Introduction

Parametric equalisers have been used for many years for creative equalisation in recording and broadcast studios. Their suitability for corrective equalisation in sound reinforcement systems has been limited by both a lack of accurate spectrum analysis and certain limitations in operational flexibility. Today, the widespread use of improved analysis equipment means that even narrow-band room resonances can be found and the results of corrective equalisation measured accurately.

Series 400 Parametrics can be used with great effect in both creative and corrective applications and offer unsurpassed flexibility as an equalisation device. They are uniquely suited to sound reinforcement applications. Each of five parametric filters can be positioned at any centre frequency between 20H2 and 20kHz with a wide choice of bandwidths from broad to notch. The DN410 offers even greater flexibility with an expanded 10 band single channel mode. Separate high and low frequency cut filters are featured on all models.

Where creative equalisation is required, such as in audio for video post production, broadcast and obviously recording studio's, both the DN405 and DN410 will find instant popularity whenever powerful equalisation is found to be needed.

Like all Klark-Teknik equaliser products the Series 400 Parametrics are carefully designed for excellent noise, distortion and sonic performance. When using an equaliser remember that the need to use large amounts of boost or cut within the equalisation curve indicates that there may be something fundamentally wrong with the sound system or room acoustics, which should be further investigated and corrected before final equalisation is applied.

DN410 Parametric Equaliser



The Klark-Teknik DN410 is a dual channel, 2 x 5 band parametric equaliser offering 15dB of boost or 25dB of cut at any frequency between 2014-20kHz, and variable filter bandwidths from less than 1/12 octave to in excess of 2 octaves. In the expanded 'single' mode, all 10 parametric filters are placed into channel A.

Filter Performance

The following curves illustrate the variety of filter responses possible when using the DN410 parametric. The five parametric sections are designed to be free from interaction between each other and so using more than one filter gives a response curve that is simply the sum of the various individual responses.

Parametric



Shows the range of bandwidths and amplitudes possible using a single parametric filter. The centre frequency could, of course, be anywhere between 20Hz and 20kHz.

Notching



Figure A demonstrates typical notch performance, with filter bandwidths set at minimum. Figure B shows the effect of tuning two notch filters to the same centre frequency for increased rejection.

Shelving



Shows the use of a parametric filter to obtain LF and HF shelving responses. The filter is shown set at minimum and maximum frequencies in turn, with bandwidth at maximum.

LF/HF Cut



Demonstrates the performance of LF and HF cut filters, with controls set for minimum, maximum and intermediate frequencies. Slope for both filters is 12dB octave.

Other Features

The channel eq. in/out switch removes both the equaliser section and the high/low-pass filters from the signal path.

Other features include an overload LED, which warns of impending overload at any point in the equaliser, a signal ground lift switch and an optional security cover to prevent unauthorised personnel from tampering with the control settings. A failsafe relay is incorporated into the design, which automatically and silently bypasses the equaliser in the event of power supply failure. This relay also acts at switch-on to isolate the equaliser until the power rails have settled, thus precluding the possibility of a potentially damaging switch-on thump.

This product is built to the same high electrical and mechanical standards as all Klark-Teknik equipment and is both robust and stylish. It occupies two standard units of rack space and has an electronically balanced input and unbalanced output. Output balancing transformers are available and retrofittable.

Reliability Control

Even with the advanced technology incorporated in this product each instrument is given the full backing of Klark-Teknik's "reliability control" which proves each product against a specification consistent with the highest professional standards. Only top quality components are used, and every unit is bench tested and aligned before a burn-in period and final performance test.

Options

Aluminium security cover Perspex security cover Transformer input*/output balancing *input transformer balancing is non retrofittable and has to be specified with order.

Options Ordering Information

Perspex security cover Aluminium security cover Output balancing transformer Input balancing transformer Parts Number SCP Model No. SCA Model No. BU37 BN37



Instrument Familiarisation

Audio Connections

Input

The input circuitry is a transformerless, electronically balanced design which achieves a symmetry of better than -50dB from 20Hz to 10kHz.

If transformer balancing of the input is required, this must be stipulated at the time of order; it is not retro-fittable.

Output

The standard output is unbalanced, but balancing transformers are available and may be retrospectively fitted. The output circuitry is capable of driving a 600 ohm load at a level of ± 224 Bm.

Input



Output



Pin 2/Pin 3 Hot operation

The unit can be quickly re-configured to accommodate either XLR wiring standard by removing the top cover and changing the orientation of 4 plug-in links per connector, as shown on the adjacent PCB legend. When using a fully balanced system, either pin 2 or pin 3 may be the HOT terminal. In "Single" mode use channel A connectors only.

Balanced Circuits

Transformer or electronically balanced connections have the benefit of "common mode rejection" which eliminates externally induced interference such as mains hum etc. Balancing is especially useful when long cable runs are used between pieces of equipment.

Transformer balanced circuits have the added advantage of being, "fully floating" with the ground (earth) or screen being totally isolated from the signal. In installations where a difference in earth potential is likely to occur this isolation prevents grounding problems which can, in some cases, damage the equipment.

DN410 Technical Specifications

Inputs

Type Impedance (ohm) Balanced Unbalanced

Outputs

Type Min. Load impedance Source Max. level

Performance

Frequency response (20Hz-20kHz) Distortion (@ +4dBm) Equivalent input noise (20Hz-20kHz unweighted) Channel separation Gain Overload indicator

Filters

Type Bandwidth Max. boost/cut Frequency ranges High pass filter Low pass filter

Power Requirements

Voltage Consumption

Weight

Nett Shipping

Dimensions

Width Depth Height

Terminations

Inputs Outputs Power

Two

Balanced (electronically)

20K 10K

Two

Unbalanced 600 ohm <60 ohm +22dBm

± 1.5dB <0.01% @ 1kHz

<-90dBm >80dB @ 1kHz +6dB +19dBu

Parametric (2 x 5) Variable from 1/12 - 2 octaves + 157 – 25dB 20Hz-200Hz/200Hz-2kHz/2kHz-20kHz 15Hz-300Hz/12dB octave 2k5Hz-30kHz/12dB octave

110/120/220/240V 50/60Hz <15VA

4.5kg 7kg

482mm (19 inch) 235mm (9¼ inch) 89mm (3½ inch)

3	pin	XLR
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3	pin	CEE







