

Automatic Changeover Unit

ECO8000 Datasheet

The ECO8000 is a highly versatile automatic sync and signal changeover unit with configurations and capabilities required to address modern master sync application and other advanced sync timing application. This changeover unit offers exceptional reliability, stability and high availability and is designed with optional high bandwidth input changeover capabilities for HD/SD and/or 3G-SDI signal environments.

Features & Benefits

- Switches analog black burst, HD tri-level sync, AES/DARS, word clock, LTC, as well as SD/HD/3G-SDI signals - all the timing and synchronization signals required in modern broadcast, production, and post production facilities
- Scalable product architecture to fit various application needs
- Electronic Fast Switch function for near glitch-less sync source switching, minimizing disruption in operations
- Automatic or Manual changeover mode
- Front panel LED fault indicators for each individual channel as well as the status of the power supplies
- Dual hot-swappable power supplies ensure continuous availability of reference signals
- Easy to manage with Web-based interface for configuration and SNMP for status and alert information

Applications

- Sync generator and time reference generator system for broadcast, studio, mobile, and post-production facilities
- Master or slave (genlock) operation for distributed system architectures

This changeover unit can be used with the following signal generators to form the complete sync generator system, which offers extra redundancy for the critical timing and synchronization system in the facilities.

- A pair of Telestream Master Sync / Master Clock Reference Generators (SPG8000) for most broadcast facility timing applications
- A pair of Telestream Test Signal Generators (TG8000) for more advanced post production facility timing applications

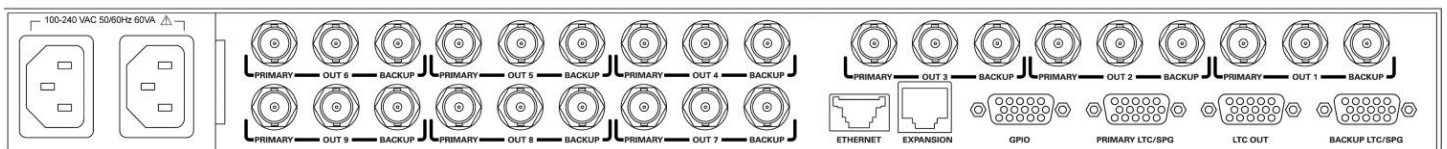
Instrument configuration

The ECO8000 provides up to nine user-configurable BNC channels and four LTC channels. Each channel consists of primary and backup inputs, and an output.

The base configuration has three 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels with options for six more 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch or 3 GHz Relay Switch channels in groups of three channels each, plus four optional LTC channels.

The 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels support black burst, HD tri-level sync, AES/DARS, and word clock signals. The 3 GHz Relay Switch channels support SD/HD/3G-SDI signals as well as most analog reference signals.

For applications that require more than nine BNC channels, two ECO8000 instruments can be configured to work as a single system which practically doubles the number of channels available (up to 18 BNC channels and eight LTC channels).



ECO8000 Automatic Changeover Unit front panel and back panel

Channel configuration

Channel configuration can be set either via the front panel or the ECO8000 Web User Interface. Signal amplitude fault detection level follows the setting of the channel configuration. Detection on individual channel may be disabled, giving the option of disabling switching to the backup unit on failure of signals not critical to the facility operation.

Changeover switching

When operated in the switch-on-fault mode, the ECO8000 will automatically select the backup sync source should any of the primary inputs fail. However, in the unlikely event both sync sources are faulty, the ECO8000 will not alternate between the two sources. If necessary, this function may be overridden with the manual sync source selection. Manual source selection also facilitates periodic testing of the changeover function.

50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels

The Electronic Fast Switch function, which comes standard with all 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels, significantly improves the changeover switching speed and thus minimizes disturbance of the reference sync signals when switching between primary and backup inputs. The Electronic Fast Switch channels have latching relay backups that engage on loss of power to maintain the selected signal path.

Optional 3 GHz Relay Switch channels

The optional 3 GHz Relay Switch channels are optimized for SD/HD/3G-SDI signals, but are also usable for most reference signals. These channels utilize high bandwidth latching relays to preserve the selected signal path upon a loss of power.

In addition, these channels are equipped with the patent-pending "Relay Check" function¹. When this function is enabled, the instrument automatically checks the signal level on each 3 GHz Relay Switch channel before and after every changeover switch to determine the condition of the relay contacts of these channels. If it is determined that the relay contacts may have nonconductive coating (such as oxide) buildup, the instrument will cycle the relay rapidly for 20 times to wear through the layer of nonconductive coating in an attempt to restore the relay connections (relay self-cleaning attempt).

¹ The Relay Check function on the 3 GHz Relay Switch channels operates only on channels that are connected (terminated).

² The TG8000 generator must have a GPS7 module installed in order to support LTC generation.

Optional LTC channels

The optional LTC channel connections are pin-compatible with the Telestream SPG8000 and TG8000² generators, so these signals can be connected with standard 15 pin D-SUB cables. The same cable can be used to carry GPI connections, which allow the SPG8000 to trigger a changeover on certain error conditions such as loss of genlock.

Front panel controls

In association with the LCD display, front-panel controls are provided for source selection, operating mode, resetting the fault indicators, and for disabling the front-panel controls. LED fault indicators are also provided for each individual channels as well as the status of the power supplies. When the unit is connected to an Ethernet network, these functions are also available from the ECO8000 Web User Interface using a Web browser on a computer connected to the same network.

Optional backup power supply

The optional hot-swappable, redundant (backup) dual power supply system (Option DPW) virtually removes the risk of sync loss due to power supply unit failure, minimizing disruption in operations. Unique to the ECO8000 and ECO8020, the unit periodically tests the backup power supply to verify its performance. If the test fails, a fault will be indicated on the LED fault indicator as well as an error message for backup power supply replacement - providing extra assurance that the backup power supply will be ready when needed.

Each power supply module has both AC and DC indicator LEDs. These LEDs continue to operate for 10 minutes after the loss of power. This allows quick troubleshooting in the event of supply or AC power failure.

Alarm and status reporting

Alarm and status information can be reported through SNMP, GPI, email notification, and/or the ECO8000 Web User Interface.

Specifications

Inputs and outputs

Typical return loss

Base and Option REF 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels	35 dB, 300 kHz to 6 MHz 25 dB, 6 MHz to 30 MHz
Option HREF 3 GHz Relay Switch channels	40 dB, 300 kHz to 6 MHz 30 dB, 6 MHz to 30 MHz 15 dB, 30 MHz to 1.5 GHz 10 dB, 1.5 GHz to 3 GHz

Insertion loss

Base and Option REF 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels	< ± 0.2 dB DC to 10 MHz Typical < -1 dB DC to 50 MHz
Option HREF 3 GHz Relay Switch channels	< -0.1 dB DC to 10 MHz Typical < -3 dB DC to 3 GHz Equivalent to approx 5 m of Belden 1694 cable

Maximum switched voltage

Base and Option REF 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels	-3 V to +5 V
Option HREF 3 GHz Relay Switch channels	± 2.5 V peak, 1.5 V RMS
Option LTC channels	± 5 V

Maximum switched current (Option HREF only) 100 mA

Crosstalk

	Unselected input to output or channel to channel
Base and Option REF 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels	< -60 dB, 300 kHz to 6 MHz < -40 dB, 6 MHz to 50 MHz
Option HREF 3 GHz Relay Switch channels	< -48 dB, DC to 1.5 GHz < -40 dB, 1.5 GHz to 3 GHz

Relay switch interruption time (Option HREF only) Time that it takes for the relays to switch and settle
Typically 0.5 ms to 2 ms

Channel switch settling time (Base and Option REF only with identical signals on both inputs) Time that it takes for the channel to switch and settle

Bi-level and Tri-level sync	Typically 5 ns glitch, then 125 ns to 90% of final value
AES and 1 V word clock	Typically 5 ns glitch, then 250 ns to 90% of final value
5 V word clock	Typically 25 ns glitch, then 500 ns to 90% of final value

Inputs and outputs

Preset threshold signal types

Base and Option REF 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels NTSC, PAL, Tri-level, AES, 1 V word clock, 5 V word clock, custom

Opt HREF 3 GHz Relay Switch channels NTSC, PAL, Tri-level, AES, 1 V word clock, SD-SDI, HD-SDI, 3G-SDI, custom

Signal level range to detect fault with preset thresholds -2 dB to -4 dB from the nominal level for the selected signal type

LTC channels

LTC threshold presets 0.5 to 5 V_{p-p} in 0.5 V steps, differential or single ended

LTC load range 600 Ω to open circuit

Crosstalk < -60 dB for LTC signals

Switching interruption duration Typically 1 ms

Power source

Mains ranges

Voltage 100 to 240 VAC

Frequency 50/60 Hz

Power consumption 50 VA maximum

Environmental

Temperature

Operating 0 °C to +50 °C (+32 °F to +122 °F)

Nonoperating -20 °C to +60 °C (-4 °F to +140 °F)

Altitude

Operating To 9842 ft. (3000 m)

Regulatory

EMC Complies with EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

Safety

Approved to: UL61010-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No.61010-1.

Complies with: EN61010-1, IEC61010-1.

Physical characteristics

Dimensions

Height 43.7 mm (1.72 in.)

Width 483 mm (19.0 in.)

Depth 557 mm (21.9 in.)

Weight

Net 4.5 kg (10.0 lb.)

Ordering information

Models

ECO8000	ECO (automatic changeover) base unit
	Includes: 3x 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels (black burst, HD tri-level sync, AES/DARS, word clock) and a Quick Start User Manual (part number 071-3221-xx)

Options

Instrument options

DPW	Add a second hot-swappable redundant (backup) power supply and second power cord
REF³	Add 3x 50 MHz Electronic Fast Switch channels (black burst, HD tri-level sync, AES/DARS, word clock)
HREF³	Add 3x 3 GHz Relay Switch channels (3G-SDI, HD-SDI, SD-SDI, as well as black burst, HD tri-level sync, AES/DARS, word clock)
LTC	Add 4x LTC channels
XLR	Adapter cable (6 feet long) from 15-pin D-sub LTC OUT connector on the ECO8000 to 4 XLR male connectors (for LTC outputs) and BNC male connectors (for General Purpose Interface outputs)
RACK	Rackmount slides and rails kit (1 RU height, standard full depth)

Possible channel configurations

Ordering configuration	Slot 1 (Ch. 1-3)	Slot 2 (Ch. 4-6)	Slot 3 (Ch. 7-9)
Base	50 MHz ELSW channels	Empty	Empty
Opt. REF	50 MHz ELSW channels	50 MHz ELSW channels	Empty
Opt. REF, REF	50 MHz ELSW channels	50 MHz ELSW channels	50 MHz ELSW channels
Opt. REF, HREF	50 MHz ELSW channels	50 MHz ELSW channels	3 GHz Relay channels
Opt. HREF	50 MHz ELSW channels	3 GHz Relay channels	Empty
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Power plug options⁴

Opt. A0	North America power plug (115 V, 60 Hz)
Opt. A1	Universal Euro power plug (220 V, 50 Hz)
Opt. A2	United Kingdom power plug (240 V, 50 Hz)
Opt. A3	Australia power plug (240 V, 50 Hz)
Opt. A5	Switzerland power plug (220 V, 50 Hz)
Opt. A6	Japan power plug (100 V, 110/120 V, 60 Hz)
Opt. A10	China power plug (50 Hz)
Opt. A11	India power plug (50 Hz) (No locking cable)
Opt. A12	Brazil power plug (60 Hz) (No locking cable)
Opt. A99	No power cord

³ You can add any combination of Option REF and HREF channel modules, but the total number of additional modules is limited to two. When both REF and HREF modules are ordered, the REF modules are always installed so that they have lower channel numbers than the HREF modules.

⁴ All power cords include a locking mechanism except as otherwise noted.

Service options

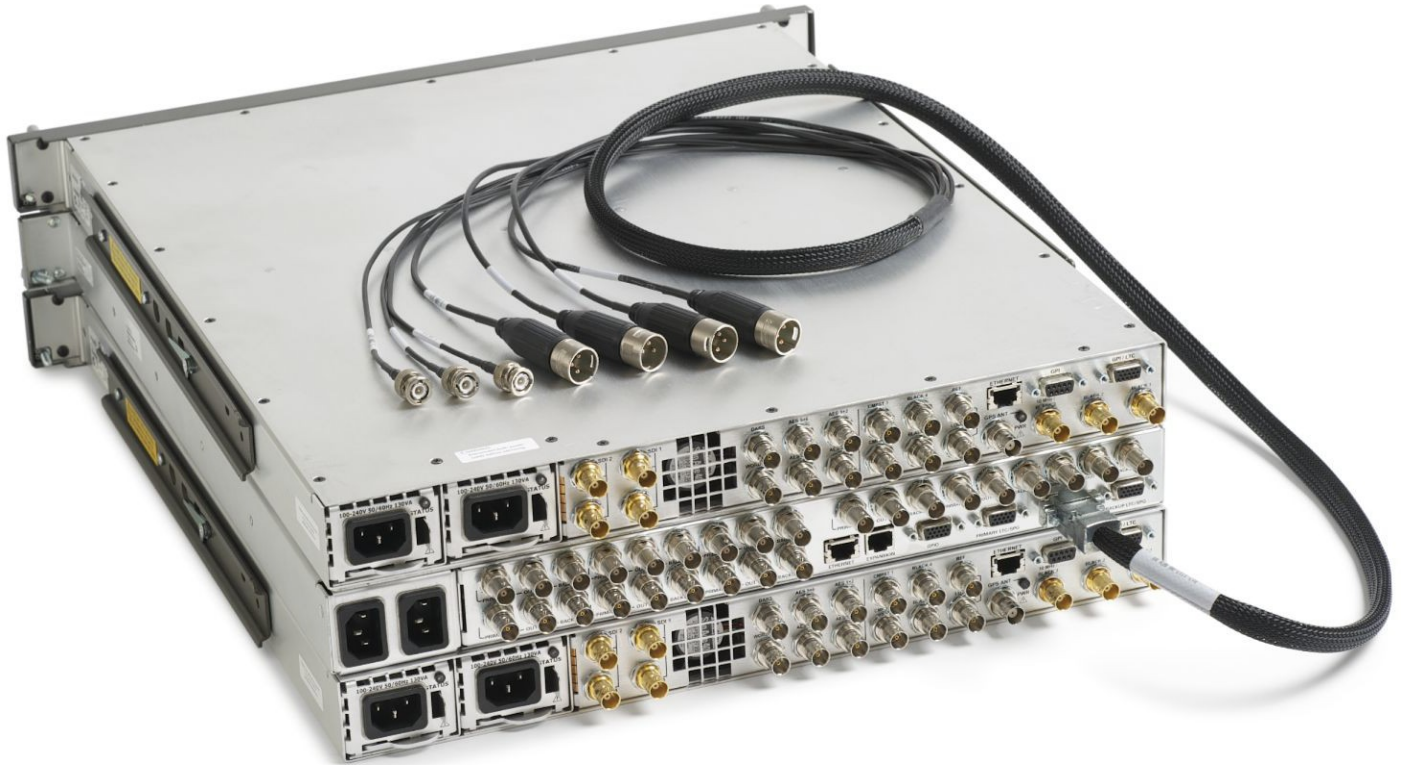
There are many service and repair options, and several lengths of service, available for this product. Contact Telestream for details.

ECO800UP field upgrade options

DPW	Add a replacement or a second hot-swappable redundant (backup) power supply. A power cord option must be specified. (See <i>Power Cord Options</i> .)
LTC	Add 4x LTC channels (software upgrade option)
XLR	Adapter cable (6 feet long) from 15-pin D-sub LTC OUT connector on the ECO8000 to 4 XLR male connectors (for LTC outputs) and BNC male connectors (for General Purpose Interface outputs)
RACK	Rackmount slides and rails kit for ECO8000 (1 RU height, standard full depth)
IF	Upgrade installation service
IFC	Service installation and calibration



Option DPW backup power supply



Option XLR adapter cable



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