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### PERSONAL MONITOR MIXER SYSTEM

## **PRO Digital Overlay**

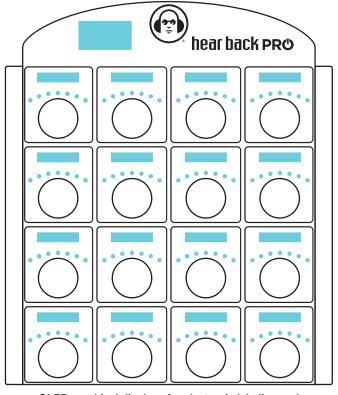


#### **OVERVIEW**

The PRO Digital Overlay is an ultra-thin faceplate for electronic labeling of a Hear Back PRO Mixer. This attachable upgrade modifies and expands the display of channels and mixer functions through high contrast OLED graphical displays. The Digital Overlay permanently mounts directly onto the PRO Mixer's face and connects via a ribbon cable into the Mixer's side expansion slot. The naming functions can be accessed and updated through the iOS app or via a computer, for added flexibility. The PRO Digital Overlay is a time saving and easy to read solution to the standard scribble strip for engineers and end users in studio sessions and live entertainment settings.

#### **ADVANTAGES / FEATURES**

- Unobtrusive with a thin, ultra-low profile (less than 3mm thickness)
- · Rugged design for stage and touring
- Easy and quick installation
- Supports the use of letters, numbers, and symbols when labeling channels and mixers
- Bright and easily legible OLED screens allow for quick identification and control, even in low light environments
- Mixers and channels can be named and updated remotely with either the Hear Back PRO iOS app or via a computer



OLED graphical displays for electronic labeling and Mixer status

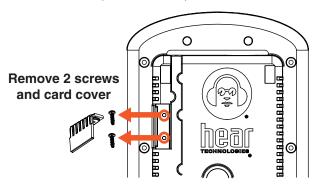
#### A FEW NOTES BEFORE INSTALLATION

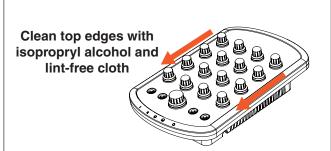
- Though the PRO Digital Overlay is rugged once installed onto the Mixer, DO NOT BEND OR TWIST THE OVERLAY, prior
  to or during the installation process.
- Take care when handling the ribbon cable during the installation process. Creasing or twisting the cable can affect performance of the Overlay.
- The PRO Digital Overlay is designed to be used with V6.1 firmware. Prior to use, the Hear Back PRO Hub firmware must be updated to a minimum version of 6.1 with bootloader version 2.5 or higher. The PRO Mixer requires a minimum firmware version of 6.1 with bootloader version 2.24 or higher. These software updates are available for download at: www.HearTechnologies.com/support

#### **INSTALLATION**

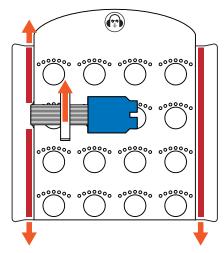
**NOTE: Once mounted, the PRO Digital Overlay cannot be removed.** Take adequate care when aligning and applying to the PRO Mixer front.

- 1. Remove the two screws attaching the expansion card slot cover to the Mixer. Keep screws for reuse.
- 2. Clean Mixer top edges with isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free cloth (do not saturate).



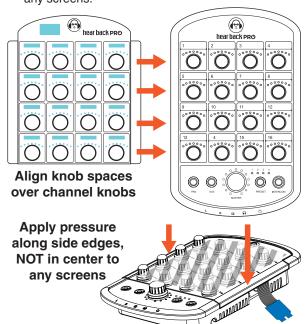


- With the Overlay face-down, CAREFULLY remove the tape securing the flexible ribbon cable to the bottom of the Overlay. Gently pull the tabbed end of the tape while applying pressure to the opposite end.
- 4. On the left and right sides of the Overlay, peel the red release liner off the double-sided mounting tape.

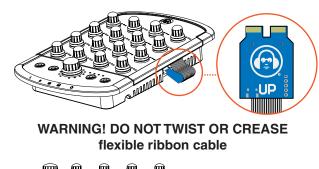


Remove tape from ribbon cable and red release liner from sides

- 5. Align Digital Overlay above PRO Mixer so the knob spaces are centered over the corresponding knobs.
- Press Digital Overlay firmly onto Mixer faceplate along the side edges. DO NOT apply pressure to any screens.



- 7. Gently curving the flexible ribbon cable, turn the blue connector card towards the expansion slot and align with top rails. (DO NOT TWIST OR CREASE the ribbon cable).
- 8. Slide connector card face "UP" firmly into the top rails of the expansion slot until it clicks.



Slide blue connector card face "UP" along top rails of expansion card slot

until it clicks

#### **INITIAL SETUP**

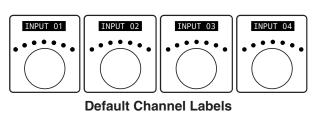
**NOTE:** If not already installed, update the Hear Back PRO Hub to a minimum firmware version of 6.1 with bootloader 2.5 or higher, and PRO Mixer to a minimum firmware version 6.1 with bootloader 2.24 or higher via the iOS app or Desktop FW Updater.

Apply power to the Mixer by inserting the network cable into the Ethernet port.

2. Following the bootup sequence, the main screen at the top left of the Digital Overlay will display the Mixer's firmware, bootloader, and overlay version.

MIXER 65E0
MIXER V06.10
BOOT V02.25
OLED V01.08

 Each screen above the 16 knobs will illuminate and display either the default channel numbers (INPUT 01, INPUT 02, etc.), or the channel names stored in the V6 PRO Hub.



4. Attach the new expansion card slot cover, supplied with the PRO Digital Overlay, using the original screws that were removed during installation.

#### **CHANNEL NAMING**

Channel names can be created and updated instantaneously via the Hear Back PRO iOS app or the Desktop Config Editor using a Windows computer connected to the PRO Hub. The Hub's configuration file can also be edited directly via any computer. These custom labels are stored remotely on the PRO Hub, allowing each Mixer to import the names when routing is beyond the standard 16 channel 1:1. Channel names will display in UPPERCASE.

#### Using the Hear Back PRO iOS App

 Open the mobile app available from the App Store:
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2. Select "Hub & Sources" > Select the desired Hub (e.g. HUB 1) from the list beneath the level meters.





- Scroll to the desired channel number to be updated from the 32 available channels > Select the associated gray box to the right of the "CH #".
- 4. A keyboard will appear > Edit the name of the channel using any combination of letters, numbers, or available symbols, up to 9 characters in length.
- 5. Tap outside of the gray box to "Save".





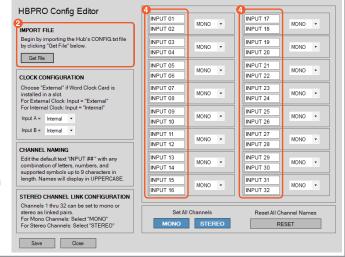
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#### **Using the Desktop Config Editor**

 With the PRO Hub "ON", plug a USB (B-Male) into the "PROGRAM" port on the Hub's Main Board and the USB (A-Male) into a computer USB port.



- 2. Open HBPRO Config Editor > Click on "Get File"
- Locate the Hear Back PRO drive in My Computer (PC) or on your desktop (Mac) > Select the "CONFIG.TXT" file > Click "Open"
- Edit channel names with any combination of letters, numbers, and supported symbols up to 9 characters.
   Names will display in UPPERCASE.
  - NOTE: Clock configuration and stereo linking settings can also be edited.
- 5. Click "Save" > Select Hear Back PRO drive as location
- Click "Save" > Select "Yes" to replace existing CONFIG.TXT file
- 7. Click "Ok" (File Saved) > Close HBPRO Config Editor



#### **Editing the Hub's CONFIG.TXT File Directly**

 With the PRO Hub "ON", plug a USB (B-Male) into the "PROGRAM" port on the Hub's Main Board and the USB (A-Male) into a computer USB port.



 If using Windows OS, a window should pop up notifying you new hardware was found named "Hear Back Pro Hub". If using Mac OS, a new drive will appear on your desktop named "HB\_PRO".



 Open the drive and view the files. On a PC, locate the drive in My Computer. On Mac, open the drive on your Desktop or by opening Finder.



 Open the "CONFIG.TXT" file > Listed are the PRO Hub's clock settings for input A/B, the mono/stereo assignments for each channel, and the channel name for each of the 32 channels stored.



- 5. Scroll down to the section that lists the "CH # Name =" and find the channel to be edited.
- Delete and replace the text following "CH # Name =" with any combination of letters, numbers, or available symbols, up to 9 characters in length.



- 7. After completing all edits, click "Save"
- 8. Select "Hear Back PRO Hub" as location.
- 9. Click "Yes" to replace existing CONFIG.TXT file.
- 10. Click "Ok". File is saved.
- Click "Close". Channel names are updated on the Mixer.

NOTE: Channel names will not update until the CONFIG.TXT file has been both SAVED and CLOSED.

#### MIXER NAMING

PRO Mixers can be named for easier identification via the iOS app. Mixer names will display UPPERCASE in the main screen of the PRO Digital Overlay and within the mobile app. Mixer naming is saved only on the Mixer, *not on the Hub*.

- 1. Open the **Hear Back PRO** iOS app > From the "Devices" menu, select the Mixer to be named.
- 2. Click on the "Edit" icon next to the Mixer's name.





3. Enter a custom name for the Mixer in the dialog box up to 12 characters in length > Click "Done" to exit.



4. The "name" will update both in the mobile app and on the Mixer being controlled.

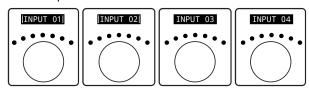


#### **CHANNEL SCREEN DISPLAY**

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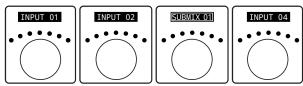
#### STEREO LINKS

When two adjacent channels are stereo linked, the vertical bar icon "|" will appear on both sides of the channel name (e.g. INPUT 01 and INPUT 02). These paired channels can be named independently while being controlled simultaneously. The iOS app however assigns one name to the stereo pair and saves the name of second channel to be restored when the stereo pair is removed.



#### **SUBMIXES**

Submixes are identified by a rectangular box around the name in the channel screen above any of the Mixer's 16 channel knobs (e.g. SUBMIX 01).



Submix names can be edited by using the **Hear Back PRO** iOS app.

#### Naming a Submix via iOS App:

- 1. Open the **Hear Back PRO** iOS app > Under the "Devices" menu, tap on the Mixer in which a Submix is to be named.
- Select the dropdown arrow of the channel that contains or will contain the submix. A dialog box will appear highlighting selectable input channels.





Tap "Submixes" at the top right corner of dialog box > Select the drop down arrow located next to the submix that is to be renamed to expand the available options.





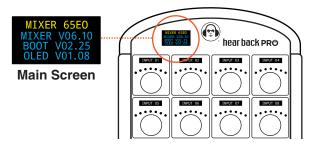
- 4. Select "Rename" to open a new dialog box > Type a name for the submix > Select "Done" to save.
- The channel screen will automatically update with the submix name on the channel knob selected.

#### **MAIN SCREEN DISPLAY**

The main screen at the top left of the Digital Overlay displays the Mixer's name and status including firmware version, channel levels, mode status, preset function, and text messages.

#### FIRMWARE DISPLAY

Each time a Mixer equipped with the PRO Digital Overlay completes its power up cycle, the main screen will display the current Mixer firmware and boot version, as well as the current Mixer overlay version.



#### **CHANNEL KNOB ADJUSTMENTS**

In addition to the seven LED indicators above each channel knob, levels are tracked and the exact value is displayed by the main screen. The main screen will display "Volume Mode", "Pan Mode", and "Stereo Width Mode" statuses. After adjusting, the main screen will continue to display the channel name and current set value for approximately 4 seconds or until another channel is adjusted.

#### **VOLUME MODE**

When making adjustments to one of the 16 channel knobs, the respective channel name will appear in the main screen as well as its current adjusted value as a percentage from 0-100%.



#### **PAN MODE**

When making adjustments while in "Pan Mode" mode, the respective channel name will appear in the main screen, with the pan value in percentage, as well as,



the pan direction as "% Left", "Center", or "% Right".

#### **STEREO WIDTH MODE**

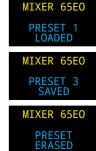
When stereo-linked channels are present, current stereo width settings are displayed as "% Wide", "Mono", and "% Reverse".



#### **PRESETS**

The following preset functions are displayed in the main screen:

- "PRESET # LOADED" displays which preset is selected
- "PRESET # SAVED" displays when a current preset is being stored or overwritten
- "PRESET ERASED" if a preset is zeroed out by holding the PAN and AUX buttons simultaneously



#### **GROUPED MIXERS**

When Mixers are linked together, the first Mixer in the group defaults as the master Mixer, and each concurrent Mixer in the



group becomes a slave Mixer. Each slave Mixer in a group will display "REMOTE CONTROL" in the main screen to signify it is functioning in a group.

#### **TEXT MESSAGES**

The PRO Digital Overlay also displays text messages in the main screen. This allows the engineer to communicate with



players without using the intercom feature. After a message is sent, it will continue to flash on the main screen until the Mixer is adjusted (e.g. touch a knob, press a button). Text messages can be sent from the Hear Back PRO iOS app to all the Mixers in a session or to specific individual Mixers equipped with a PRO Digital Overlay.

#### Send a Text Message to All Mixers in a Session:

- Open the Hear Back PRO iOS app > Select the "Devices" menu
- 2. Click on the text message icon > A dialog box will open.
- Type a short text message (up to 36 characters) > Select "Send" > The message will appear and begin flashing on each of the Mixers' main screens.





#### Send a Text Message to a Specific Mixer:

- Open the Hear Back PRO iOS app > Select the "Devices" menu
- Swipe left on the Mixer to receive a message.
- 3. Select the "More" button to view additional functions.
- Select "Send Text Message" from the drop down menu > A dialog box will open.
- Type a short text message (up to 36 characters) > Select "Send" > The message will appear and begin flashing only on that specific Mixer's screen.





#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Compatibility: Hear Back PRO Mixer V6

Mixer Minimum Firmware: V6.1 with bootloader 2.24 or higher
Hub Minimum Firmware: V6.1 with bootloader 2.5 or higher
Screen Dimensions: Main Screen: 128 x 64 pixels

Channel Screen: 96 x 16 pixels

Screen Character Limit: Main Screen: 4 lines of 12 characters each

Channel Screen: 1 line of 9 characters

Control: Channels names edited via mobile app or desktop editor of file on PRO Hub via

USB

Size: 15.72 cm W x 17.15 cm H x .27 mm D

Unit Weight: 0.14 lbs

Mounting: 3M very high bond (VHB) double-sided tape

Power: Supplied by PRO Mixer through connected ribbon cable into expansion card slot

#### TROUBLESHOOTING AND OPERATING TIPS

Mixer power is on, but Overlay's OLED screens don't light up	<ul> <li>Remove the blue connector card at the end of the flexible ribbon cable and reinsert into the Mixer's side expansion slot firmly until it clicks.</li> <li>Ensure the connector is aligned straight inside the rails during installation. <ul> <li>If the connector has been installed at an angle, the Digital Overlay will not function properly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>By default if connected properly, the main screen located to the left of the logo should display "PRO Overlay".</li> </ul>
Channel screens do not display names	Overlay should display default channel names above knobs (INPUT 01, INPUT 02, etc.).  If this is not the case, it's possible one or more devices do not have the latest firmware updates.  Minimum versions required: Hub Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.5; Mixer Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.24.
Cannot name channels with iOS app	<ul> <li>Ensure the firmware on the Hub and Mixer have the latest update.</li> <li>Minimum versions required: Hub Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.5; Mixer Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.24.</li> <li>Update the Hear Back PRO iOS app on your device to the latest version.</li> <li>If naming through the iOS app continues to fail, use the Hear Technologies Desktop Config Editor to assign channel names.</li> </ul>
Desktop Config Editor is not updating channel names	<ul> <li>Updated file must saved as "CONFIG.TXT" to the "Hear Back Pro Hub" drive connected to your computer.</li> <li>Check connection of USB B-A cable from "Progam" port on Hub's Main Board to USB port on a Windows computer.</li> <li>Ensure the firmware on the Hub and Mixer have the latest update.</li> <li>Minimum versions required: Hub Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.5; Mixer Firmware 6.1 with Bootloader 2.24.</li> </ul>

Firmware updates available for download on our Support webpage under "Hear Back PRO":

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