4K/Multi-HD Remote Production (REMI) Encoder and Decoder

Coupled with the powerful Monarch EDGE decoder, the Monarch EDGE encoding device offers exceptional quality at the lowest latency while securely transporting your video feeds from the event to the centralized production facility. This compact, robust, and low-power remote production (REMI) encoder/decoder pair has made producing live, multi-camera events more affordable than ever by keeping talent in-house. Programs destined for web or over-the-top (OTT) delivery to the cloud can select the 4:2:0 8-bit encoder version, while the 4:2:2 10-bit capable version of the Monarch EDGE encoding device is ideal for demanding, broadcast-quality productions.
Keep it In-sync
All channels encoded by Monarch EDGE will be locked to a single clock, and the streams generated will have timestamps to allow the Monarch EDGE decoder to realign the streams at output. For the very best results, the cameras feeding the encoding appliance should be genlocked together to ensure each SDI source is in phase. Monarch EDGE offers a genlock output connector with a signal that can be distributed to those cameras if an on-site sync generator is not available.

Built for High Quality 10-bit H.264 Encoding
The optimized H.264 engine powering Monarch EDGE keeps data rates exceptionally low without sacrificing quality. If quality is of the highest importance, streams can be encoded up to 120 Mbps. Four inputs can be streamed at resolutions up to 1080p60, or one input at 2160p60 using the High 4:2:2 H.264 encoding profile. Furthermore, multiple processes can be performed on each input by powerful scaling and de-interlacing engines. This enables each input to be streamed at multiple resolutions and bitrates simultaneously, which is useful for remote monitoring.

Exceptionally Low Latency
In live environments, high signal transport latencies are detrimental to remote production (REMI) quality. Audio and video may be hard to maintain, and return channels to the field are often too far behind the live action, hindering seamless staff interaction. With “glass-to-glass” latencies as low as 100ms between video input at encoder and video output at the decoder, Monarch EDGE achieves some of the lowest latencies on the market while using standard 1 GbE networks.

Flexible Protocols
There are a variety of streaming protocols available to Monarch EDGE users for use during remote productions (REMI). On closed networks, MPEG-2 TS or RTSP streams can be selected for delivery. For cloud-based destinations, or when the network is congested, SRT may be more appropriate. SRT is a new open-source format that provides the reliability of RTMP, while reducing latency, for use on open networks. SRT streams can also be encrypted if security is a concern. The Monarch EDGE decoder supports the processing of MPEG-2 TS, RTSP, and SRT protocols.

Simple, Easy-to-Use Tally\(^2\) and Talkback
The Monarch EDGE remote production (REMI) encoder and decoder pair provides the transfer of tally signals and talkback channels to facilitate bi-directional communication between on-site camera operators and in-studio personnel. Eight tally signals can be sent from the production switcher to the decoder, which transfers these signals to the encoder for output to the cameras. Two balanced analog inputs and two balanced analog outputs are found on both the encoder and decoder for interfacing with local intercom systems.

Comprehensive Connectivity
Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder devices offer flexible, future-proof video connectivity with 3G, 12G SDI, and ST 2110\(^1\) over 25 GbE network connections.

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1 Available with a future update.
2 These features must be supported at the decode end of the production chain with the help of custom integration by the user or vision mixer provider.
Convenient, Centralized Control

Monarch EDGE Control Hub is a powerful application that provides management and configuration over all Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder units on the network. This convenient software provides authorized users with high-level views of all devices on the network, and enables full access and control from a single, easy-to-use interface.

Localized Preview

Offering up to four simultaneous input (encoder) or output (decoder) previews on a single desktop monitor, Monarch EDGE’s DisplayPort output allows operators to ensure that SDI and ST 2110 signals are valid and ready to use. Monarch EDGE Control Hub allows users to effortlessly configure how they would like to preview audio sources of input. From the DisplayPort and line out, users can choose to monitor one audio input at a time, or mute all.

Robust and Practical Design

Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder were built with reliability in mind. An LCD screen on the front of the appliance allows the user to quickly access its status and configuration settings. A locking power connector safeguards against connection loss during remote productions (REMI). Redundant Ethernet (1 GbE) ports allow users to control the device from one port while the second port transfers media. Alternatively, with the encoder, users can opt to send the same streams taking completely separate network paths from each port. Finally, Monarch EDGE’s compact design ensures it can be installed in a fly-pack or with a second Monarch EDGE unit in a 1RU-rack space.

Matrox Monarch EDGE Encoder Decoder Connections

1. USB 1
2. USB 2
3. Power LED
4. Reset Button
5. LCD Panel
6. Navigation and Configuration Buttons
7. Analog Audio Output
8. Analog Audio Input
9. Genlock
10. Balanced Audio
11. Tally Signals
12. 3G SDI
13. 12G SDI
14. *SFP28 Ports
15. Display Port
16. USB 3
17. Gigabit Ethernet Port
18. Power Connection
19. Power Switch

*SFP module supplied by third party
Technical Specifications

Connectivity

Input connections
• 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
• 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425
  (Level A mapping only)
• UHD support using 4x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425-5
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave
• 2x SPF 28 network ports (up to 25 Gbps)
• Capture up to four independent 3 Gbps video streams or one 12 Gbps (4Kp60) stream encapsulated per SMPTE ST 2110-10, -20, and -20. Seamless protection (redundancy) according to SMPTE ST 2022-7.

Output connections
• 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
• 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425
  (Level A mapping only)
• UHD support using 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave
• 2x SPF 28 network ports (up to 25 Gbps)
• Output up to four independent 3 Gbps video streams or one 12 Gbps (4Kp60) stream encapsulated per SMPTE ST 2110-10, -20, and -20. Seamless protection (redundancy) according to SMPTE ST 2022-7.

Resolutions
• 2160p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps
• 1080p at 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94, 60 fps
• 1035a at 25, 29.97, 30 fps
• 720p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps

Configurable genlock
• Bi-level genlock output (encoder)
• Bi-level or tri-level genlock input (decoder)

Digital audio
• 8 channels of embedded audio support per SDI. Two channels per input supported with first release.

Analog audio
• 2 channels of balanced analog audio input via XLR connector
• 2 channels of balanced analog audio output via XLR connector
  - 1 channel of unbalanced stereo audio output via 1/8" TRS connector
  - All sampled at 48 kHz

Audio processing
• Embedded or analog audio channels can be compressed as a stereo pair or processed as PCM (uncompressed audio)
• Multi-channel audio support as separate audio pairs

Control and management

Access
• Monarch EDGE Control Hub dedicated Windows® application
• RESTful HTTP API

Physical
• On-device buttons and screen for basic set up and monitoring operations

Monitoring output
• 1x DisplayPort (HD output only)

Compression

Codecs
• Video: H.264/MPEG-4 part 10 (AVC)
• Audio: AAC-HE and AAC-LC

Bitrate per stream
• Video: Up to 120 Mbps
• Audio: From 32 to 256 Kbps

Chroma sub-sampling
• 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit)
• 4:2:0 (8-bit only) – MDG4/E8/I
• 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit) – MDG4/DI

Encoding controls
• Scaling of HD/UHD resolutions
• Frame rate conversions

Profile
• Up to High 4:2:2 profile (H422P)

Latency
• Encode latency as low as 100ms glass-to-glass

Encoding density/workflow examples
• One (1) 3840 x 2160p @60 fps (encoded as 4:2:0 or 4:2:2) plus one 1080p (4:2:0 or 4:2:2) proxy stream OR
• Four (4) 1080 x 1080 @60 fps (encoded as 4:2:0 or 4:2:2) plus four 720p30 (4:2:0) proxy streams

VANC ancillary data processing (SDI and IP)
• Closed captioning (CC) embedded in VANC processing as CEA-608/708
• Vertical interval timecode (RP-188)
• HDR and colorimetry metadata

Tally
• 8x tally signals (sent to cameras - encoder)
• 8x tally signals (sent from switcher - decoder)
• Tally ports available via a 15-pin D-SUB Connector

Streaming protocols
• MPEG-2 TS over UDP
• RTP/RTSP
• Native RTP (unicast or multicast)
• SRT
• RTMP (encoder only)

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Network

• 2x RJ45, 100/1000BASE-T Ethernet
• 2x MSA-compatible SPF28 cage supporting 10 GbE and 25 GbE modules

Physical and power
Product dimensions (length x width x height)
• 8.5x7.4x5.16 in (217×184×13 cm)
• Rack-mountable; two Monarch EDGE appliances can fit in 1 RU space

Product weight
• 3.65 lbs (1,660 g)

Operating conditions
• 32 to 104 deg. F (0 to 40 deg. C), 20 to 85% relative humidity (non-condensing)

Power
• Line voltage: 12 volts
• Total power consumption: 45 watts [avg.]

Connector: DIN 4

Power supply
• Line voltage: 100-240 VAC
• Frequency: 50-60 Hz
• Input: external AC/DC adapter - IEC320-C14

RoHS directive 2002/95/EC

Warranty
• Two-year limited warranty with free online or telephone support

Ordering information

MDG4/E10/I
• Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit encoding
• Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MDG4/E8/I
• Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit encoding
• Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MDG4/D/I
• Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit decoding
• Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MRCH/RACK/KIT
• Monarch Rack Mount Kit. Can fit up to two Monarch EDGE units in a 1 RU space

MDG4/AUD/CBL
• Monarch EDGE break out audio cable

Power/SUP/MDG
• Monarch EDGE power supply unit. Does not include IEC-C14 power cord. These cables must be sourced locally.