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D360 8-Channel Patient Amplifier System

Isolated Amplification for EEG, EMG & Evoked Potentials
Electrode impedance checking allows the D360 operator to instantly identify electrodes exhibiting unacceptable resistances. Impedance levels are indicated by green, yellow and red bars within the Impedance View Window (right), or by eight tri-colour LEDs visible on the electrode connection headbox. The resistance values at which the colours change can be custom set by the operator.

Optional Accessories

The D360 can be supplied with the optional accessories below:

- **D360 USB to Serial Adaptor**
  - Partcode: D360-USB-TO-SERIAL
  - This device allows the D360 to be used with computers that have USB ports instead of a serial port.

- **D360 Audio Interface (Switched)**
  - Partcode: D360-AIS
  - The D360 AIS allows the operator to listen to the output of individual channels (one at a time), via the PC sound card.

Electrodes & Consumables

Digitimer supplies a range of clinical neurodiagnostic accessories, compatible with the D360 Amplifier System. Please contact us for a copy of our brochure or download it from our website.

Daisy Chain Multiple D360 for Greater Channel Number

Multiple D360 amplifier systems can be connected to a single PC allowing multiples of 8 channels to be controlled by one PC system. Electrode connection is via touch-proof 1.5mm (DIN 42 802) sockets on the headbox and signal output to your chosen acquisition device is possible either through the eight BNC connectors on the front panel or a pair of "D" connectors at the rear of the main unit.

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Software Control Program Runs in the Background During Acquisition

Because the Windows™ compatible D360 Control Software can run in parallel with your data acquisition program, adjustments to the amplifier settings or tasks such as impedance checking and deblocking can be made while still monitoring data collection.

External TTL Controlled De-block

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Publications

At the time of compiling this brochure, the D360 had been cited in over 300 peer reviewed papers. A few example publications are given below. Their inclusion here is not intended to reflect any endorsement by the authors.


For a complete list of publications, please visit www.digitimer.com/clinical
Specifications

Pre-Amplifier Headstage, Patient Connection Unit

The differential preamplifier is a small (135mm x 185mm x 45mm) box containing touch-proof connectors for patient electrodes with tri-colour LED indication of electrode impedance. Any combination of channels may be selected to use a Common Reference electrode.

Input impedance of each channel is 100M\Omega

On/off control of individual channels. The electronic inputs of individual channels can be grounded reducing cross-talk noise when recording from fewer channels. This also disconnects the patient from the electronics.

Control enabling the +ve [ref] or -ve [act] input of each channel to be connected to a common Reference input.

The unit is connected to the main unit via a lightweight cable with a plug at the main unit end.

Impedance Checking of individual inputs (not Common). An LED is situated next to each input socket. Pressing the Impedance Check button causes the LED to show one of three colours indicating the impedance of that electrode. The actual value is also passed to the main system for PC display. The impedance range for each colour is selectable within the software.

The front panel contains three LEDs which are used to indicate the unit's power supply status and data-bus activity and errors.

Main Amplifier Unit

The main amplifier unit can be bench or rack mounted. It contains the 8 channels of amplification and filtering as well as the PC interface circuitry. Each channel output has a BNC socket located on the front panel for connection to acquisition devices. These outputs are duplicated on rear panel mounted 9-pin D type connectors providing a convenient method for connection to multi-channel acquisition hardware. The functional parameters of each channel can be individually set on the PC which is connected to the amplifier via a low-noise serial interface. A second interface connector is fitted to the rear panel so that multiple D360's can be daisy-chained, allowing commands to further D360s from a single software control interface.

8 Channels of amplification, filter and isolation - all parameters are independent.

Overall system GAIN for each channel x100 - x1,000,000 (10mV/V - 1µV/V). Outputs have a ±10V range.

LOW-CUT FILTER settings are variable between 0.05Hz and 255Hz for -3dB and are second order. (The user may compile their own set of values into the list but the program comes with predefined settings of 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 250 - Hz).  

NOTCH FILTER - factory set at 50 or 60Hz. User has ‘In’ or ‘Out’ control.

HIGH-CUT FILTER settings are variable between 20Hz and 25,500Hz for -3dB and are second order. (The user may compile their own set of values into the list but the program comes with predefined settings of 20, 30, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500,1k, 2k, 3k, 5k, 10k, 20k - Hz).

The front panel contains three LEDs which are used to indicate the units power supply status, Internal-Error and Data-Bus Busy. It also has an isolated connector for the headstage as well as 8 BNC sockets for monitoring the output of each channel (these signals are mirrored on 9-way 'D' connectors on the rear panel).

The rear panel contains a mains IEC inlet socket with voltage selection, fuses and mains on/off switch, as well as 9-way ‘D’ connectors, for connecting all channels to an acquisition system and for serial connection to a PC. The unit also has two ‘mini-DIN’ sockets for daisy-chaining further D360’s. A BNC socket allows the de-block to be gated on and off via an external TTL input.

The case is 19” rack mountable but also has retractable legs making it suitable for bench top use. (483 x 300 x 133 mm (W x D x H) plus handles, connectors and feet)

Mains operating voltage between 90 - 250V (selectable) and 50-60Hz.

Control Software

The software provided runs on an IBM compatible PC. The minimum requirements are Windows XP and Internet Explorer 5.0, or better, installed.

A set of COM (Common Object Model) components is provided to allow the end user direct control of one or more D360 Amplifier Systems from within any “COM aware” scripting environment. This may be WSH (Windows Scripting Host), Microsoft Word™ or any modern programming language such as C++, Visual Basic or Delphi.

A Front Panel program (that uses the above components) gives a Graphical User Interface (GUI) allowing mouse control of all functions and parameters.

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