front panel controls, and also functions as an output level meter.

**Fixed, low latency DSP processing** — Input to output latency within the MVC 121 Plus is fixed regardless of the number of active channels or processes. Fixed, low latency processing keeps audio in sync with video, and prevents distractions to the presenter resulting from delayed live audio.

**48-volt phantom power for condenser microphones** — 48 VDC phantom power is available for mic inputs 1 and 2.

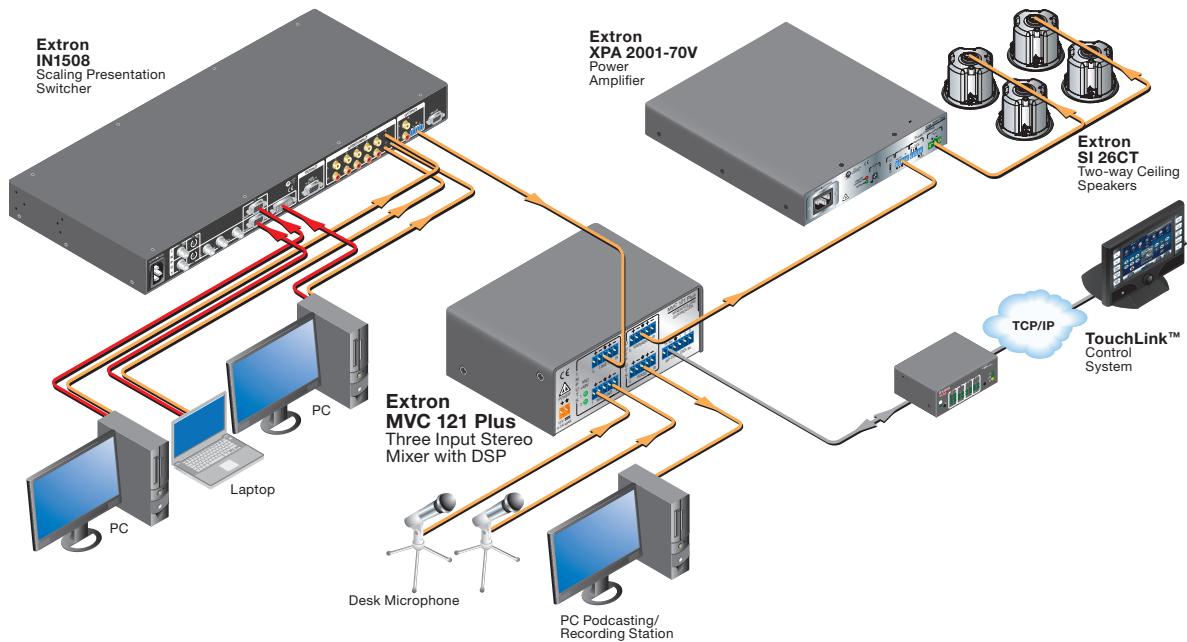
**Soft limits provide optimal adjustment range** — The volume range for the variable output and the gain range for the three mix points can be limited using the soft limits to maintain optimal minimum and maximum levels when using external control. This prevents operators from over or under-adjusting levels when using digital I/O or RS-232 control. The DSP Configurator software provides quick drag-and-drop adjustment of soft limits.

**SpeedNav™ keyboard navigation** — SpeedNav enables user-friendly, keyboard-based navigation of the DSP Configurator software without the need for a mouse or touchpad. Using keyboard navigation keys and shortcuts, the user can access any input or output, mix-points, and all audio DSP tools. Using only the keyboard for software access can help expedite audio system setup and commissioning.

**Rear panel RS-232 control port** — The MVC 121 Plus can be configured using Extron Simple Instruction Set (SIS™) commands from a PC using an RS-232 cable.

**Front panel USB control port** — The MVC 121 Plus can be configured by Extron Simple Instruction Set (SIS) commands from a PC using a USB cable.

## MVC 121 Plus Application Diagram



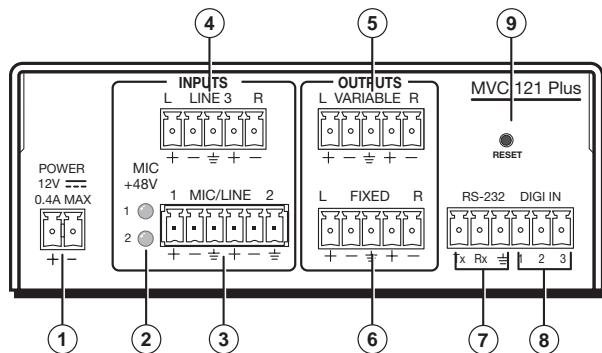
**Figure 1.** MVC 121 Plus Application Diagram

# Installation

This section describes the features and connectors for the MVC 121 Plus:

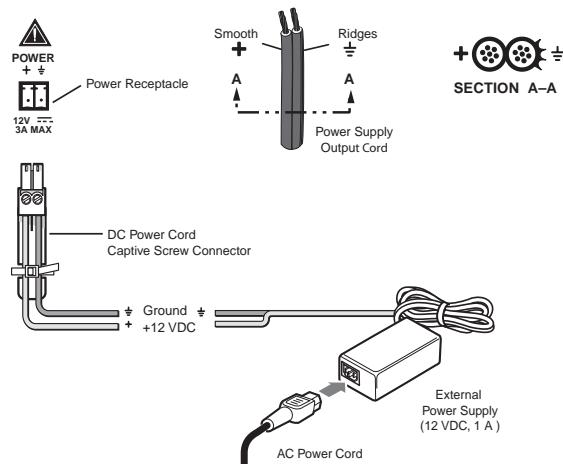
- **Rear Panel Features**
- **Front Panel Features**

## Rear Panel Features



**Figure 2.** MVC 121 Plus Rear Panel

- ① **Power connector** — Connect the two pole, 3.5 mm captive screw connector from the 12 VDC external power supply (provided) to this socket on the rear panel. Ensure the connections have the correct polarity as shown in the illustration below:



**Figure 3.** Power Supply Connection

**CAUTION:** Always use a power supply supplied or specified by Extron. Use of an unauthorized power supply voids all regulatory compliance certification and may cause damage to the supply and the end product.

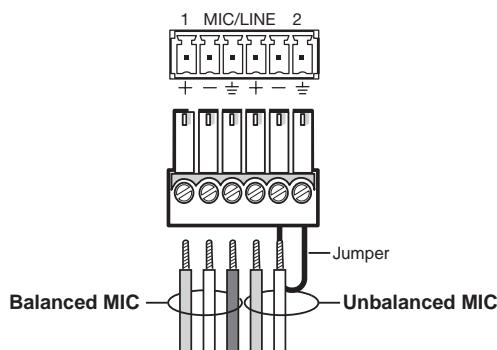
Unless otherwise stated, the AC/DC adapters are not suitable for use in air handling spaces or in wall cavities. The power supply is to be located within the same vicinity as the Extron AV processing equipment in an ordinary location, Pollution Degree 2, secured to the equipment rack within the dedicated closet, podium or desk. Power over Ethernet (PoE) is intended for indoors use only. No part of the network that uses PoE can be routed outdoors.

The installation must always be in accordance with the applicable provisions of National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70, article 75 and the Canadian Electrical Code part 1, section 16. The power supply shall not be permanently fixed to building structure or similar structure.

**NOTE:** The length of the exposed wires in the stripping process is critical. The ideal length is 3/16 inches (5 mm). Any longer and the exposed wires may touch, causing a short circuit between them. Any shorter and the wires can be easily pulled out even if tightly fastened by the captive screws.

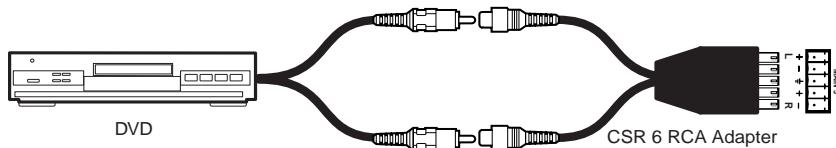
Do not tin the wires. Tinned wire does not hold its shape and can become loose over time.

- ② **Mic 1 and 2 +48 V phantom power LED indicators** — The LED lights whenever the corresponding mic phantom power is on and goes off when the phantom power is off.
- ③ **Mic/line inputs 1 and 2** — Up to two mono microphones or line level signals, balanced and/or unbalanced, may be connected to the 6-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector. Inputs provide gain settings to accommodate consumer and pro operating line level sources, with sufficient gain to support mic level audio.



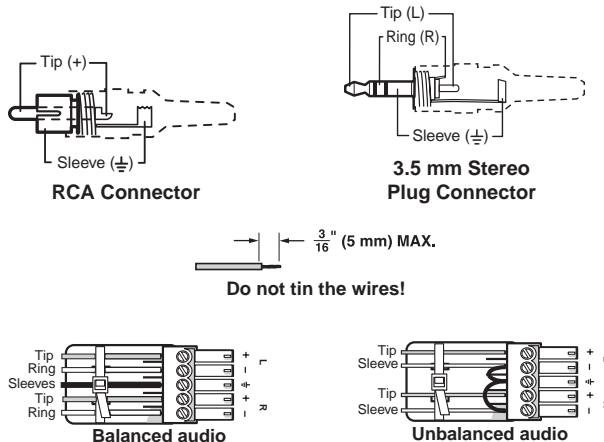
**NOTE:** Mic inputs will be evenly mixed into both left and right outputs.

- ④ Line input 3, left (L) and right (R)** — A line level audio source, such as a CD player, output from a switcher, DVD player, or other audio device, may be connected to the 5-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector. Line inputs provide gain settings to accommodate consumer and pro operating line level sources. Balanced or unbalanced stereo connections can be wired to this connector (see the following example diagram).



**NOTE:** Input devices cabled with two RCA male outputs may be connected to the 5-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector using the Extron CSR 6 adapter, part number **26-575-01**, as shown above.

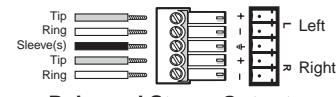
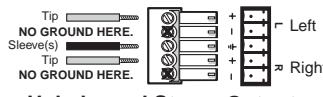
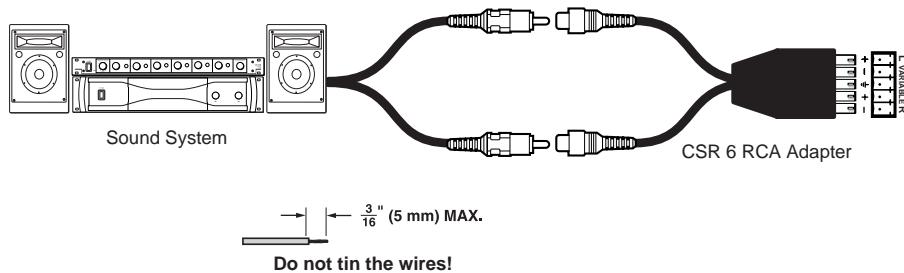
To wire the captive screw connectors to the RCA or 3.5 mm mini phone plugs, see the following illustrations below.



- ⑤ Variable output left (L) and right (R)** — The balanced/unbalanced stereo output to an amplifier from the 5-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector is controlled by the large main volume control knob on the front panel. See the [Front Panel Features](#) section. Volume range is from 0 to 100%, or -100 to 0 dB. Adjust the speaker volume by using the following sequence:

1. Adjust the volume of the amplifier down to its minimum setting.
2. Adjust the main volume knob of the MVC to its default level of 100% volume, or 0 dB.
3. Adjust the volume of the amplifier to the desired level.
4. Make subsequent volume level adjustments by using the volume knob of the MVC.

**NOTE:** Output devices cabled with two RCA male outputs may be connected to the 5-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector using the Extron CSR 6 adapter, part number **26-575-01**, as shown in the following illustration.



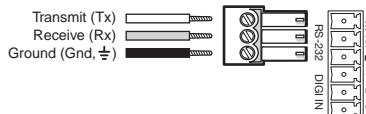
**CAUTION:** Connect the sleeve to ground. Connecting the sleeve to a negative (-) terminal will damage the audio output circuits.

- ⑥ **Fixed output left (L) and right (R)** — The balanced/unbalanced stereo output from the 5-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector is output at a fixed volume adjustable gain level for input to a recording device. Level can be adjusted at the recording device, or using output gain control with a range of -24 to +12 dB.

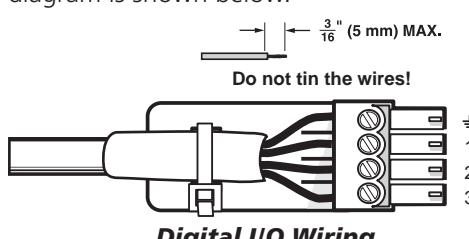
**NOTE:** The main volume control knob on the front panel operates independently of the fixed output. Both the fixed and variable output connectors will output audio simultaneously.

The fixed output connector is wired the same as the variable output connector. See ⑤, variable output connector, for an example application diagram with cabling instructions and a caution.

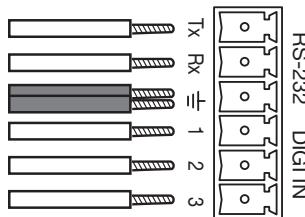
- ⑦ **RS-232** — Connect an RS-232 device (control system or PC) to the 6-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector for two-way RS-232 communication. Software for RS-232 control is included with the MVC. See [SIS Programming and Control](#) for information on how to install and use the control software and SIS commands.



- ⑧ **Digital input (DIGI IN)** — A 6-pole 3.5 mm captive screw connector provides three configurable ports designed to connect to various devices such as motion detectors, alarms, buttons, photo (light) sensors, temperature sensors, or other devices. This connector shares a common ground with the RS-232 connector (⑦). The wiring diagram is shown below.

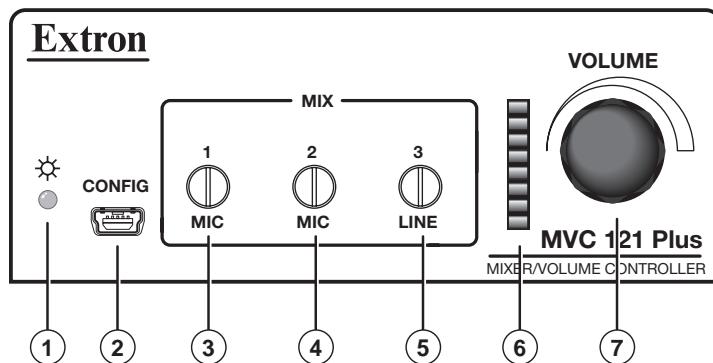


Both the RS-232 and the digital input connectors may be used simultaneously by using a 6-pin captive screw connector with two wires sharing the same ground connector (see the diagram below).



- ⑨ **Reset** — The recessed reset button is used to access various modes of resets. The green power LED on the front panel indicates what mode of reset was accessed (see the [MVC 121 Plus Hardware Reset Modes](#) section for additional details).

## Front Panel Features



**Figure 4.** MVC 121 Plus Front Panel

- ① **Power/Reset LED** — Green power indicator lights when the MVC 121 Plus is operational. The LED also blinks per mode reset (see the [Reset Actuator and LED](#) section).
- ② **Configuration (Config) port** — Connect a PC to the USB mini B-type connector for configuring the MVC using the DSP Configurator software. The MVC 121 Plus USB driver must be installed prior to using the port.
- ③ **Mic 1 gain control** — Rotating the encoder screw clockwise increases the gain setting, rotating the encoder screw counterclockwise decreases the gain. This adjustment controls the single gain point in the mix matrix that mixes mono mic 1 levels to the stereo output bus.  
The gain adjustment is indicated by the LED indicator bar (⑥). When the encoder screw rotation has stopped for three seconds or longer, the LED indicator returns to the output meter indication.
- ④ **Mic 2 gain control** — Rotating the encoder screw clockwise increases the gain setting, rotating the encoder screw counterclockwise decreases the gain setting. This adjustment controls the single gain point in the mix matrix that mixes mono mic 2 levels to the stereo output bus.  
The gain adjustment is indicated by the LED indicator bar (⑥). When the encoder screw rotation has stopped for three seconds or longer, the LED indicator returns to the output meter indication.

- ⑤ Line level 3 gain control** — Rotating the encoder screw clockwise increases the gain setting, rotating the encoder screw counterclockwise decreases the gain setting. This adjustment controls the single gain point in the mix matrix that mixes stereo line level input 3 to the stereo output bus.

The gain adjustment is indicated by the LED indicator bar (⑥). When the encoder screw rotation has stopped for three seconds or longer, the LED indicator returns to the output meter indication.

- ⑥ LED ladder indicator bar** — As the mix-point gain or output volume increases or decreases via the front panel controls, the LED indicator bar lights from the bottom to the top to indicate the current mix-point or volume level, as shown in the table below. As the volume is increased or decreased within a volume range, the top LED to be lit flashes once. If the knob is turned past maximum volume, all 8 LEDs flash for as long as the knob continues to be turned.

When the output volume is muted, the individual LEDs scroll from the top to the bottom to indicate a muted state. The LEDs return to being a meter for the output signal when the audio is unmuted. Unmute occurs when the mute process is reversed, or when an encoder screw or the volume knob position is changed. All LEDs blink when the user attempts to adjust the encoder position beyond the maximum gain level.

When no activity is detected for either the mix-point encoder screws or the volume adjust knob, the LED indicator bar will reflect a combined L/R output meter level, where the max level of either left or right meter is always displayed, as shown in the table below.

**NOTE:** Mix-point or volume level is only displayed on the LED ladder indicator whenever the front panel encoder screws or the volume adjustment knob are being adjusted and not through DSP Configurator software or SIS commands.

LED Level	Meter Display (dB)
8	-6 to 0
7	-12 to -7
6	-18 to -13
5	-24 to -19
4	-30 to -25
3	-36 to -31
2	-42 to -37
1	-60 to -43

- ⑦ **Volume level adjust knob** — Rotating the adjustment knob clockwise increases the output volume, rotating the knob counterclockwise decreases the volume. The LEDs light from bottom up as the volume level increases.



Use the rotary encoder to adjust the output volume from 0 (-100 dB) to 100% (0 dB). The default setting is 100% (0 dB). The knob step adjustments are as follows:

Volume Range (dB)	Knob Step Adjustment (dB)
-100 to -70	+/- 5 dB
-70 to -30	+/- 3 dB
-30 to -20	+/- 2 dB
-20 to -0	+/- 1 dB

The degree to which the volume is incremented or decremented for each step the volume adjust knob is turned, depends on the current volume setting.

As the volume increases or decreases, the LED bar lights to indicate the current volume range, as shown in the table below. As the volume is increased or decreased within a volume range, the top LED to be lit flashes once. If the knob is turned past maximum volume, all 8 LEDs flash, for as long as the knob continues to be turned.

In the table below, turning the volume adjust knob (⑦) affects the volume range and turning the input gain control screws (③, ④, ⑤ affects the mix-point range).

LED Level	Volume Range (dB)	Mix-point Range (dB)
8	-4 to -0	+7 to +12
7	-9 to -5	+1 to +6
6	-14 to -10	-3 to +0
5	-19 to -15	-7 to -4
4	-29 to -20	-11 to -8
3	-49 to -30	-15 to -12
2	-69 to -50	-19 to -16
1	-99 to -70	-23 to -20

# Operation

This section describes the operation of the MVC 121 Plus, including:

- [MVC 121 Plus Operation](#)
- [DSP Processing/Signal Flow](#)
- [Filter Processor Block](#)
- [Mic/Line Input Signal Chain](#)
- [Mixer](#)
- [Output Channels](#)

## MVC 121 Plus Operation

The MVC 121 Plus can be configured using a PC running Windows XP or better and the DSP Configurator software (available on the included disc or at [www.extron.com](http://www.extron.com)), or the Extron SIS Simple Instruction Set using HyperTerminal or DataViewer.

The MVC 121 Plus is configured for immediate operation, with all inputs mixed to the outputs. However, input gain must be set, especially for the microphone inputs, before the device will function at optimal levels.

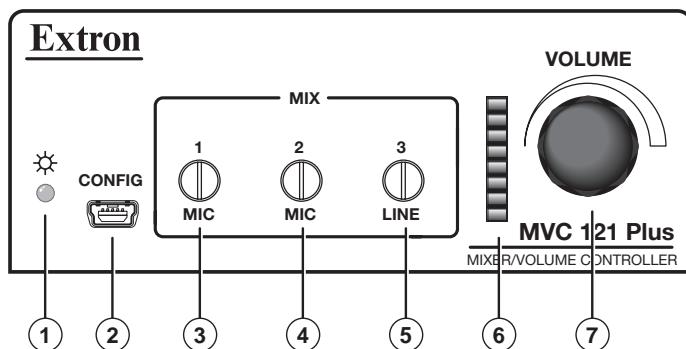
The front panel small rotary encoders control level at the mix-points, not at the input gain stage. Mix-points have a gain range of -24 dB to +12 dB. In some instances, the mix-point gain range may be too great, allowing for settings that are too loud or too soft, and in some instances the loudest settings may cause feedback or clipping. Soft limits can be applied to the mix-point gain ranges, limiting the gain range for smoother operation.

Mix-point levels and Variable output levels may be set using the front panel rotary controls. Input gain should be set using the DSP Configurator software, which provides metering in dBFS that will assist you in configuring the device for optimal operation. The MVC 121 Plus is a digital device, therefore optimal operating levels are close to 0 dBFS without ever going over 0 dBFS (0 dB “full scale” on the input or output meters). Levels above 0 dBFS cause clipping, which is always audible on a digital device.

Soft limits may also be applied to the Variable output, which will prevent the volume from becoming too loud or too soft. The Fixed output, while not affected by the front panel Volume control, does include a gain stage that is configured with the DSP Configurator software. The Fixed output gain setting can be used to optimize the level going to, for example, a recording device or ALS system.

Lastly, the input signal chain provides a Filter/EQ block. Use these processors to optimize the tonal quality of your source devices. A high-pass filter applied to a microphone will reduce thumps and pops, while the parametric EQ can be used to give a talker more presence, or to remove frequencies that are likely to cause feedback.

## Front Panel Operation

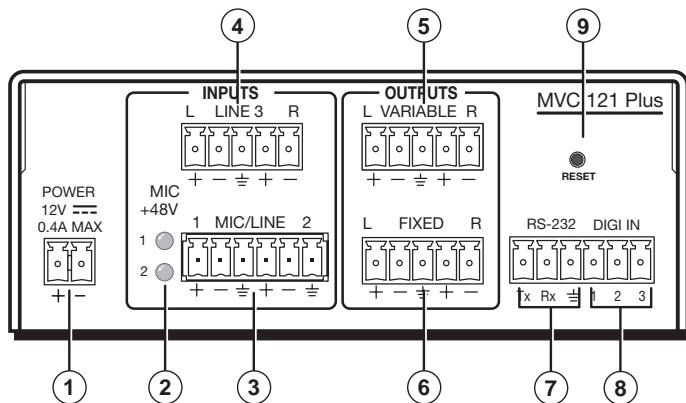


**Figure 5.** MVC 121 Plus Front Panel

- ① **Power/Reset LED** — Green power indicator lights solid when the MVC is operational. The LED will blink when the reset button is pressed.
- ② **Configuration connector** — The USB 2.0 port uses a mini type-B connector to connect to a host computer for control. The MVC 121 Plus USB driver must be installed prior to using the port (see the [Install the USB Driver](#) section for additional information).

The MVC appears as a USB peripheral with bidirectional communication. The USB connection can be used for software operation (see [Windows-based Program Control](#)), and SIS control (see the [Software Control section for additional information](#)).

## Rear Panel Operation



**Figure 6.** MVC 121 Plus Rear Panel

- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ — See the [Rear Panel Features](#) section for further details.
- ⑨ **Reset** — The reset actuator initiates system resets (see the [Reset Actuator and LED](#) section for additional information).

## Power Cycle

Current mixing and audio processor settings, the current state of the device, are saved in nonvolatile memory. When the unit is powered off, all settings are retained. When the unit is powered back on, it recalls settings from the nonvolatile memory. If a configuration was in process during the power down, these saved mix, audio level, and audio DSP processor settings become active.

On power up the front power indicator LED lights solid when the unit is available for operation or programming.

## Firmware Updates

The firmware of the MVC 121 Plus can be updated through USB or RS-232 connection. The user can obtain new firmware from the Extron website. After obtaining the new firmware, upload it to the unit by launching Firmware Loader from the DSP Configurator program (see the **Software Control** section), or using the Extron standalone Firmware Loader software application available on the included disc or at [www.extron.com](http://www.extron.com).

## Reset Actuator and LED

A recessed button on the rear panel initiates two reset modes. The green front panel LED (②) blinks to indicate the reset modes as described in the following section. See the previous front and rear panel diagrams.

### Hardware Reset Modes:

With power on, when the reset button is held down the front and rear panel LEDs will pulse (blink) every three seconds and put the unit in a different reset mode. The MVC 121 Plus will default back to the base firmware that shipped with the unit from the factory allowing the user to recover a unit that has incorrect code or updated firmware running.

**NOTE:** Control software may not function correctly if using an earlier firmware version.

**MODE 1 — Firmware reset:** Disconnect power to the MVC 121 Plus. Press and hold the reset button while applying power to return the firmware to the version shipped with the unit from the factory. This allows recovering a unit with incorrect or corrupt firmware.

All user files and settings are maintained.

**MODE 5 — Factory default reset:** With power on, press and hold the reset button until the reset LED blinks 3 times (~9 seconds). Each flash will last for 0.25 seconds. Release then momentarily (<1 second) press the reset button to return the MVC to factory default conditions. If the second momentary press does not occur within 1 second, the reset is exited.

### The default (reset) state of the device is:

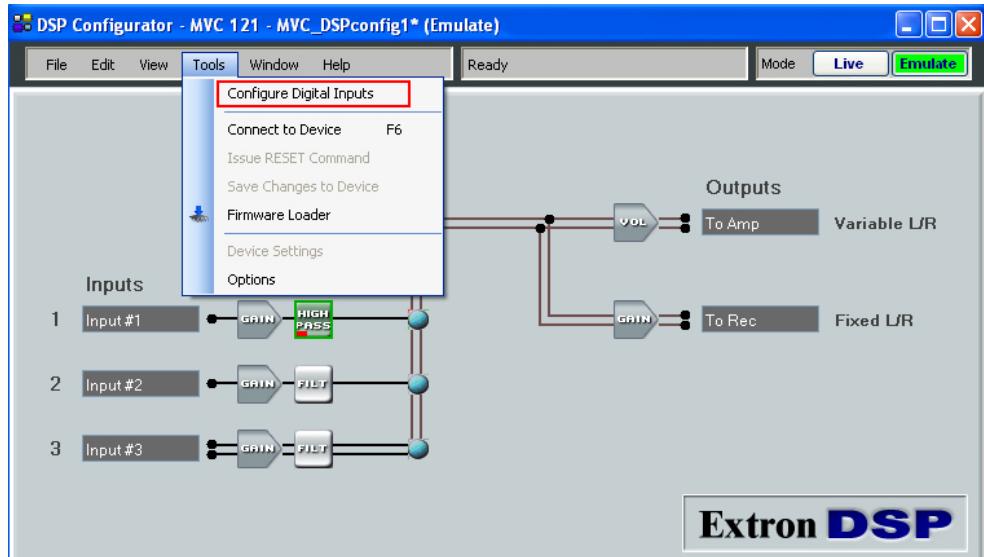
- Inputs 1 – 3 are mixed to fixed and variable outputs (set to 0 dB gain).
- All outputs are active (unmuted, 100% volume or 0 dB gain).
- DSP (Filter) is inactive.
- All audio inputs are active (0 dB gain and unmuted).

## Digital Input Port

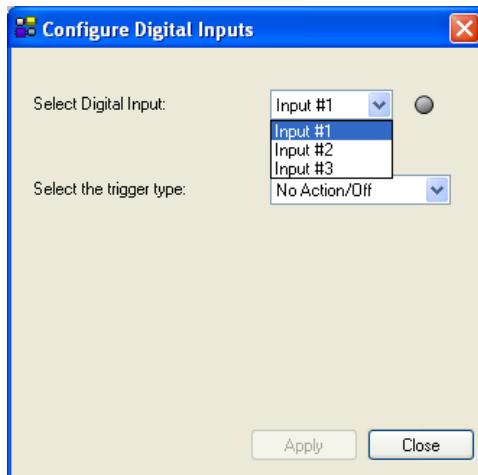
The three-pin digital input port (Digi In) is used to monitor or drive TTL level digital signals. The port consists of three input pins with the fourth pin being used as a ground providing three inputs total. The DSP Configurator software provides a selection of functions from a list, to be loaded to the MVC 121 Plus.

**NOTE:** The digital input connectors are used to mute or unmute the input signal using a contact closure device. SIS programming commands cannot mute or unmute the input signal while the digital input ports are connected. The digital input ports are “off” and not configured by default.

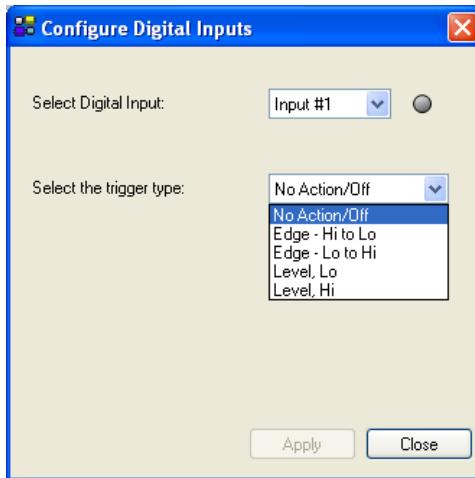
1. From the main structure menu, click **Tools > Configure Digital Inputs** to access the Config utility.



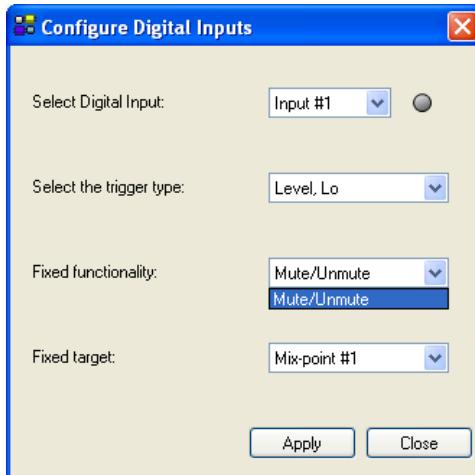
2. Select the digital input to configure.



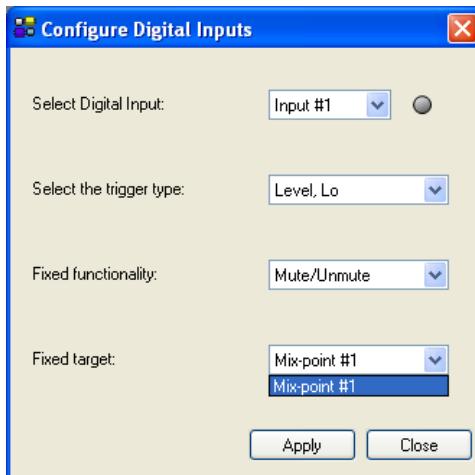
- 3.** Select the event or 'trigger' to configure the input.



- 4.** The fixed functionality of the digital input is set to Mute/Unmute by default.



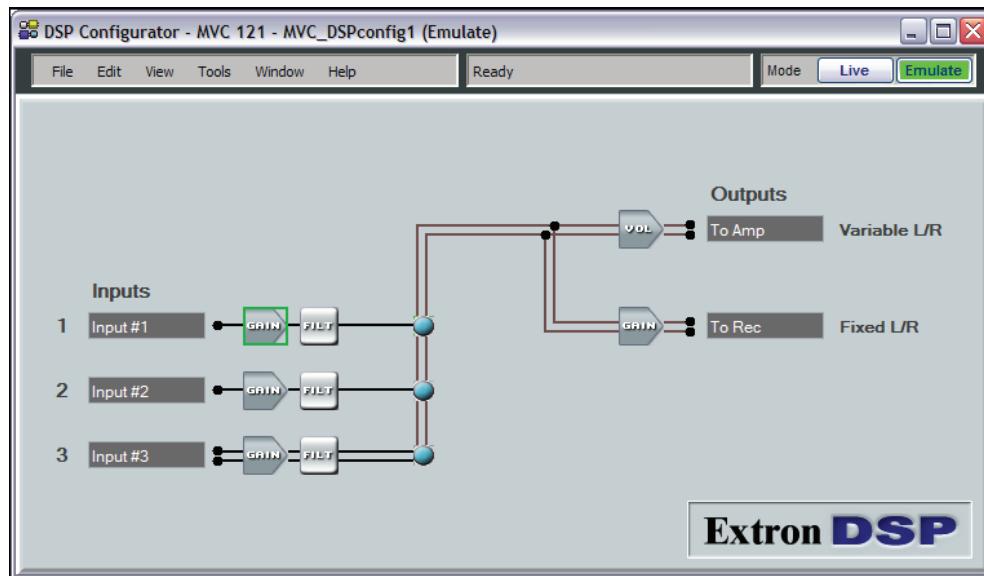
- 5.** The fixed target mix-point is set to the selected digital input by default.



- 6.** Select **Apply** to accept the changes.

## DSP Processing and Signal Flow

The diagram below shows the input signal flow and DSP processing per signal chain. Signal chains and mix-points are described in the following sections.



All signal routing, processing, and level control (gain/volume), are accomplished using software control from a PC connected to the MVC 121 Plus via the USB configuration port or the RS-232 port. The DSP Configurator program provides complete control while the SIS commands provide more limited control.

This section describes the signal processing including parameter ranges, and how to mix inputs and outputs using the DSP Configurator control program. To install the DSP Configurator program, see the [Software Control](#) section.

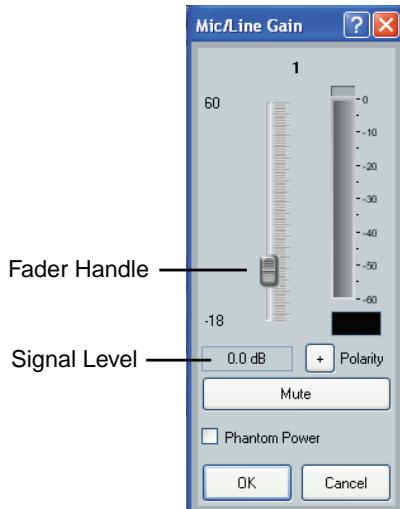
### Mic/Line Input Signal Chain



**Input signal chain GUI elements from left to right are as follows:**

#### Mic/line inputs 1 and 2

- **Gain (GAIN)** — Mono gain control with a range from -18 to +60 dB includes a mute button. Step resolution is 0.1 dB. A polarity switch (+ or -) is provided. Gain control is provided pre-meter and mute control is provided pre-meter.

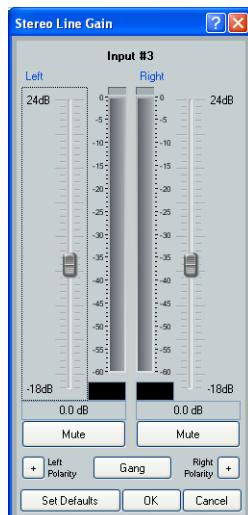


Clicking the fader handle or clicking within the fader area brings focus to the fader. The input signal level can be adjusted using any of the following methods:

- Direct adjustment. Click and hold the fader handle, then drag it to the desired level in 0.1 dB steps.
- Click or tab to the fader handle, then <up arrow> or <down arrow> to the desired level in 1 dB steps. Page Up and Page Down increases or decreases level in 10 dB steps.
- Click in or tab to the signal level readout field. Type a new value, then press <Enter> or <Tab> to another area.
- **Filter (FILT)** — Up to five filters per input can be inserted in any combination of High Pass, Low Pass, Bass & Treble shelving (tone), or Parametric Equalizer.

### Line input 3

- **Gain (GAIN)** — Stereo (left/right) gain control with a range from -18 to +24 dB includes mute buttons. Step resolution is 0.1 dB. Left and right polarity switches (+ or -) are provided. Gain control is provided pre-meter and mute control is provided pre-meter. A Gang switch ties the two input levels together.



- **Filter (FILT)** — Up to three filters can be inserted in any combination of High Pass, Low Pass, Bass & Treble shelving (tone), or Parametric Equalizer.

## Filter Processor Block

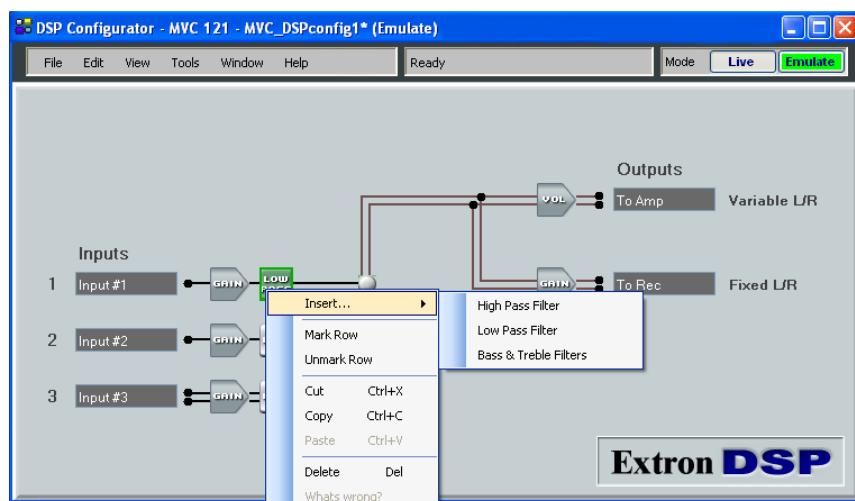
A filter block can be configured for each MVC input. The following functions are available:

- **Insert** — The filter block is inserted and made active by right-clicking on the block and selecting from the context menu or by double-clicking and entering selections.
- **Remove a filter** — An active filter can be removed by right-clicking on the block and selecting **Delete** or by selecting the block and pressing <delete> on the keyboard. This sets the parameters back to default and bypasses the block.
- **Bypass** — When bypass is active, signal flow passes through the filter block without processing, regardless of the settings. When bypass is removed, the signal will be processed according to the filter settings. A red mark appears in the lower left of the block (shown below) to indicate it has been inserted, but is currently bypassed.

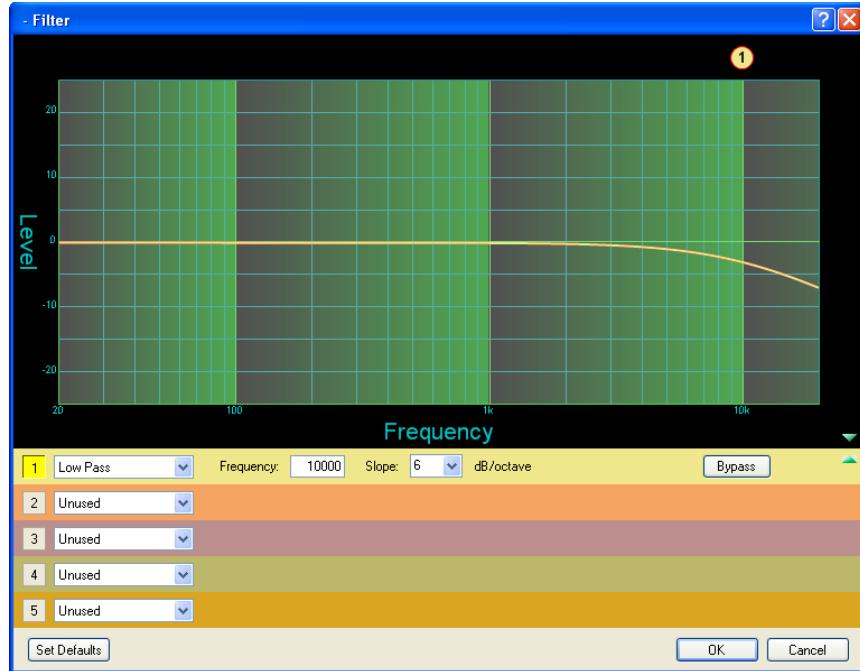


## Filter

Microphone/line inputs 1 and 2 allow a total of five filters per input. Line input 3 allows up to three filters.

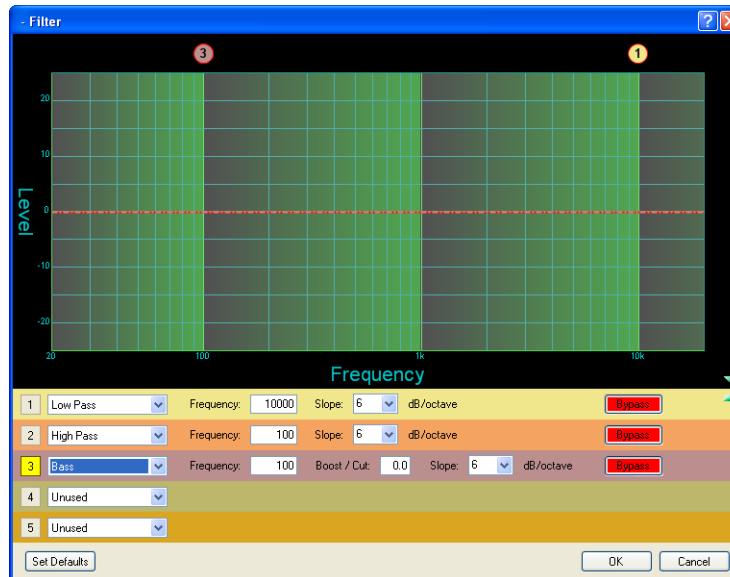


The first filter is inserted from a processor list that appears when the block is double-clicked or via a context window/processor list when the block is right-clicked. After the processor is inserted, a double-click opens the setup dialog box.



**Figure 7.** Filter Block Dialog Box

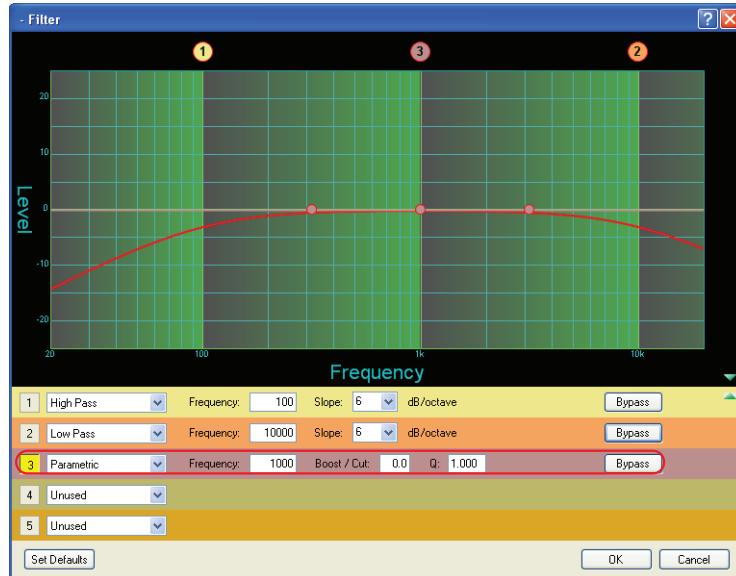
Additional filters are inserted by opening the filter block dialog box, then selecting a filter type from the drop-down filter selection list. All filter parameters are modified via the Filter block dialog box. Each filter loads with all applicable default parameters displayed to the right of each drop-down filter selection list.



**Figure 8.** Filter Dialog Box, Filters Added

Within the dialog box, a filter is focused when a filter type is inserted, or is focused by clicking the filter number to the left of the filter selection drop-down list.

Note how filter 3 in the figure below is highlighted in yellow, indicating it is the filter in focus. The results of the filter in focus (independent of other filters) will show in the graph as a dotted line the same color as its filter row when bypassed. When active (not bypassed), the line is solid.



**Figure 9. Filter Dialog Box, Filter Not Bypassed**

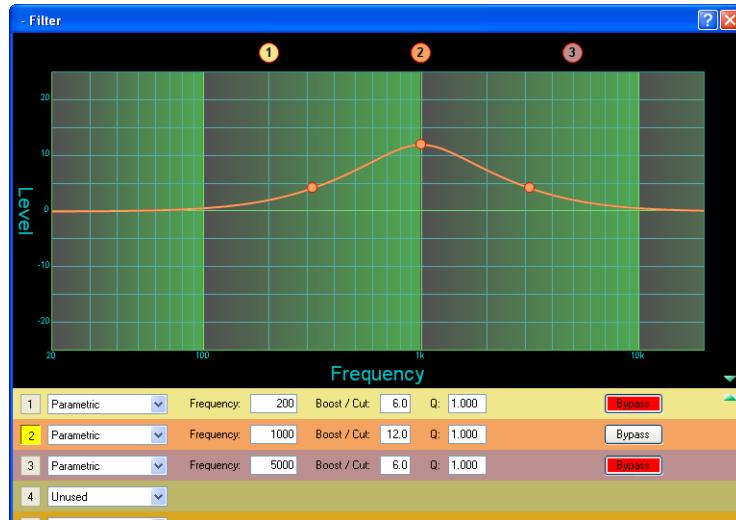
When multiple filters are enabled, the graph indicates the focused filter result (independent of other filters) in the color of the filter row in the type/parameters table. The composite response of all filters is displayed in red.

Above the graph, each filter has a "handle" (circled in red above) placed directly above the cutoff or center frequency whose number corresponds to the filter number (outlined in red). Clicking a handle or clicking the table row brings focus to that filter. Click+hold+dragging the handle horizontally changes the cutoff or center frequency to a new position on the x axis.

### Parametric (Equalizer)

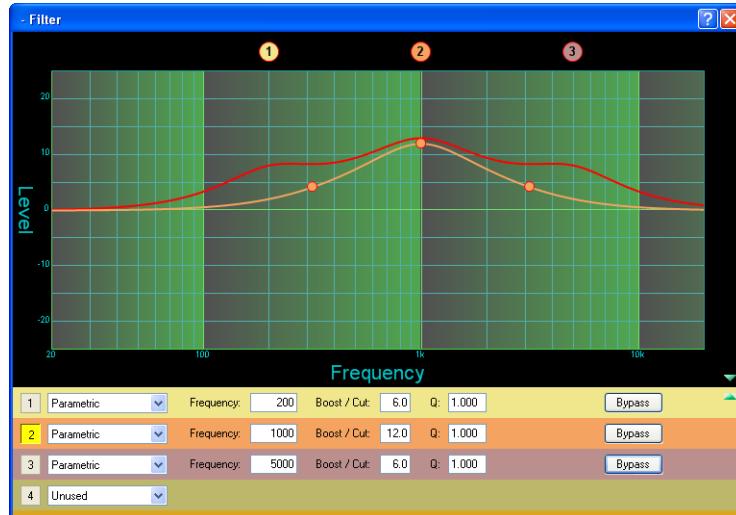
Up to three parametric filters can be placed in the filter box at one time. Each may be set to a different frequency creating a 3 band parametric equalizer. The control will boost or cut the center frequency, and by changing the Q value, the range of affected frequencies can be widened or narrowed around the center frequency. In general, the higher the Q, the narrower the affected bandwidth.

To demonstrate how Q affects the filter, see the following filter block below containing three parametric filters centered at different frequencies but with the same Q of 1.0. The filter in focus (②) has a center frequency of 1000 Hz boosting that frequency +12 dB over a Q of 1.0. Note the markers on either side of the peak frequency are at 200 Hz on the left and 5000 Hz on the right, a bandwidth of about 4800 Hz.



**Figure 10. Parametric Filter Dialog Box, 1000 Hz**

The above dialog box shows the frequency curve for the single active filter. To add its effect to the overall frequency response, remove the bypass on the other filters.



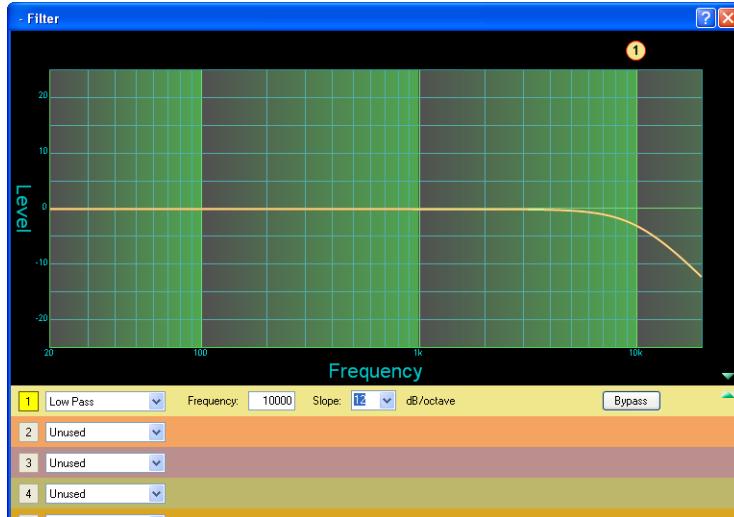
**Figure 11. All Parametric Filters Active**

The overall frequency response is now shown above as a solid red line with the filter in focus, located in row 2, shown in the color of its table row.

The parametric filter allows frequency selection accurate to 0.1 Hz and either 6 or 12 dB of slope. Notice at the specified frequency (1000 Hz) the signal is 3 dB down, typical operation for high pass filters. The 3 dB down point will remain constant regardless of the slope setting. Only the steepness of the frequency attenuation curve will change.

## Low Pass

The low pass filter is the opposite of the High Pass filter. All frequencies above the specified frequency are attenuated allowing lower frequencies to pass.

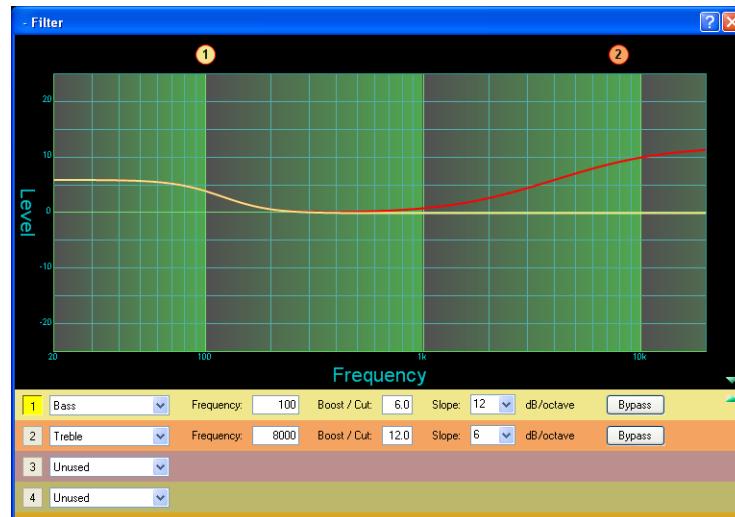


**Figure 12. Low Pass Filter Response Curve**

Here, the frequencies higher than the specified frequency, 10 kHz, are attenuated leaving the lower frequency response flat.

## Bass and Treble Shelving

Bass and treble shelving may be added to the filter. Adding this filter automatically inserts both a bass and treble control row in the dialog box. If only a bass or only a treble filter is required, either bypass the unneeded control or set it to “**unused**” in the selection box.



**Figure 13. Bass and Treble Shelving**

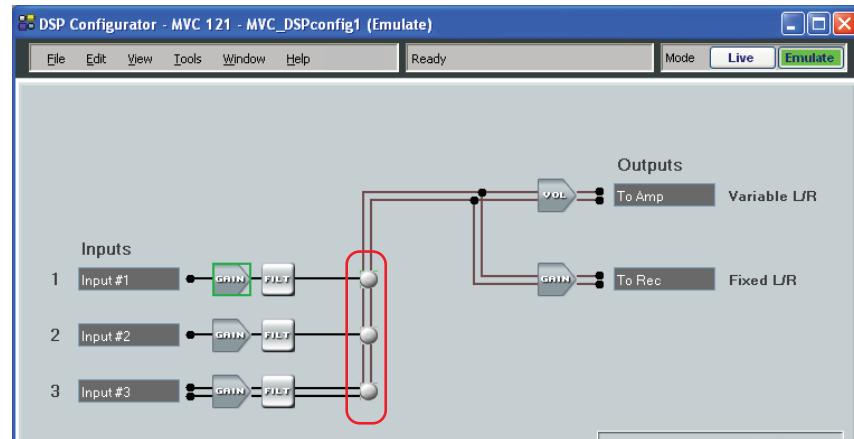
The corner frequency of the controls may be selected to 0.1 Hz accuracy. Two slopes, 6 and 12 dB/octave are available along with the ability to boost or cut the signal up to 24 dB.

## Mixer

The DSP architecture contains a mixer that connects the mic/line and line inputs to the line outputs. The DSP Configurator GUI provides control of the mixer, used to set mix levels from the post processing inputs to the stereo line output bus. Each of the inputs is connected to a mix-point and output to the stereo output bus. In general, mix levels are set relative to each other, achieving a desired blend of input signals at an optimal output level, close to, but not exceeding 0 dBFS at the line output Volume block level meter.

Shown below is a view of the MVC 121 Plus represented in DSP Configurator, with a red box indicating the mixer.

From the mixer, any or all three inputs may be routed to the output bus.

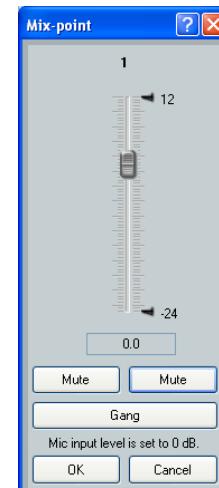


**Figure 14. Mixer (outlined in red)**

Clicking a mix-point brings focus to that mix-point. Double-clicking a mix-point opens a configuration dialog window with the following components:

- **Mono Fader** — Sets mix level to the output bus. Gain range is -24 dB to +12 dB. Fader behavior is identical to the input channel gain block described in the mic/line input section with the exception that coarse adjustment (<Page Up> or <Page Down>) increases/decreases in 5 dB increments.
- **Mute** — Two buttons mute and unmute the left or right signal to the output bus.
- **Gang** — Ties the two output bus signals together so that pressing either **Mute** button mutes or unmutes both outputs.
- **OK/Cancel** — Click **OK** to accept changes and close the window. **Cancel** ignores changes and closes the window.

The title above the fader reflects the output channel name for the mix-point.

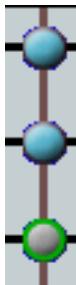


## Mix-point GUI behavior

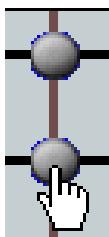
**No mix information** — A faint gray ball behind the mix-point indicates it is muted (contains no mix information).



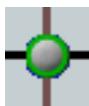
**Mix information** — A solid teal-colored “bubble” indicates the mix-point is unmuted.



**Mouse-over** — The cursor changes to a hand when a mouse-over occurs at a mix-point whether the mix-point contains mix information or not.

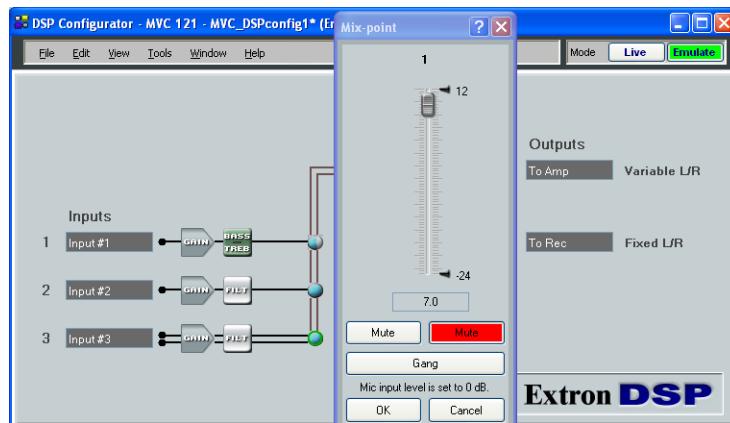


**Single-click** — A single click brings focus, indicated by a dark green circle around either the ball or bubble, depending on mix status.

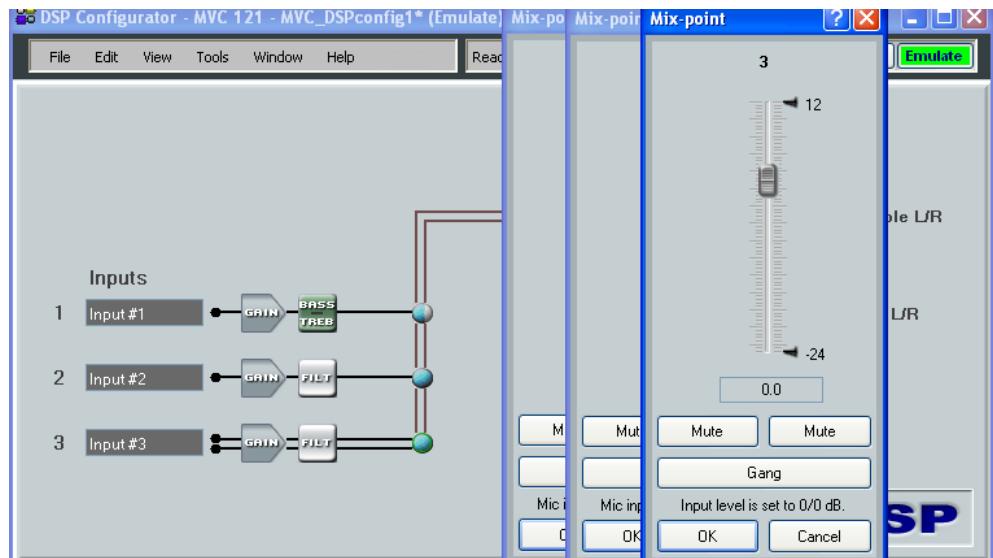


**Double-click** — Double-click to open the mix-point dialog box. The focus circle turns light green in color to indicate the open dialog box. If the mix-point is muted, the mix-point bubble will be gray. If unmuted, the bubble will be teal.

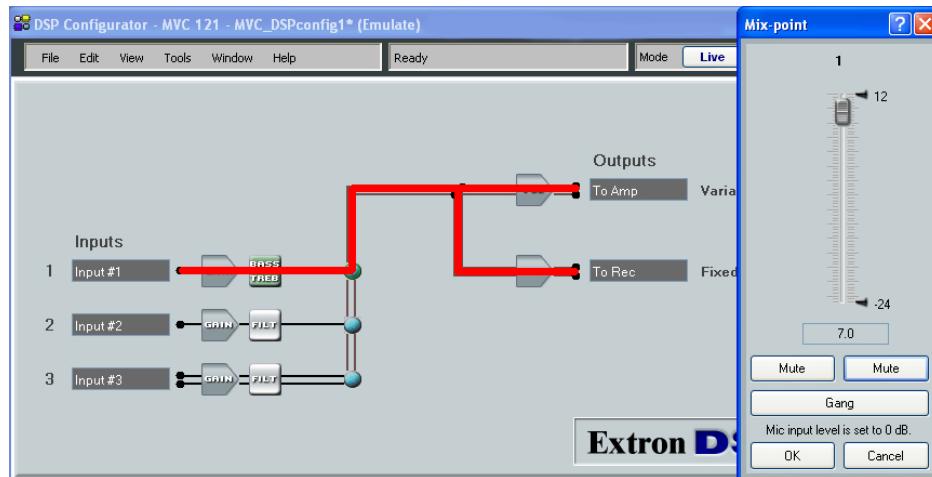
**Mute** — Muting or unmuting the left or right mute boxes of the mix-point dialog box will mute or unmute the corresponding output channel (L or R) as shown below. The corresponding half of the teal mix point ball will either be shaded (unmuted) or unshaded (muted).



**Multiple open dialog boxes** — When multiple mix-point dialog boxes are open (see the diagram below), the mix-point for the most recently opened dialog box receives the light green focus circle, while previously opened dialog boxes relinquish their focus. Focus can be returned by either clicking on a previously opened dialog box, or by double-clicking on a mix-point.



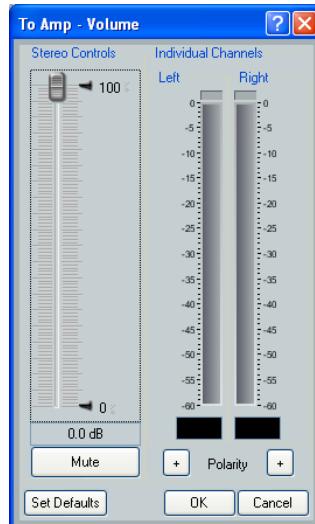
In the example below, input audio from Mic/Line Input #1 is processed then arrives at the mix-point and is routed to the stereo output bus.



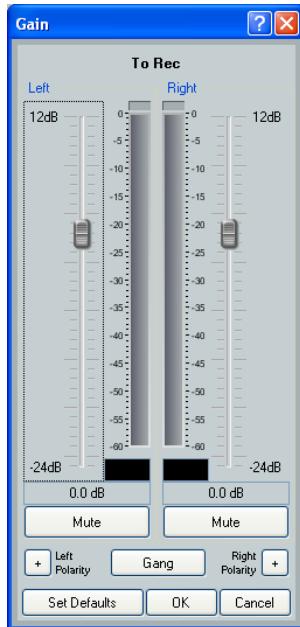
**Figure 15. Input 1 to Mix-point**

A double-click on the mix-point opens the dialog box, as shown on the right of the above diagram. When the mute button is released on Input #1 of the mix-point (shown above), the mix junction turns teal with a light green circle to indicate the open mix-point dialog box is the focus, and the signal is routed to Outputs, both variable and fixed.

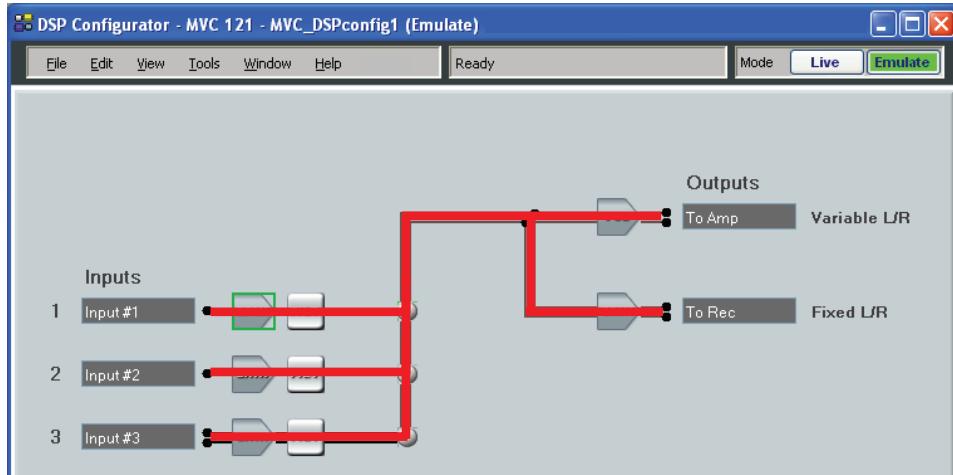
Double-click on the Volume control block to adjust the variable output from 0 dB to -100 dB with a step resolution of 1 dB (see the following volume control) dialog box.



Double-click on the Gain control block to adjust the fixed output from -24 dB to +12 dB with a step resolution of 0.1 dB, as shown below.



In the following example, audio from the three inputs is processed individually and arrive at their separate mix-points. When the individual mix-point mute buttons are released, the mix-point junctions turn teal to indicate the routing, and all three signals are routed to the Output, both variable and fixed. Open the individual mix-point dialog boxes to adjust signal levels to the output.

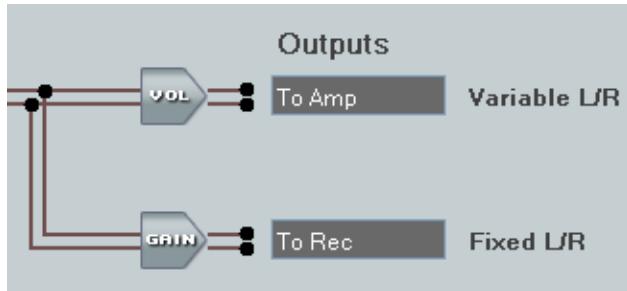


**Figure 16.** All Inputs to Output

## Output Channels

There are two stereo Outputs, as shown below. A Volume control block adjusts the Variable L/R output and a gain control block adjusts the fixed L/R outputs.

Double-click on the Volume control block to adjust the variable output. Double-click on the Gain control block to adjust the fixed output.

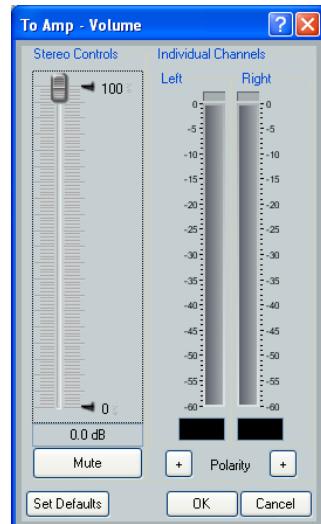


## Volume

The Volume control block monitors and adjusts the variable output from 0 dB to -100 dB with a step resolution of 1 dB. The meters monitor the output level. The single level control adjusts both the Left and Right output channels.

The **Polarity** buttons reverse the polarity of the respective left and right output signal.

The **OK** button accepts settings and closes the dialog with a single click, while the **Cancel** button ignores changes and closes the dialog.



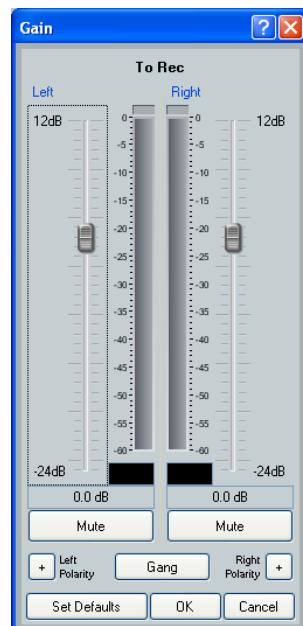
## Gain

The Gain control block monitors and adjusts the fixed output. The channels can be adjusted from -24 dB to +12 dB with a step resolution of 0.1 dB.

The L/R channels can be adjusted and muted individually unless they are ganged. When the **Gang** button is active (red), the level controls track each other and pressing either **Mute** button mutes both channels.

The **Polarity** buttons reverse the polarity of the respective left and right output signal.

The **OK** button accepts settings and closes the dialog with a single click, while the **Cancel** button ignores changes and closes the dialog.



# SIS Programming and Control

This section describes SIS programming and control of the MVC 121 Plus, including:

- [Connection Options](#)
- [Command/Response Table for Basic SIS Commands](#)
- [Command/Response Tables for DSP SIS Commands](#)

## Connection Options

The MVC 121 Plus can be remotely connected via a host computer or other device (such as a control system) attached to the rear panel RS-232 port, or the front panel USB Config port.

The MVC can be set up and controlled using the Extron SIS (Simple Instruction Set commands, or DSP Configurator software (see [Rear Panel Features](#) on page 4 for RS-232 pin assignments and details on the configuration and control port connections). For information on DSP Configurator see [Software Control](#).

SIS commands may be executed using the Extron Electronics DataViewer program, which may be found on the Software Products DVD included with the product.

### **MVC 121 Plus RS-232 protocol:**

- 38400 baud
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- no parity
- no flow control

**NOTE:** The RS-232 configuration port requires 38400 baud communication. This is a higher speed than many other Extron Electronics products use. The DSP Configurator automatically sets the connection for the appropriate speed. If using HyperTerminal or a similar application, make sure the PC or control system connected to these ports is set for 38400 baud.

See [Rear Panel Features](#), for additional details on connecting the RS-232 port.

### **USB port details:**

The Extron USB driver must be installed before use. See [Install the USB Driver](#) for driver installation instructions.

## RS-232 Port

The MVC 121 Plus has a rear panel serial port that can be connected to a host device such as a computer running the HyperTerminal utility, or the DataViewer utility. The port makes serial control of the mixer possible. Use the protocol information mentioned previously to make the connection. Once the connection is made, see [Using the Command/Response Tables](#) on the next page for SIS programming details.

## USB Port (Front Panel)

The MVC 121 Plus has a front panel USB port that can be connected to a host device such as a computer running the HyperTerminal utility, or the DataViewer utility. The port makes serial control of the switcher possible. Once the connection is established, see [Using the Command/Response Tables](#) below for SIS programming details.

## MVC 121 Plus-initiated Messages

The MVC initiates messages under specific conditions. No response is required from the host. The MVC 121 Plus-initiated messages are listed here (underlined).

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Vn.nn is the firmware version number.

The MVC sends the boot and copyright messages under the following circumstances:  
If the MVC is off and an RS-232 connection is already set up (the PC is cabled to the MVC and a serial communication program such as HyperTerminal is open), the connected unit sends these messages via RS-232 when first powered on.

## Using the Command/Response Tables

SIS commands consist of a string (one or more characters per command field). No special characters are required to begin or end a command sequence. When the MVC 121 Plus determines a command is valid, it executes the command and sends a response to the host device. All responses end with a carriage return and a line feed (CR/LF = ↴), signaling the end of the response character string.

When programming, certain characters are more conveniently represented by their hexadecimal rather than ASCII values. The following table shows the hexadecimal equivalent of each ASCII character:

ASCII to Hex Conversion Table															
Space →	20	!	21	"	22	#	23	\$	24	%	25	&	26	'	27
(	28	)	29	*	2A	+	2B	,	2C	-	2D	.	2E	/	2F
Ø	30	1	31	2	32	3	33	4	34	5	35	6	36	7	37
8	38	9	39	:	3A	:	3B	<	3C	=	3D	>	3E	?	3F
@	40	A	41	B	42	C	43	D	44	E	45	F	46	G	47
H	48	I	49	J	4A	K	4B	L	4C	M	4D	N	4E	O	4F
P	50	Q	51	R	52	S	53	T	54	U	55	V	56	W	57
X	58	Y	59	Z	5A	\	5B	\	5C	\	5D	^	5E	-	5F
'	60	a	61	b	62	c	63	d	64	e	65	f	66	g	67
h	68	i	69	j	6A	k	6B	l	6C	m	6D	n	6E	o	6F
p	70	q	71	r	72	s	73	t	74	u	75	v	76	w	77
x	78	y	79	z	7A	{	7B		7C	}	7D	~	7E	DEL	7F

**Figure 17. ASCII to Hex Conversion Table**

## Error Responses

When the MVC 121 Plus is unable to execute the command, it returns an error response to the host. The error response codes and their descriptions are as follows:

Code	Description
E01	Invalid input number
E10	Invalid command
E13	Invalid value (out of range)
E14	Not valid for this configuration
E23	Firmware update failure

Although the MVC uses the same structure for SIS commands, there are two variations. One is the global command structure documented in the [Command/Response Table for Basic SIS Commands](#) that follows.

The second set of tables for DSP SIS commands uses the command structure outline beginning with [Command/Response Tables for DSP SIS Commands](#) on page 36. While using the same structure of basic SIS commands, they differ in how the software addresses the individual processor blocks within the MVC 121 Plus.

Generally the basic SIS commands are used for global configuration such as setting a unit name, while the Audio SIS commands provide gain, volume, and mute control in the audio signal chain.

## Command/Response Table for Basic SIS Commands

### Symbol definitions

←	= CR/LF (carriage return/line feed) (hex 0D 0A)
←	= Carriage return (no line feed, hex 0D)
•	= Space character
	= Pipe (vertical bar) character
[Esc]	= Escape key (hex 1B)
∞	= Future capability (not currently available)
[X1]	= Mix-point Input selection
	1 = Mic 1 Mix-point 2 = Mic 2 Mix-point 3 = Line 3 Mix-point
[X2]	= Output Volume (variable)
	0 (mute) to 100 (max volume) in 1% steps
[X3]	= On/Off
	0 = off/mute 1 = on/unmute
[X4]	= Mix-point gain values increment/decrement
	-24 to +12 dB in 1 dB steps
[X6]	= Dirty status
	0 = RAM has been saved to Flash (OK to power off/reset) 1 = RAM needs to be saved to Flash
[X7]	= Output Volume Adjustment Range
	0 (no output) to 100 (full output) in 1% steps
[X8]	= Soft Limit (Hi)
	Value must be higher than low soft limit or device responds with E13 error.
[X9]	= Soft Limit (Low)
	Value must be lower than high soft limit or device responds with E13 error.
[X10]	= Executive Mode
	0 = Disabled / Full control 1 = Enabled / no front panel control 2 = Enabled / volume control only

<b>X11</b>	= Input selection	1 = Mic 1 2 = Mic 2 3 = Line 3
<b>X12</b>	= Output selection	1 = Variable 2 = Fixed
<b>X13</b>	= Version number	Listed to two decimal places (for example, x.xx)
<b>X14</b>	= Version and Build number	The least significant bits is the build number (for example, x.xx.xxxx)
<b>X22</b>	= Internal temperature	Degrees Celsius
<b>X24</b>	= Verbose/Response mode	<p>0 = Tag OFF, Broadcast OFF (no tag in GET command response, always tag in SET command response)      1 = Tag OFF, Broadcast ON (<i>not tagged, broadcast</i>)      2 = Tag ON, Broadcast OFF      3 = Tag ON, Broadcast ON      Default = 1</p>
<b>X34</b>	= Baud rate	<p>0 = 9600      1 = 19200      2 = 38400 (default)      3 = 115200</p>

**NOTE:** If 'tagged responses' is enabled, all read commands will return the constant string + the data, similar to setting the value, for example,  
 command: **Esc|ON**  
 response: **Ipn•X12**

## Command/Response Table for Basic MVC 121 Plus SIS commands

Command	ASCII Command (Host to Tuner)	Response (Tuner to Host)	Additional Description
<b>NOTE:</b> Commands can be entered back-to-back in a string, with no spaces. <b>Example:</b> TvrpS25*11•3 Upper and lower case may be used interchangeably.			
<b>General commands</b>			
<b>Firmware Version, Part Number, and Model Information</b>			
Query firmware version	Q	X13 ↵	Show the current firmware version.
Query firmware and build version	*Q	X14 ↵	Show the current firmware and build version.
Query part number	N	60-1096-01 ↵	Show the unit part number.
Query model name	1I	MVC•121•Plus ↵	Show the model name.
Query model description	2I	Mixer•Volume•Controller ↵	
<b>Setup Commands</b>			
Set verbose mode	[Esc] X24 CV ↵	Vrb[X24] ↵	Set verbose/response mode.
View verbose mode	[Esc] CV ↵	X3 ↵	View verbose mode
<b>Bi-directional Serial Data Port</b>			
<b>NOTE:</b> CP and CV commands apply to both RS-232 and USB ports.			
Configure parameters	[Esc] X34 CP ↵	Ccp[X34] ↵	Set baud rate: 0 = 9600 1 = 19200 2 = 38400 (default) 3 = 115200
View parameters	[Esc] CP ↵	Ccp[X34] ↵	View baud rate.
<b>ZAP Commands (Factory Defaults) and RAM Commands</b>			
System reset (factory default)	[Esc] ZXXX ↵	Zpx ↵	Reset system to factory default except for the baud rate.
Absolute system reset	[Esc] ZQQQ ↵	Zpq ↵	Similar to <b>system reset</b> , plus sets the baud rate to factory default.
View internal temperature status in degrees Celsius	20S	Sts20* X22 ↵	View internal temperature in degrees Celsius.
Commit only RAM to Flash	[Esc] 2FF ↵	Nvr[X6] ↵ (responds when done)	0 = RAM has been saved to Flash (OK to power off/reset) 1 = RAM needs to be saved to Flash
Query whether RAM needs to be saved to Flash	[Esc] FF ↵	X6 ↵	
<b>Name Commands</b>			
Write input name	[Esc] X11, name NI ↵	Nmi[X11], name ↵	name = maximum 12 characters. Invalid characters: = ~ , @ ' [ ] { } < > " " ; :   \ ?
Read input name	[Esc] X11 NI ↵	Vrb mode 0/1: name ↵ Vrb mode 2/3: Nmi[X11], name ↵	Read input name.
Write output name	[Esc] X12, name NO ↵	Nmo[X12], name ↵	name = maximum 12 characters. Invalid characters: = ~ , @ ' [ ] { } < > " " ; :   \ ?

<b>Command</b>	<b>ASCII Command (Host to Tuner)</b>	<b>Response (Tuner to Host)</b>	<b>Additional Description</b>
Read output name	<b>[Esc] X12 NO ↵</b>	Vrb mode 0/1: name ↵ Vrb mode 2/3: Nmo[X12], name ↵	Read output name.
<b>Gain Stage Commands</b>			
<b>Variable Output Mute</b>			
Mute output	1Z	Amt 1 ↵	Mute output
Unmute output	ØZ	Amt Ø ↵	Unmute output
View output mute status	Z	Amt[X3] ↵	0 = off/mute 1 = on/unmute
<b>Setting Mix Mic/Line Gain or Attenuation Level</b>			
Set gain level	X1* [X4] G	In[X1]•Aud[X4] ↵	Input gain level
Increment (1 dB)	[X1]+ G	In[X1]•Aud[X4] ↵	Increment gain
Decrement (1 dB)	[X1]- G	In[X1]•Aud[X4] ↵	Decrement gain
View gain level	[X1] G	Vrb mode 0/1: Aud[X4] ↵ Vrb mode 2/3: In[X1]•Aud[X4] ↵	View gain level
<b>Output Volume Adjustment (Variable Outputs only)</b>			
Set output volume	[X7] V	Vol[X7] ↵	Set output volume
Increment (1 dB)	+ V	Vol[X7] ↵	Increment output volume
Decrement (1 dB)	- V	Vol[X7] ↵	Decrement output volume
View output volume	V	Vol[X7] ↵	View output volume
<b>Set Soft Limits</b>			
Set G limits (Mix-points)	[Esc] G [X1]*[X8]*[X9] ARNG ↵	Vrb mode 0/1:[X1]*[X8]*[X9] ↵	
Set V limits (volume)	[Esc] V [X2]*[X8]*[X9] ARNG ↵	Vrb mode 0/1:[X2]*[X8]*[X9] ↵	
View G limits	[Esc] G [X1] ARNG ↵	Vrb mode 0/1:[X8]*[X9] ↵ Vrb mode 2/3:ArngG[X1]*[X8]*[X9] ↵	
View V limits	[Esc] V [X2] ARNG ↵	Vrb mode 0/1:[X8]*[X9] ↵ Vrb mode 2/3:ArngV[X2]*[X8]*[X9] ↵	
<b>Executive Mode (Front Panel Lockout)</b>			
Disable	ØX	[Esc] Ø ↵	Full front panel control
Enable (complete lockout)	1X	[Esc] 1 ↵	No front panel control
Enable (lockout except volume)	2X	[Esc] 2 ↵	No front panel control except for volume
Lock status	X	[Esc] X10 ↵	0 = Disabled / Full control 1 = Enabled / no front panel control 2 = Enabled / volume control only

## Digital Input Commands

Command	ASCII Command (Host to Tuner)	Response (Tuner to Host)	Additional Description
Configure digital input	<code>[Esc][X1]*[X2]GPIT ↵</code>	<code>Gpit[X1]*[X2]↵</code>	Tagged response
View digital input	<code>[Esc][X1]GPIT ↵</code> (Vrb mode 2/3:)	<code>[X2]*↵</code> <code>Gpit[X1]*[X2]↵</code>	Tagged response
View I/O state	<code>[X1]</code> Vrb mode 2/3:	<code>[X5]↵</code> <code>Sio[X1]*[X5]↵</code>	Tagged response

**X1** = Digital inputs, 1–3

Inputs 1–3

**X2** = Type of change to monitor

$\emptyset$  = Off (default)

3 = Logic level Lo

1 = Edge, Hi to Lo

4 = Logic level Hi

2 = Edge, Lo to Hi

**X5** = State

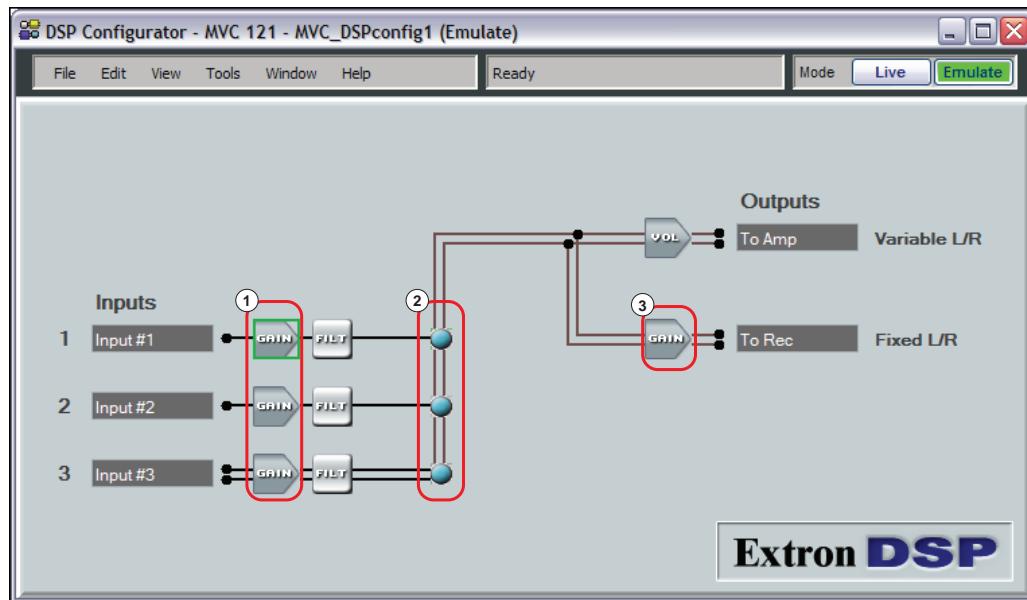
$\emptyset$  = Logic Hi (inactive)

1 = Logic Lo (active)

## Command/Response Tables for DSP SIS Commands

Digital signal processor (DSP) functions, gain and mute, can be controlled using SIS commands. These commands follow the same general rules as basic SIS commands, but the variables ( $Xn$ ) tend to be more complex. Also, a comprehensive understanding of the audio signal flow is helpful to understanding the commands. The following diagram shows the specific DSP processors available for SIS commands.

**NOTE:** The entire signal flow is described in more detail in the section, [DSP Processing and Signal Flow](#) on page 16.



**Figure 18. DSP Processors Addressable via SIS Commands**

The DSP Configurator program window addressable commands consist of an input signal gain control, the mixer matrix, and output volume and gain controls.

- ① **Mic/Line input gain control** — Provides level adjustment, mute, polarity, and phantom power selection.
- ② **Mix-points** — Mutes input signals to outputs.
- ③ **Output gain control** — The stereo fixed output provides level adjustment and mute.

DSP control commands are an extension to SIS commands. They differ only in their data string and the requirement to send each command with an "AU" suffix.

### OID

The OID number consists of five characters and identifies the specific gain processor type or the mix-point. See [Table 1. X6 — Level Control and Mix-point Selection Tables <OID>](#) for a complete list.

## Error responses

When the MVC 121 Plus is unable to execute the command, it returns an error response to the host. The error response codes and their descriptions are as follows:

Error Code	Description
E10	Invalid command
E11	Invalid preset
E12	Invalid port number
E13	Invalid parameter (number is out of range)
E14	Not valid for this configuration
E17	System timed out
E22	Busy
E25	Device is not present

## Symbol definitions

- ← = CR/LF (carriage return/line feed) (hex 0D 0A)
- ← = Carriage return (no line feed, hex 0D)  
(use the pipe character, |, for Web browser commands))
- = Space character
- | = Pipe (vertical bar) character
- Esc** = Escape key (hex 1B) (use **W** instead of **Esc** for Web browsers)

- X60** = Gain and trim control or mix-point select See table on page **39**
- X61** = Level value:  
line output fixed gain -24.0 to +12.0 dB (-240 to 120) in 0.1 dB increments
- X62** = Line input gain level value  
Mic input gain level value Line: -18.0 dB to +24.0 dB (-180 to 240) in 0.1 dB increments.  
Mic: -18.0 dB to +60.0 dB, (-180 to 600) in 0.1 dB increments
- X63** = Output volume (variable) -100.0 dB to 0.0 dB, (-1000 to 0) in 0.1 dB increments.
- X64** = Mute status 0 = unmute  
1 = mute

## Command/Response Table for MVC 121 Plus DSP SIS commands

Command	ASCII Command (Host to Tuner)	Response (Tuner to Host)	Additional Description
<b>NOTE:</b> The command format is the same regardless of the control or mix-point selection. The acceptable adjustment range varies depending on the control or mix-point:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mic/line input gain range is -18 dB to +60 dB (-180 to 600), in 0.1 dB increments.</li> <li>• The line input gain range is -18 dB to +24 dB (-180 to 240), in 0.1 dB increments.</li> <li>• The fixed output gain range is -24 dB to +12 dB (-240 to 120), in 0.1 dB increments.</li> </ul> <p>All responses are shown with the MVC 121 Plus in Verbose mode 2 or 3.</p>			
<b>Input Audio Selection and Control</b>			
Set line 3 input levels	<code>[Esc]G[X60]*[X62]AU←</code>	DsG[X60]*[X62]←	Set line 3 gain control [X60] to a value of [X62] dB.
<i>Example 1:</i> Set line input 3 right to +4.0 dB	<code>[Esc]G30001*40AU←</code>	DsG30001*40←	Line input 3 right channel gain set to +4.0 dB.
<i>Example 2:</i> Set line input 3 left to -8.0 dB	<code>[Esc]G30000*-80AU←</code>	DsG30000*-80←	Line input 3 left channel gain set to -8.0 dB.
Set a mic/line input level	<code>[Esc]G[X60]*[X62]AU←</code>	DsG[X60]*[X62]←	Set mic gain control [X60] to a value of [X62] dB.
<i>Example 1:</i> Set mic input 1 to +40.0 dB	<code>[Esc]G40000*400AU←</code>	DsG40000*400←	Mic input 1 gain set to +40.0 dB.
<i>Example 2:</i> Set mic input 2 to -12.5 dB	<code>[Esc]G40001*-125AU←</code>	DsG40001*-125←	Mic input 2 gain set to -12.5 dB.
Read a line input level	<code>[Esc]G[X60]AU←</code>	X62←	Read input [X60] value of [X62] dB.
<i>Example:</i> Read line input 3 left channel level	<code>[Esc]G30000AU←</code>	40←	Line input 1 left channel gain set to +4.0 dB.
Read a mic/line input level	<code>[Esc]G[X60]AU←</code>	X62←	Read mic input [X60] value of [X62] dB.
<i>Example:</i> Read mic input 1	<code>[Esc]G40000AU←</code>	400←	Mic input 1 gain set to +40.0 dB.
<b>Output Audio Selection and Control</b>			
Set Output Gain (fixed) Levels	<code>[Esc]G[X60]*[X62]AU←</code>	DsG[X60]*[X62]←	Set output level gain control [X60] to a value of [X62] dB.
<i>Example 1:</i> Set fixed output left channel to +10.5 dB	<code>[Esc]G60002*105AU←</code>	DsG60002*105←	Fixed output L gain set to +10.5 dB.
<i>Example 2:</i> Set fixed output right channel to -14.0 dB	<code>[Esc]G60003*-140AU←</code>	DsG60003*-140←	Fixed output R gain set to -14.0 dB.
<b>Audio Mute</b>			
Mute any input, mix-point or fixed output.	<code>[Esc]M[X60]*1AU←</code>	DsM[X60]*1←	Mute audio processor [X60].
<i>Example:</i>	<code>[Esc]M20001*1AU←</code>	DsM20001*1←	Mute mix-point input 1 to output 2.
Unmute any input, mix-point, or fixed output.	<code>[Esc]M[X60]*0AU←</code>	DsM[X60]*0←	Unmute audio point [X60].
Read audio mute status of any input, mix-point, or fixed output.	<code>[Esc]M[X60]AU←</code>	DsM[X60]*[X64]←	[X64]: 0 = mute off, 1 = mute on
<b>NOTE:</b> Mixpoint DSP commands are for mute only. The gain control uses standard SIS "G" commands.			

**Table 1. X60 — Level Control and Mix-point Selection Tables <OID>**

① Input Selection	X60
Mic/Line Input 1	40000
Mic/Line Input 2	40001
Line input 3 left	30000
Line input 3 right	30001

② Main Mix-point to Fixed Outputs	X60
Input 1 to left output	20000
Input 2 to left output	20100
Input 3 to left output	20200
Input 1 to right output	20001
Input 2 to right output	20101
Input 3 to right output	20201

③ Fixed Output Gain	X60
Left channel output	60002
Right channel output	60003

# Software Control

This section describes the control software for the MVC 121 Plus, including:

- [Software Control](#)
- [Windows-based Program Control](#)
- [DSP Configurator Program](#)

## Software Control

The MVC 121 Plus can be controlled using the DSP Configurator software, SIS commands through HyperTerminal or DataViewer.

The MVC has the following connection options:

- **RS-232** — One single stack 6-pole, 3.5 mm captive screw connector is used for bidirectional RS-232 ( $\pm 5$  V) serial control.  
See [Rear Panel Features](#) on page 4, for additional details on connecting the RS-232 port.
- **USB 2.0** — A Mini B-type USB connector located on the front panel provides high-speed USB 2.0 connectivity to a host computer, backward compatible to 1.0.

## Windows-based Program Control

The DSP Configurator control program is compatible with Windows 2000 and later Windows versions, and provides remote control of the input gain and attenuation, output volume output adjustment, and other features.

DSP Configurator can control the MVC 121 Plus via any of the two control ports, RS-232 or USB.

Updates to this program can be downloaded from the Extron website at [www.extron.com](http://www.extron.com).

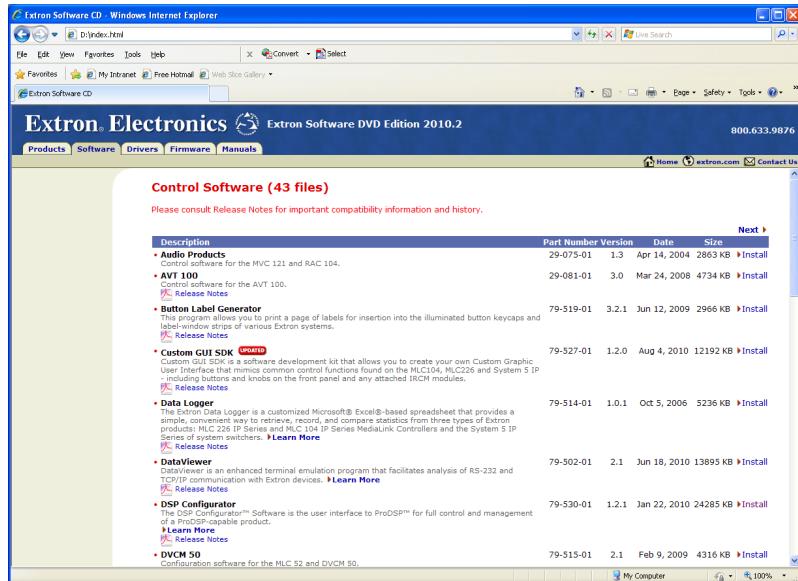
### Installing the DSP Configurator Program

The program is contained on the Extron Software Products disc.

#### Install the software as follows:

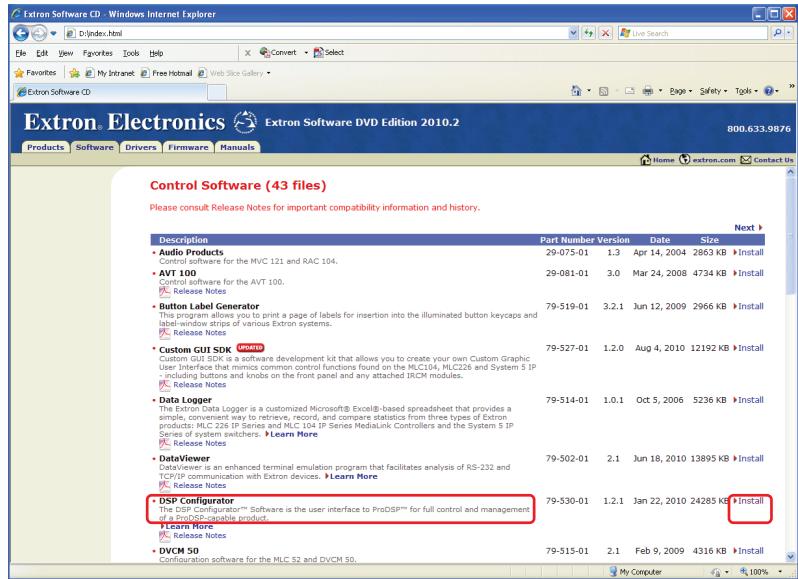
1. Insert the disk into the drive
2. Click the **Software** tab or software icon.

**NOTE:** If the DVD setup program does not start automatically, run **Launch.exe** from the DVD ROM directory using Windows "My Computer."



**Figure 19. DVD Software Menu**

3. Scroll to the DSP Configurator program and click the **Install** text to its right, as shown in the red boxes below.



**Figure 20. DVD Control Software Menu**

4. Follow the on-screen instructions. By default, the Windows installation creates a **C:\Program Files\Extron\DSP\_Configurator** folder for the DSP Configurator program files.
5. When the DSP Configurator installation is complete, the USB Installer starts automatically. It is recommended to install the USB drivers whether they are used immediately or not.

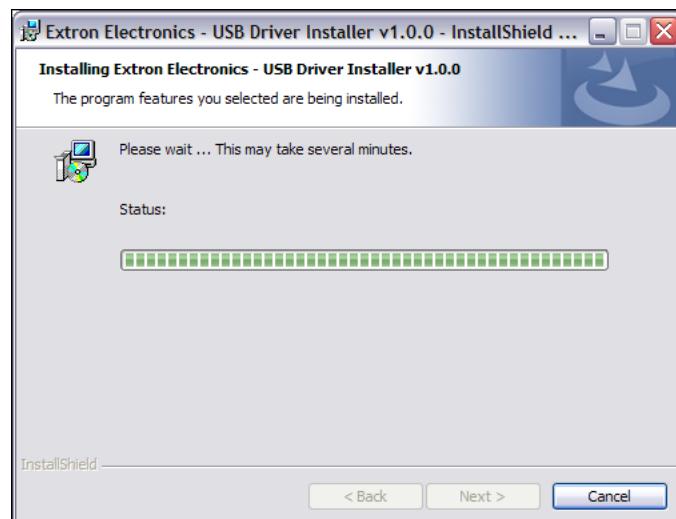
## Install the USB Driver

To install the USB driver, follow these instructions.



**Figure 21.** USB Installer Splash Screen

1. After the DSP Configurator program installation is complete, click **Next** to proceed.



**Figure 22.** USB Installation

2. The USB driver installer is launched. When the installer has completed the installation of the USB drivers, the following screen appears:



**Figure 23.** Successful USB Driver Installation

3. Click **Finish**.

USB driver installation is complete.

## DSP Configurator Program

### Starting the Program

1. To run the DSP Configurator Program, click **Start > Programs > Extron Electronics > DSP Configurator > DSP Configurator**.

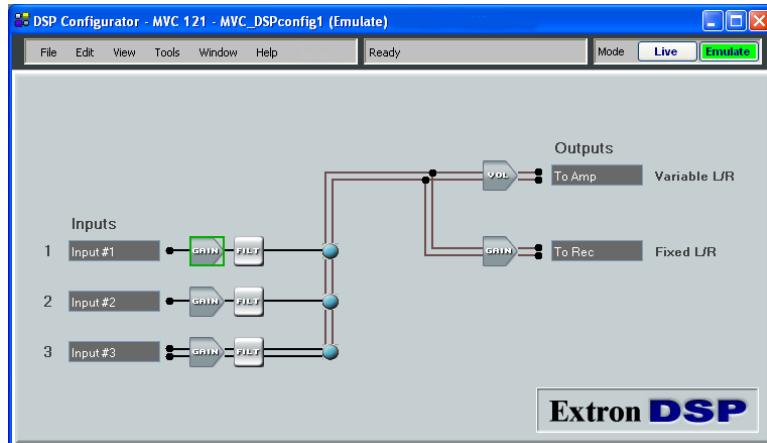


The DSP Configurator program starts in **Emulate** mode (see to [Emulate Mode vs. Live Mode](#)).

2. Select the device to be configured and then click **OK**.



3. The program displays the following screen.



## Using the Program

In the DSP Configurator window Emulate mode, audio parameters may be selected, then transferred to the MVC by going to Live mode (while connected to the MVC 121 Plus). Audio settings can also be tailored while connected to the MVC which allows real-time auditioning of the audio output as adjustments are made.

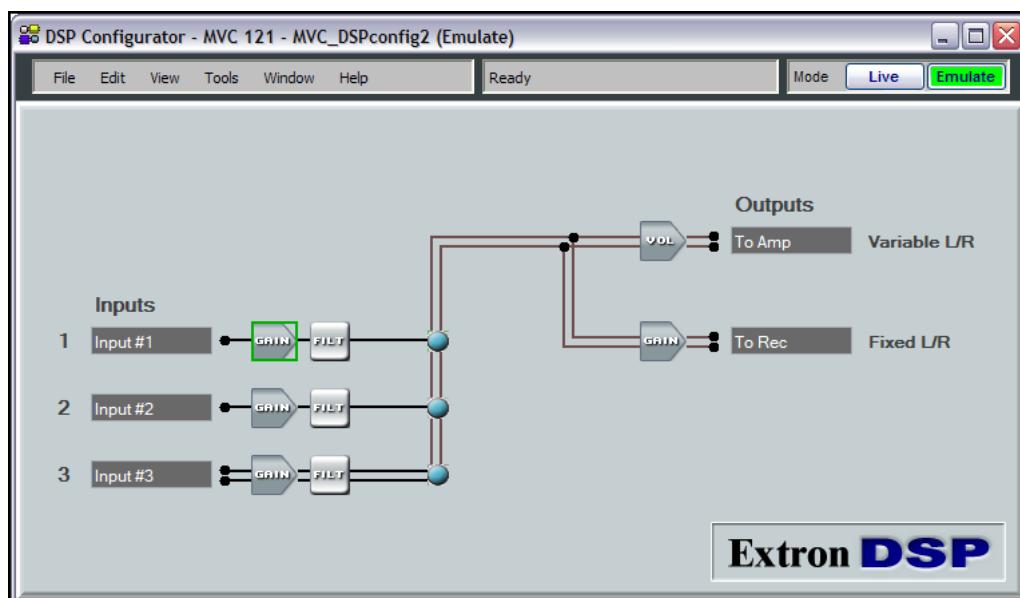
## Help

Select the **Help** tab for further information about the DSP Configurator program features and functions.

## Emulate Mode vs. Live Mode

The DSP Configurator program has two operational modes: Live and Emulate. In live mode, the program has established a connection and is synced with the MVC 121. Changes affect the device in real-time and changes in the current state of the device are reflected in the DSP Configurator. In contrast, emulate mode allows the user to work offline, creating or editing configurations that do not immediately affect MVC 121 operation.

The DSP Configurator program always starts in Emulate mode. In emulate mode, the program provides access to all functions of the MVC 121 without connecting to it. The user can build a configuration from the blank screen, or open an existing file that contains the last configuration displayed. Settings and adjustments are saved to a configuration file on the PC. When the saved file is opened in the DSP Configurator program, the program restores all settings as the current configuration (emulated if in Emulate mode or live if in **Live** mode).



**Figure 24.** Main DSP Configuration Screen at Startup

Live mode can be entered at any time after program launch, either with a blank configuration, after creating a configuration, or after loading a previously saved configuration file.

## Synchronizing: Pull vs. Push

When switching to live mode after making changes to the current configuration in emulate mode, either:

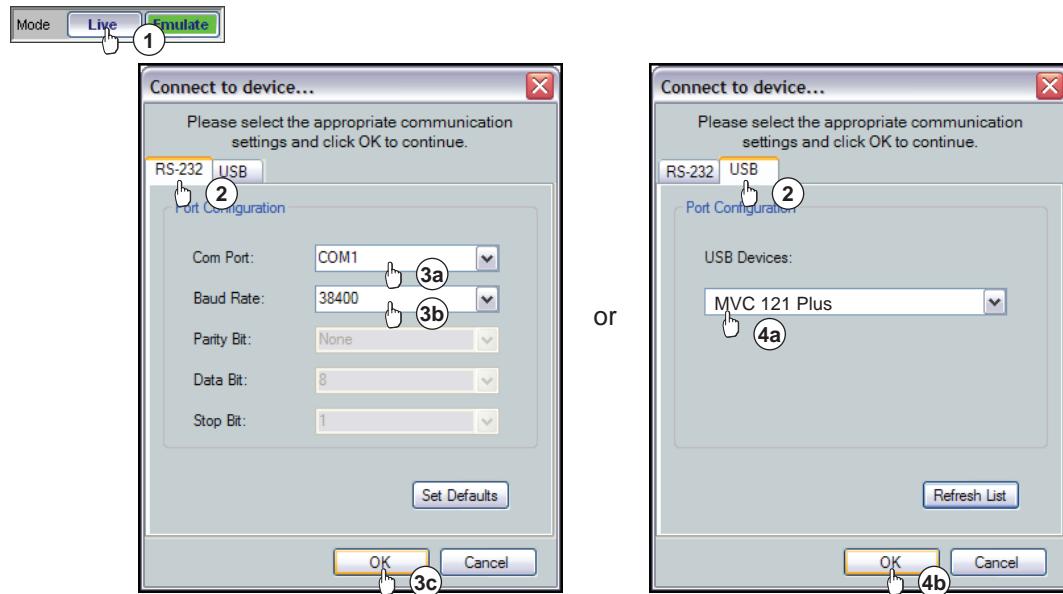
- **Pull** data from the device and update the DSP Configurator program configuration. This option downloads device settings from the MVC 121 and synchronizes it with the DSP Configurator program overwriting the current DSP Configurator settings, or
- **Push** data from the DSP Configurator program to the device, overwriting settings in the MVC 121.

Live mode can also be used to tailor audio settings in real-time while listening to the audio output.

## Selecting Live Mode and Pushing or Pulling a Configuration

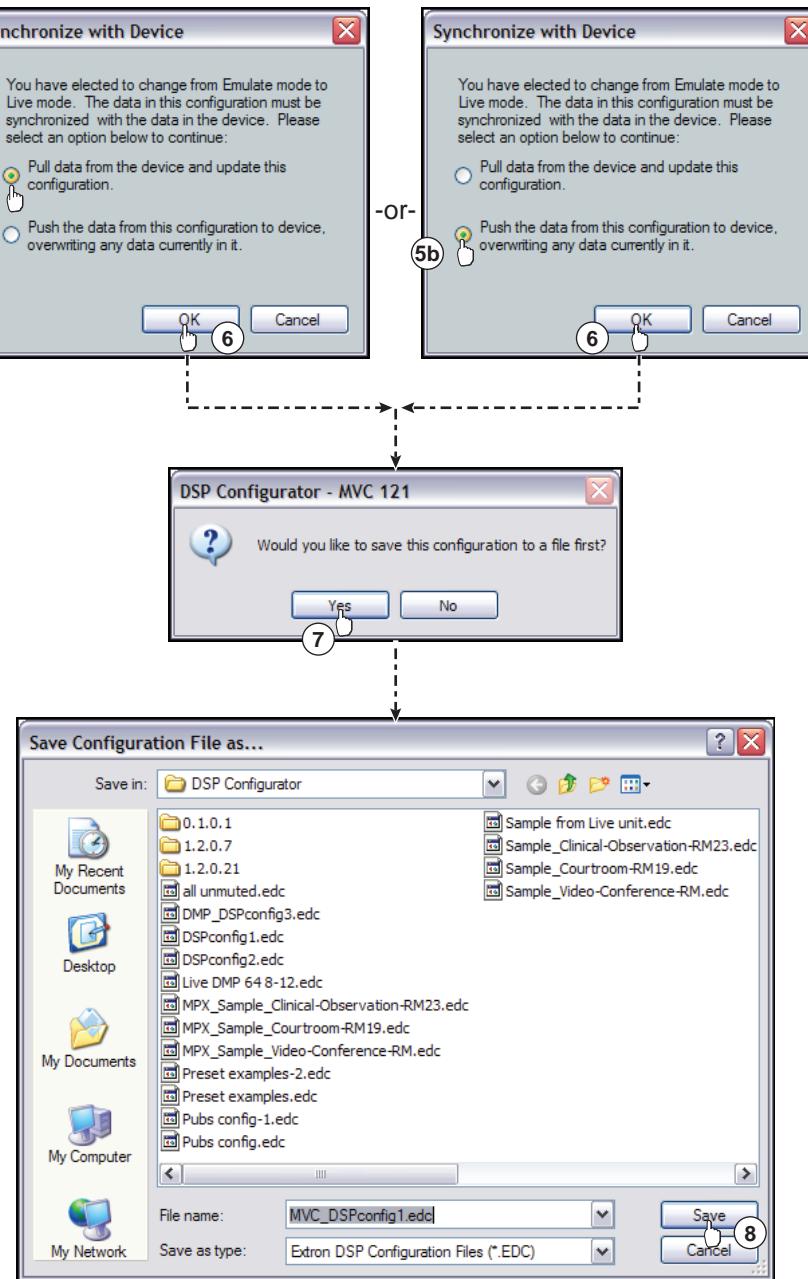
To switch from emulate mode to live mode:

1. Click the Mode **Live** button (see item ① below). The Connect to device dialog box opens.



**Figure 25. Selecting Live Mode**

2. If necessary and as desired, click either the:
  - **RS-232** tab (for connection to the rear panel RS-232 ports — proceed to step 3).
  - **USB** tab (for connection via the front panel configuration port — proceed to step 4).
3. If RS-232 was selected in step 2:
  - a. Click the com port drop-down menu and select the PC comm port connected to the rear panel RS-232 port.
  - b. Check the baud rate displayed in the comm port selection window. If the baud rate does not match the device rate, click the Baud Rate drop-down menu and select the desired baud rate. The default is 38400.
  - c. Click **OK**.The Synchronize with Device dialog box (figure 26) appears. Proceed to step 5.
4. If USB was selected in step 2:
  - a. Click the **USB Device** drop-down menu and select **MVC 121** (or **Extron USB device**, if MVC 121 is not available),
  - b. Click **OK**.The Synchronize with Device dialog box (figure 26) appears. Proceed to step 5.
5. Click either the:
  - a. **Pull** radio button to configure the DSP Configurator program to match the device — proceed to step 6  
-or-
  - b. **Push** radio button to configure the device to match the DSP Configurator program — proceed to step 6



**Figure 26. Selecting Live Mode, continued**

6. Click **OK**. The program prompts to save the current configuration.
  - If **Pull** is selected, the program updates the currently open file with the configuration from the device. Proceed to step **7**.
  - If **Push** is selected, the program overwrites the device configuration with the currently open file. Proceed to step **8**.

**NOTE:** In either case, the program and device configuration will now reflect DSP Configurator changes in real-time.

- 7.** Click **OK**. The DSP Configurator program updates the current configuration with the configuration from the MVC 121 and is now connected live. Changes to the configuration will be reflected immediately in the device operation.
- 8.** Click **OK**. The DSP Configurator program uploads the current file created or opened in Emulate mode to the MVC 121. The file overwrites the configuration of the device, and DSP Configurator is now connected live. Changes to the configuration will be reflected immediately in the device operation.

**NOTE:** When changes are made to the configuration using DSP Configurator, the changes are immediately made to the MVC 121. However, if the program is disconnected from the mixer or shut down before the new configuration is saved, the mixer will revert back to the previously saved configuration.

# Reference Information

This section contains reference information for the MVC 121 Plus, including:

- [Specifications](#)
- [Part Numbers and Accessories](#)
- [Mounting](#)
- [Firmware Loader](#)
- [MVC 121 Plus Hardware Reset Modes](#)

## Specifications

### Audio

Gain.....	Unbalanced output: -6 dB; balanced output: 0 dB
Frequency response.....	20 Hz to 20 kHz, $\pm 0.3$ dB
THD + Noise.....	<0.02% @ 1 kHz, at maximum output level
S/N.....	>100 dB, 20 Hz to 20 kHz, at maximum output, unweighted
Crosstalk.....	<-90 dB @ 1 kHz, fully loaded
CMRR .....	>60 dB @ 1 kHz

### Audio input

Number/signal type	
Microphone inputs.....	2 mono, mic/line, balanced/unbalanced
Line input .....	1 stereo, line, balanced/unbalanced
Connectors	
Microphone inputs.....	(1) 3.5 mm captive screw connector, 6 pole
Line input .....	(1) 3.5 mm captive screw connector, 5 pole
Impedance .....	>10k ohms, balanced/unbalanced, DC coupled
Nominal level .....	+4 dBu when level is set to 0 dB gain; adjustable from -60 dBu to +4 dBu (line input)
Maximum level.....	+21 dBu, balanced, when input gain is set to 0 dB
Volume range	
Line input .....	-18 dB to +24 dB, adjustable per input
Mic input.....	-18 dB to +60 dB, adjustable per input
Mic noise level.....	<-120 dBV (1 $\mu$ Vrms) at 40 dB gain
Mic phantom power.....	+48 VDC, which can be switched on or off

**NOTE:** 0 dBu = 0.775 Vrms, 0 dBV = 1 Vrms, 0 dBV  $\approx$  2 dBu

## **Audio processing**

D/A conversion..... 24 bit, 48 kHz sampling

## **Audio output**

Number/signal type ..... 2 stereo, line, balanced/unbalanced  
Connectors ..... (2) 3.5 mm captive screw connector, 5 pole  
Impedance ..... 50 ohms unbalanced, 100 ohms balanced  
Gain error ..... ±0.2 dB channel to channel  
Maximum level (Hi-Z)..... >+21 dBu, balanced; >+15 dBu, unbalanced

## **Control/remote — mixer/volume controller**

Serial control port..... 1 bidirectional RS-232: 3.5 mm captive screw connector, 6 pole (uses 3 poles) (shared with digital input)  
Baud rate and protocol..... 9600 to 115200 baud, 38400 baud (default), 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity, no flow control  
Serial control pin configuration..... 1 = Tx, 2 = Rx, 3 = GND  
USB control port..... 1 front panel female mini USB B  
USB standards ..... USB 2.0, low speed  
Program control ..... Extron control/configuration program for Windows®  
Extron Simple Instruction Set (SIS™)

## **Control — digital input ports**

Number/type ..... 3 digital input (configurable)  
Connector..... (1) 3.5 mm captive screw connector, 6 pole (shared with RS-232 port, uses 4 poles)  
Pin configuration..... 3 = GND; 4, 5, 6 = digital inputs 1, 2, 3  
Digital inputs  
Input voltage range ..... 0-24 VDC  
Input impedance..... 10k ohms  
Threshold low to high..... >2.0 VDC  
Threshold high to low ..... <0.8 VDC

## **General**

Power ..... External  
Input: 100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz  
Output: 12 VDC, 1 A  
Power consumption ..... 4.8 watts  
Temperature/humidity ..... Storage -40° to +158°F (-40° to +70°C) / 10% to 90%, noncondensing  
Operating +32° to +122°F (0° to +50°C) / 10% to 90%, noncondensing  
Cooling ..... Convection, no vents  
Mounting  
Rack mount ..... Yes, with optional 1U rack shelf  
Furniture mount ..... Yes, with optional mini under-desk mounting kit  
Pole mount ..... Yes, with mini pole mount kit  
Enclosure type ..... Metal  
Enclosure dimensions ..... 1.7" H x 4.3" W x 3.0" D (1U high, quarter rack wide)  
(4.3 cm H x 10.9 cm W x 7.6 cm D)  
(Depth excludes connectors and knobs.)

Product weight.....	0.6 lbs (0.3 kg)
Shipping weight.....	3 lbs (2 kg)
Vibration.....	ISTA 1A in carton (International Safe Transit Association)
Regulatory compliance	
Safety .....	CE, c-UL, UL
EMI/EMC .....	CE, C-tick, FCC Class A, ICES, VCCI
MTBF .....	30,000 hours
Warranty.....	3 years parts and labor

**NOTE:** All nominal levels are at  $\pm 10\%$ .

**NOTE:** Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## Part Numbers and Accessories

### Included Parts

These items are included in each MVC 121 Plus order:

Included parts	Replacement part number
MVC 121 Plus Stereo Mixer	60-1096-01
3.5 mm, 5-pole captive screw connectors w/strain relief (3)	10-703-12LF
3.5 mm, 6-pole captive screw connectors w/strain relief (2)	10-319-14LF
12 VDC, 1 A external power supply	70-775-01
DSP Configurator Control Software DVD	
Rubber Feet (4)	
Nylon tie wraps (5)	
Tweaker	
<i>MVC 121 Plus Setup Guide</i>	

### Accessories

These items can be ordered separately:

Adapters, power supplies, labels	Part number
USB A Male to USB Mini B Male Configuration Cable	26-654-06
MBU 123, Under-Desk Mount Kit	70-212-01
RSB 126, Basic Rack Shelf Kit for 6" deep products	60-604-10
RSU 126, Universal Rack Shelf Kit for 6" deep products	60-190-10

## Mounting

The 1U high, quarter rack width, 3-inch deep MVC 121 Plus stereo mixer can be:

- Set on a table,
- Mounted on a rack shelf,
- Mounted under a desk or tabletop, or
- Mounted on a projector bracket.

### Tabletop Use

Each MVC 121 Plus comes with rubber feet (not installed). For tabletop use, attach a self-adhesive rubber foot to each corner of the bottom of the unit.

### UL Rack Mounting Guidelines

The following Underwriters Laboratories (UL) guidelines pertain to the safe installation of the MVC 121 Plus in a rack.

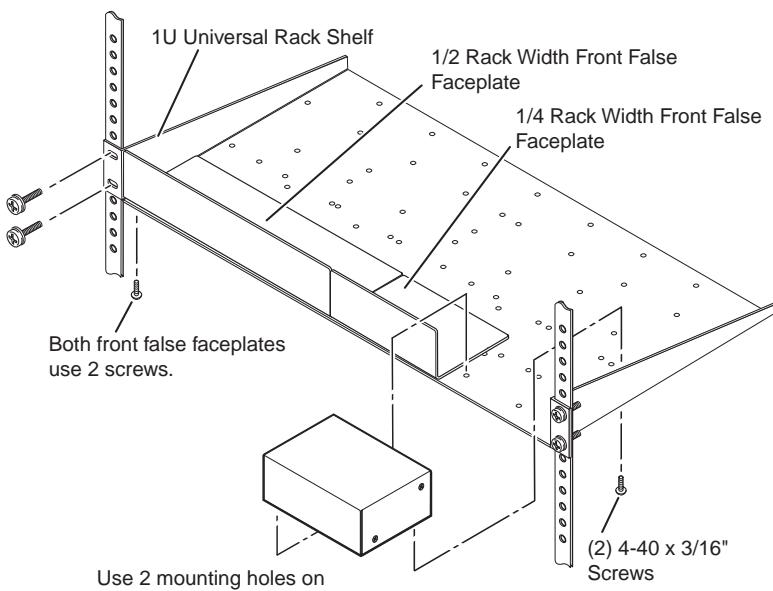
1. **Elevated operating ambient temperature** — If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient temperature. Therefore, install the unit in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature ( $T_{ma} = +122^{\circ}\text{F}, +50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) specified by Extron.
2. **Reduced air flow** — Install the equipment in a rack so that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.
3. **Mechanical loading** — Mount the equipment in the rack so that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.
4. **Circuit overloading** — Connect the equipment to the supply circuit and consider the effect that circuit overloading might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.
5. **Reliable earthing (grounding)** — Maintain reliable grounding of rack-mounted equipment. Pay particular attention to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).

### Rack Mounting

For optional rack mounting, do not install the rubber feet. Mount the MVC 121 Plus on a 19" Universal 1U or Basic rack shelf (Extron RSU 126, part #**60-190-10**; or Extron RSB 126, part #**60-604-10**).

#### To rack mount the MVC 121 Plus:

1. If rubber feet were previously installed on the bottom of the MVC 121 Plus, remove them.
2. Mount the MVC on the rack shelf, using two 4-40 x 3/16 inch screws in opposite (diagonal) corners to secure the unit to the shelf.



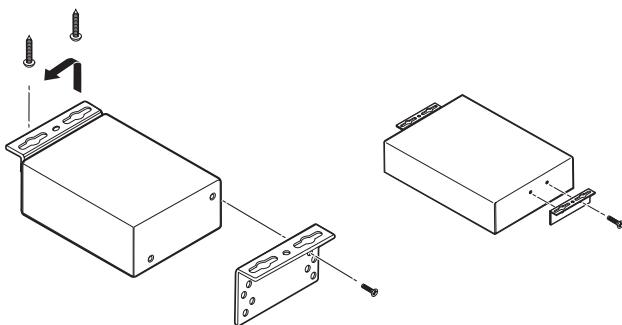
**Figure 27. Mounting the MVC 121 Plus on a Universal Rack Shelf**

3. Install blank panels or other units on the rack shelf.

## Furniture Mounting

Furniture mount the MVC (see the following diagram) using the optional mounting kit (Extron MBU 123, part number **70-212-01**), as follows:

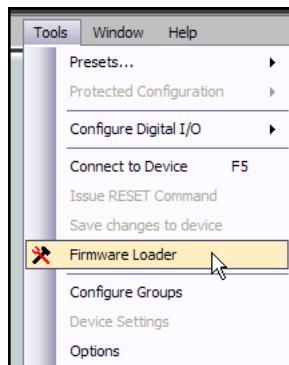
1. Attach the selected mounting brackets with the machine screws provided.
2. If feet were previously installed on the bottom of the cabinet, remove them.
3. Hold the unit with the attached brackets against the underside of the table or other furniture, or against the wall. Mark the location of the screw holes of the bracket on the mounting surface.
4. Drill 3/32 inch (2 mm) diameter pilot holes, 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) deep in the mounting surface at the marked screw locations.
5. Insert #8 wood screws into the four pilot holes. Tighten each screw into the mounting surface until just less than 1/4 inch of the head of the screw protrudes.
6. Align the mounting screws with the slots in the brackets and place the unit against the surface, with the screws through the bracket slots.
7. Slide the unit slightly forward or back, then tighten all four screws to secure it in place.



**Figure 28.** MBU 123, Under-Desk Mounting

## Firmware Loader

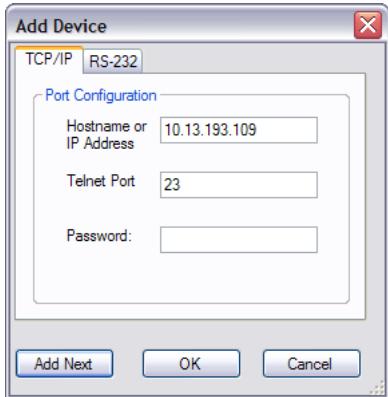
The DSP Configurator program includes a firmware loader program which allows replacing the firmware without taking the MVC out of service. Download the desired firmware file from the Extron website, (see the Firmware Upgrade Page for instructions).



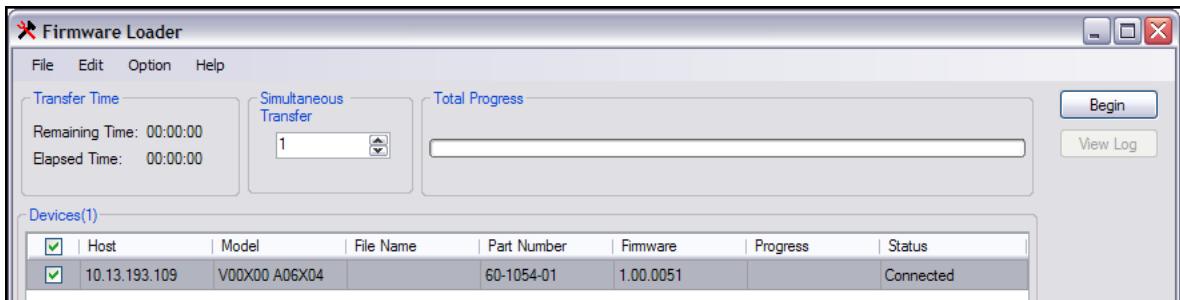
**To access the firmware uploader:**

1. Select **Tools**, then **Firmware Loader**.
2. The Add Device dialog box appears. Type the IP address of the MVC, then press **OK**.

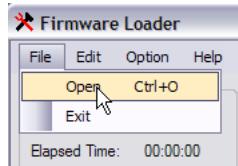
**NOTE:** If the IP has not been changed, the default IP address is: 192.168.255.255



The Firmware Loader screen appears.



3. From the toolbar, select **File > Open**.



4. Locate the downloaded firmware file and click on it.
5. Click **Begin** on the main screen. The total progress bar tracks the loading progress.
6. When the upload is finished, exit the program by selecting **File > Exit**.

The firmware upload is complete.

## MVC 121 Plus Hardware Reset Modes

MVC 121 Plus Reset Mode Summary			
	Mode Activation	Result	Purpose/Notes
Use Factory Firmware	<p><b>1</b> Hold the reset button while applying power.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> After a mode 1 reset, update the MVC 121 Plus firmware to the latest version. DO NOT operate the firmware version that results from this mode reset.</p>	<p>The MVC 121 Plus reverts to the factory default firmware. Event scripting does not start if the MVC 121 Plus is powered on in this mode. All user files and settings (drivers, adjustments, IP settings, etc.) are maintained.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you do not want to update the firmware, or perform a mode 1 reset by mistake, cycle power to the MVC 121 Plus to return to the firmware version running prior to the reset.</p>	This mode reverts to the factory default firmware version if incompatibility issues arise with user-loaded firmware.
Reset to Factory Defaults	<p><b>5</b> Press and hold the Reset button for about 9 sec. until the Power LED blinks three times (once at 3 sec., again at 6 sec., again at 9 sec.), then release and within 1 second press Reset momentarily (&lt; 1 sec.).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The reset procedure is aborted if the second momentary press does not occur within 1 second.</p>	<p><b>Mode 5 performs a complete reset to factory defaults, except for firmware:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All mix-points set muted and set to 0 dB.</li> <li>• All outputs unmuted and set to 0 dB.</li> <li>• DSP Processing returned to defaults and bypassed.</li> <li>• All inputs muted and set to 0 dB.</li> <li>• All presets and group master memory cleared.</li> </ul>	Useful to start over with configuration or uploading, and to replace events.

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