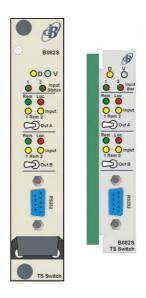


# **B082**

## DUAL ASI TRANSPORT STREAM MONITOR / SWITCH SERIES



## **Handbook**

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## Introduction

#### The B082 series

B082 modules can be fitted into an Avitel or Vistek chassis from which they derive power. Both 1U and 3U chassis are available. A passive rear connector is required for all signal interconnections.

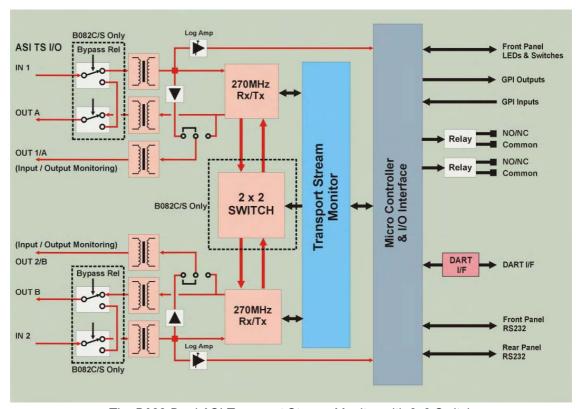
Below is a list of products in the series:

- B082M Dual ASI TS Monitor
- B082C Dual ASI TS Monitor, with 2x2 changeover switch
- B082S Dual ASI TS Monitor, with 2x2 near-seamless switch

The B082M, B082C and B082S are based upon identical hardware. All B082M features are included in the B082C and all B082C features are included in the B082S.

### Common block diagram

The B082 is designed for continuous monitoring of ASI Transport Streams in a broadcast environment. DVB, ATSC and MPEG-2 Transport Streams are supported.



The B082 Dual ASI Transport Stream Monitor with 2x2 Switch

The device monitors two ASI streams simultaneously. These can be completely independent or related streams arranged as main and reserve.

The rear connector carries the ASI IO, general purpose IO and a 3-wire serial port. There is an additional serial port on the front panel to facilitate local access.

#### Near-seamless & non-seamless switching

The B082C and the B082S feature an integrated 2x2 Transport Stream switch. This switch is capable of multiple switching methods:

One TS switching method is offered on the B082C

non-seamless

Two TS switching methods are offered on the B082S

- near-seamless
- non-seamless

Near-seamless switching is a new method designed to minimize disruption to the output stream, especially in terms of TS synchronisation.

Non-seamless switching mimics the operation of a standard relay style switch, but with a faster response time.

#### Main features

The B082 is configurable, offering flexibility in both monitoring and switching. Simple software tools make the configuration process straightforward.

On the monitoring side, various critical levels within the Transport Stream are monitored and the user defines which of these affect alarms. These include:

- Catastrophic failures such as no TS, loss of synchronisation or low signal level
- Basic TR 101290 checks such as monitoring the Program Association Table (PAT)
- User defined maximum and minimum data rates for each Transport Stream
- Monitoring PIDs from a customer specified list up to a maximum of 64 (32 per input)

On the switching side, multiple switching methods are offered.

The advantages of the near-seamless method include:

- True-seamless switching between co-timed, identical streams
- TS sync loss prevention when switching general streams
- Can be invoked manually or on detection of user specified errors
- Automatically spots when physical disconnection of a "hot" signal cable is in progress, performing a near-seamless switch to reserve

When switching non-identical streams, service disruption can also be reduced depending on the nature of the input streams and the decoder employed. In general, the more closely related the streams, the smoother is the switching operation. Modules with a near-seamless switch may also be set to non-seamless mode.

Using the integrated auto-control in either mode will almost always reduce the visible impact of an error-driven switch over a system which uses an external control loop.

The integrated switch offers a space saving advantage over an external switch, as well as a faster response time, regardless of the method used.

Several control options are supported, including an integrated on-chip controller, which can run in biased, unbiased or preview modes.

### Configuration, monitoring and control

The various methods of deploying and using the B082 can all be described in terms of three fundamental tasks – configuration, monitoring and control.

Configuration involves selecting standard measurements, defining the external alarms, specifying elementary streams to be monitored and selecting the switching method.

Monitoring includes the display and transfer of the monitoring results to external equipment.

Control refers to the manner in which the TS switch is driven. As such it is relevant only for variants, which feature the TS switch. Control can be internal or external, open-loop or closed-loop, local or remote.

Appropriate usage of the device relies on an understanding of the various options for carrying out these tasks. More than one interface may be used within a single installation.

#### Interfaces

Configuration, monitoring and control are possible as shown in the table below:

Interface	Supported Tasks
Front Panel Serial Port	Configuration, Monitoring, Control
Rear Panel Serial Port Configuration, Monitoring, Contra	
General Purpose IO  Limited Monitoring, Control*	
Front Panel LEDs and Switches Limited Monitoring, Cont	
DART Interface* *	Monitoring, Control*

#### Notes:

\* Monitoring is available over any interface, as is control. However, in the case of control, DART is an alternative to the GPIO Interface which must be specified in the configuration if it is to be used.

\*\*The DART Interface requires B082 firmware 1.07 / 11110 or later, and S080 software version 1.3 or later (or the command-line) to configure it. DART is implemented to support a third-party rack based monitoring and control system (Vistek ViewNet).

In normal operation the integrated on-chip controller is used for primary control with the other interfaces providing secondary control options for maintenance etc. If the on-chip controller is disabled, the module can be integrated with an external primary controller, though in this case the ability to automatically prevent propagation of a TS\_sync\_loss event is lost, as the control loop is now external.

#### Software tools

Two software solutions exist to enable configuration, monitoring and control over the serial ports. They are:

- S080 Windows software
- B082 Command-line Interface

The S080 software provides a fully featured graphical alternative to using the command-line. It sits on top of it, interacting with the command-line protocol directly.

The command-line interface is offered for those who prefer this approach and to facilitate scripting. It uses a straightforward protocol with full online help and provides an entry point for integration with existing software systems. The full protocol is available on request to enable speedy development of third-party drivers.

Any combination of the above tools can be used simultaneously on the two serial ports, one tool per port.

#### Vistek ViewNet

ViewNet is a third-party monitoring and control system. It may be used when B082 modules are deployed in a Vistek rack. Details of this system are available at <a href="http://www.vistek.tv">http://www.vistek.tv</a>.

Since ViewNet uses the DART interface, the B082 modules require firmware 1.07 / 11110 or later. Control over DART must be enabled in the configuration if it is to be used.

#### Variant details

The B082M is a monitor only version, with no TS switch. Therefore, it has no main ASI outputs.

However, all variants feature a pair of auxiliary ASI outputs to allow a decoder or secondary monitoring device to be attached. Such a device can be used to provide a visual confirmation of the ASI routing at the input or output. Each aux output is jumper-assignable to loop-through an input, or duplicate an output.

On the B082M the jumpers must be set for input loop-through, as this is the only aux output supported.

The B082M requires no control, so the rear panel control IO is disabled. The rear panel monitoring IO remains enabled. In addition, the local control switches and output LEDs on the front panel are disabled.

This is the full extent of functional variation in the range.

In addition to functional variation, two mechanical formats are offered. The mechanical format is chosen to match the chassis type in which it will be used. This is also true for the rear connector. See the Ordering information section for details.

Rear connector wiring is consistent across all variants and mechanical formats.

## Installation

## Selecting rear connectors

All B082 rear connectors are electrically equivalent. The type used depends on the chassis. Overlays are used to label the connections, enabling the use of standard rear connector types.

Туре	Chassis	Available Overlays
DMC 3307K	1U / 3U Avitel	-
VB100	1U(F010) / 3U Vistek	B082S/C, B082M



Avitel style chassis DMC 3307K



3U Vistek style chassis VB100



VB100 overlay for B082M



VB100 overlay for B082S/C

### External connections

The ASI Transport Stream IO uses the BNC connectors. The general purpose IO uses the 26 way 'D' type connector.

#### ASI Transport Stream I/O

BNC	SIGNAL - B082S/C	SIGNAL - B082M
IN 1	TS 1	TS 1
OUT A	TS A	No Connection
OUT 1/A	Aux (TS 1 or TS A)	Aux (TS 1)
OUT 2/B	Aux (TS 2 or TS B)	Aux (TS 2)
OUT B	TS B	No Connection
IN 2	TS 2	TS 2

The input Transport Streams (1, 2) are routed to the main outputs (A, B) under the control of the integrated 2x2 TS switch.

The main outputs are designed to feed a broadcast chain. For this reason they are protected against power failure using a bypass relay, which routes TS1 to TSA and TS2 to TSB if the module power fails. Note that this emergency switching is a conventional non-seamless operation.

All variants also feature a pair of auxiliary ASI outputs to allow a decoder or secondary monitoring device to be attached. Such a device can be used to provide a visual confirmation of the input or output routing. On the B082M only the inputs can be checked. The aux outputs are not protected against power failure, as they are not intended for feeding a broadcast chain.

## General purpose I/O

Ext In and Ext Out signals use a LOW voltage for signal TRUE.

PIN	SIGNAL - B082S/C	FUNCTION	
1	Tx Data	Rear Serial Port	
2	Rx Data	Rear Serial Port	
3	Ext In 1	Control - Switch A to 1	
4	Ext In 2	Control - Switch A to 2 *	
5	Ext Out 1	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
6	Ext Out 2	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
7	Ext Out 3	Control - A is in local mode	
8	Ext Out 4	Control - A status is TS2	
9	Relay 1 NO/NC	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
10	Relay 1 Common		
11	Not used		
12	Not used	Ext Outs are open-collector Darlingtons with emitters	
13	0V	commoned to 0V.	
14	0V	Ext Ins are opto-coupled inputs	
15	Not used	which may be shorted to 0V.  0V is also the serial port GND.	
16	Not used	ov is also the serial port GND.	
17	Relay 2 Common		
18	Relay 2 NO/NC - configurable	TS2 Monitoring - Configurable	
19	Ext Out 8	Control - B status is TS2	
20	Ext Out 7	Control - B is in local mode	
21	Ext Out 6	TS2 Monitoring - Configurable	
22	Ext Out 5	TS2 Monitoring - Configurable	
23	Ext In 4	Control - Switch B to 2 *	
24	Ext In 3	Control - Switch B to 1	
25	Connected to Pin 2	Rear Serial Port	
26	Connected to Pin 1	Rear Serial Port	

**Note:** \* If both 'Switch to 1' and 'Switch to 2' control inputs are asserted for an output, the controller will implement 'Switch to 2'.

PIN	SIGNAL - B082M	FUNCTION	
1	Tx Data	Rear Serial Port	
2	Rx Data	Rear Serial Port	
3	Ext In 1	Not available	
4	Ext In 2	Not available	
5	Ext Out 1	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
6	Ext Out 2	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
7	Ext Out 3	Not available	
8	Ext Out 4	Not available	
9	Relay 1 NO/NC	TS1 Monitoring - Configurable	
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21	Ext Out 6	TS2 Monitoring - Configurable	
22	Ext Out 5	TS2 Monitoring - Configurable	
23	Ext In 4	Not available	
24	Ext In 3	Not available	
25	Connected to Pin 2	Rear Serial Port	
26	Connected to Pin 1	Rear Serial Port	

External inputs have pull-up resistors attached. There is a minimum hold time, which is of the order of 10ms. Inputs must be asserted low for at least this time to guarantee acceptance. Spikes that are shorter than this will be ignored.

External outputs are open-collector Darlington outputs. When an external pull-up is connected, this results in a low voltage for signal true.

Each relay is jumper-selectable to select the Normally Open or Normally Closed contact. See next section for details.

External outputs are updated synchronously every second. At any given time they declare the results of the previous analysis second. For monitoring outputs this represents a summary of errors, which occurred during that time. For switch status outputs however, it represents the current status at the update time. It follows that the status outputs may declare a new route up to a second after the event has occurred. Furthermore, since the switch responds quickly to control commands, if successive commands are issued to cause

a switch and then a switch back, this can occur without being reported on the status lines. The front panel LEDs follow exactly the same policy.

In other words, open-loop external control systems are free to drive the switch quickly, whilst closed-loop ones will need to wait for 1s after each command to verify the effect.

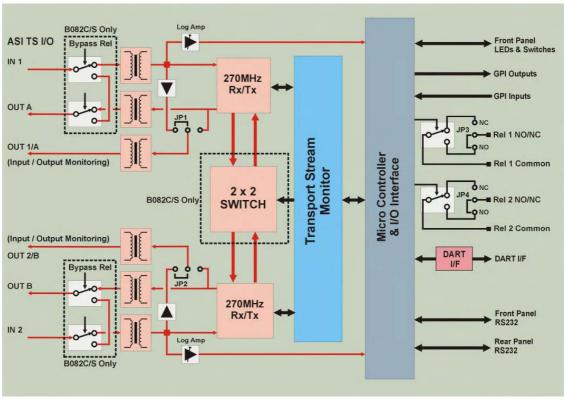
## Front panel RS232

RS232 – 9 way 'D' type		
PIN	SIGNAL	
1	N/C	
2	Transmit data (To PC)	
3	Receive data (From PC)	
4	N/C	
5	Ground	
6	N/C	
7	N/C	
8	N/C	
9	N/C	

A one-to-one serial cable is suitable for use on the front panel serial port. USB-to-serial converter cables may also be used.

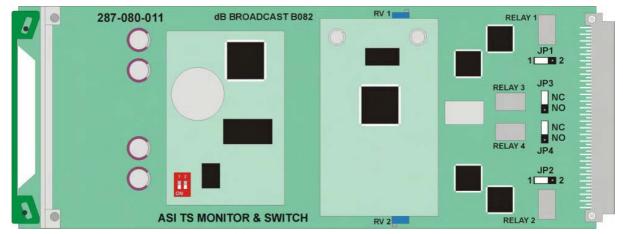
The rate is set by slider 2 on DIL switch S1 on the microcontroller sub-board. This can be either 9600 or 38400 Baud, with 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity and software handshaking using Xon/Xoff. This setting affects both front and rear serial ports.

## Hardware setup



The B082 Dual ASI Transport Stream Monitor with 2x2 Switch

*Note:* The bypass relays and the 2x2 soft switch are only enabled on the B082C/S.



The B082 Module showing jumper links

#### Link functions

JP1	Position 1: Out 1/A set to TS 1
	Position 2: Out 1/A set to TS A
JP2	Position 1: Out 2/B set to TS 2
	Position 2: Out 2/B set to TS B

*Note:* Jumper links JP1 and JP2 should be left in position '1' on the B082M.

JP3	NO: Relay 1 NO contact is wired out
	NC: Relay 1 NC contact is wired out
JP4	NO: Relay 2 NO contact is wired out
	NC: Relay 2 NC contact is wired out

The relays are energised in the non-alarm state, so that a power failure has the same effect as an alarm, regardless of whether the NC or NO side is wired out. For the correct sense, read "N" in the table above as "Alarm".

## **Switch functions**

SW1 is located on the VM1 microcontroller piggyback module nearest the front panel.

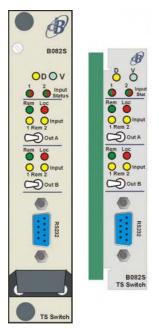
SW1-1	Programme/Run mode. This should be set to run.
SW1-2	Serial Baud Rate. Selecting 38k4 is recommended.

## **Factory settings**

**Note:** RV1 and RV2 under the rear piggyback module are set at the factory and should not require adjustment.

## **Operation**

#### Front panel controls and LEDs



#### **LED Indicators:**

D Yellow – Flashing indicates DART monitoring is active

V Green – Indicates DC power present & OK

1/2 Green/Red – Red indicates TS Status Fail, Green is TS

Status Good

Rem Green – Remote control active

Loc Red – Local control active

Input 1/2 Yellow – Shows the currently selected input, either 1 or 2

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Local control is in force on an output when its front panel switch is not in the central position. Remote control is defined as any control mode other than local, including auto. The 8 output indicators and 2 front panel switches are disabled on a B082M.

Each front panel switch can be used to locally force an ASI output to either of the module inputs.

Output	Front panel switch position		
	Left	Central	Right
Α	Output A to Input 1	Remote	Output A to Input 2
В	Output B to Input 1	Remote	Output B to Input 2

The front panel indicators and switches are designed to enable an on-site engineer to quickly re-route signals around a system to assist in fault isolation under emergency conditions.

Full configuration, monitoring and control is possible using either of the serial ports. This allows the rear port to be used as part of the fixed installation whilst the front port can be used for maintenance at the same time.

#### Control modes

There are several methods of controlling the B082S/C - using the front panel switches, using the general purpose IO, using one or both serial ports and using the on-chip controller. This allows the module to be deployed in many different ways. The control methods are arbitrated using control modes. Each method uses a different control mode. These modes have a fixed order of precedence with 1 being the highest priority:

1. local - front panel switching

2. remote ext - GPIO / DART switching

remote serial - front/rear serial port switching
 Auto - on-chip controller switching

Generally speaking, the device will be connected to operate in one control mode under normal circumstances, leaving the other modes available for occasional use. At any time, the mode is determined by the highest priority active interface. The choice of control system

depends the system designer.

Control modes are assigned per output. This means output A can be under local control whilst output B remains in auto, for example.

#### Example systems

Below are some examples of common control strategies.

Example	Normal Mode	Maintenance Mode
i	Auto	Local
ii	Remote Serial	Local
iii	Remote Ext	Local
iv	Auto	Remote Serial

#### Local mode

Local mode is for forcing an output manually to one TS input or the other. It is particularly useful for isolating part of a system to perform on-site maintenance. Local mode is achieved per output by activating its front panel switch. It has the highest precedence and overrides all other switching commands. Local mode is indicated by the red front panel LEDs. The control mode LEDs operate in real time without any delay.

#### Remote ext mode

Remote ext mode is for driving the switch using either the GPIO interface or the DART interface. The GPIO interface is the set of discrete IO lines available on the module rear connector. The DART interface is rack-based and requires third-party software from the rack manufacturer for use.

Only one of these interfaces can be used for control at any one time. Assign the one you wish to use to remote ext in the configuration, using the command-line or the latest version of S080 software.

Remote ext has the second highest level of priority.

For DART control, refer to the manual accompanying your DART control system (e.g. Vistek ViewNet).

When GPIO control is enabled, we enter it when local mode is off and a valid forcing signal is received on the general purpose inputs. These forcing signals must be held for as long as they are required.

Removing them results in a return to auto mode. If both the force-to-1 and force-to-2 control inputs are activated at the same time on a channel, force to TS2 always wins. For serial or auto control to be possible, the remote ext control lines must be inactive (voltage high). This is the default condition when there is no connection to these inputs.

See also notes under General Purpose IO in the INSTALLATION section.

#### Remote serial mode

Remote serial mode is for driving the switch using a serial port. This could be the front panel serial port or the rear one. This mode is used by both the S080 software and the command-line interface. It has the third highest level of precedence and both serial ports have the same priority. The front panel port is designed for on-site access with a laptop or PDA. The rear port is designed for fixed installations. Both ports may used simultaneously, though if one port is being used by a control system it is wise to use local mode when trying to create temporary overrides.

Remote serial commands are persistent. They must be overridden by another command of equal or higher precedence, or switched off by the return to auto command. This is issued by the auto button in the S080 software or by entering opx:0 on the command-line (x = a or b).

It is possible to drive this port remotely over a LAN using a LAN to serial converter unit (not supplied).

#### Auto mode

Auto mode is the default used when no other control modes are in force. It can be enabled or disabled. When disabled it does nothing other than act as the off state for the other control modes. When active it gives control to the internal on-chip controller whenever auto mode is invoked. Auto mode is enabled using the switch config box in the S080 software, or the asp command on the command-line interface.

Since the control loop is internal to the analysis chip in auto mode, it is capable of performing a near-seamless switch when one of the inputs loses TS synchronisation, without propagating this error to the ASI outputs. This is not possible using external control.

#### Changing control mode

To change to a higher precedence control mode, simply issue a command on the higher level interface and any lower precedence commands will be overridden.

To switch to a lower precedence mode, the higher precedence command must first be cancelled. This drops the control down to auto. Provided auto mode is disabled or in agreement with the current routing no change will occur. Auto mode will be always be in

agreement if both streams have the same TS status and the auto-switch preference is set to unbiased. Having returned to auto, any other control command may be issued, changing the mode back up to the required level.

Cancelling local mode is achieved by returning the front panel switch to the central position.

Cancelling remote ext mode is achieved by allowing both switching inputs to float high or by pulling them up externally.

Cancelling remote serial mode is achieved by selecting the auto button from within the S080 software, or by sending the opx:0 command on the command-line interface (x=a for output A, b for output B).

### Configurable TS status function

Each channel has an internal status alarm describing its TS input. The state of this alarm is indicated by a front panel LED.

Good status (TS status = '1') is indicated green, fail status (TS status = '0') is indicated red.

The definition of TS\_status is configurable for each TS input:

The optional terms [] in the equation above are sub-alarms which can be configured by the user to be included in **equation 1** or replaced by '0'. The mandatory terms (2) and (3) cannot be removed from the equation.

The TS\_status signals for inputs 1 and 2 are TS\_status\_1 and TS\_status\_2 respectively. Each may be configured differently.

The TS\_status function defines the failure condition of each input for the TS switch. On the B082M it can be viewed as a simple summary alarm.

#### Sub-alarms and PID detection function

Equation 1 features a number of terms, each of which is an assignable sub-alarm. The meaning of each is given below.

**ASI\_level\_fail** – Ref [2] states that the minimum receiver sensitivity for an ASI receiver should be 200mVpp. This represents 12dB attenuation from the standard output level of 800mVpp. This implies that ASI signals below this level are not guaranteed to be received properly by equipment relying on this specification. The level alarm by default is activated by a signal below –12dB, with 0.5dB hysteresis. The threshold can be trimmed to anywhere between –1dB and –12dB. The B082 input stage provides ample headroom for decoding a signal at -12dB.

**TS slow / stopped** – Guards against a TS stopping without corrupting a sync byte, and attempts to spot this before any downstream equipment does. This alarm will sound if a correct sync byte is not received every 0.4s. This puts a lower limit on the TS rate which the module will pass; however it is well below even the most specialist of slow rates seen in practice.

**TS\_sync\_loss** – This is the standard [5] loss of Transport Stream synchronisation alarm. Two consecutive corrupted sync bytes cause a loss. Five consecutive correct bytes must be achieved before the alarm is cancelled and other measurements made. Note that this alarm will only trigger if corrupted sync bytes are found. Strictly, if the TS stream is merely stopped this alarm will not sound.

**Note:** It is possible to have a healthy Transport Stream arriving over ASI which contains violations of the "2 ASI K28.5's before each sync byte" rule as stated in [2]. Such ASI is not supported as an input to modules with firmware prior to 1.07 / 11110. Attempting to use such an input may result in a corrupted output. Version 1.07 / 11110 corrects this so that the output is not corrupted (the streams are passed without correction) whilst producing a warning available via the "status" command on the command-line. Thus if this technically illegal ASI is accepted in the system before the B082 was introduced, it should still continue to work thereafter.

Sync\_byte\_error - This alarm is defined in [5]. Every corrupted sync byte will trigger this.

**PAT\_error\_2a** - This is the first part of PAT\_error\_2 as defined in [5]. It checks that PID 0x0000 occurs at least every X seconds. X is configurable provided the firmware is version 1.07 / 11110 or later, and the S080 software if used is version 1.3 or later. Earlier versions use the standard [5] default value of 0.5s.

**Low data rate** – All TS packets apart from null packets are counted as data. The user can specify a rate threshold below which this alarm will sound. The rate is averaged over the analysis second.

**High data rate** – All TS packets apart from null packets are counted as data. The user can specify a rate threshold above which this alarm will sound. The rate is averaged over the analysis second.

**PID\_fail** - The PIDs to be detected can be configured by the user. This sub-alarm may be defined differently for each channel. That is, each input can have a separate PID list:

**Equation 2** PID\_fail = [PID1\_fail] ... or [PIDn\_fail]

The PID upper distance threshold is configurable for each PID list between 0 and 30s in steps of 10ms.

The maximum number of PIDs which can be detected per channel is 32.

**Note:** Numbers in square brackets refer to references, which can be found on rage 26.

#### IUPG / GUPI setting for multi-second sub-alarms

The PID\_fail and PAT\_err\_2a tests can be configured with upper distance values greater than 1s. For this reason they are known as the multi-second sub-alarms. Such alarms require an "initial condition" setting, as it may not be possible to complete these tests within the first analysis period of the module, since the B082 analyses the input streams on a per second basis. In other words we must answer the question, do we interpret the "not-proven" state as a failure as far as the TS status equation is concerned. This setting is globally controlled by the IUPG / GUPI flag. IUPG (the default) stands for Innocent Until Proven Guilty. As the name suggests, the initial condition under this setting is "good". GUPI, or "Guilty Until Proven Innocent" is the opposite setting, where the initial condition is a failure. The not-proven state occurs on the multi-second sub-alarms whenever a TS\_sync\_loss alarm recovers to "good" and persists until the either test is passed or the upper distance times out.

For most systems, IUPG is the best setting. However, if the system is likely to exhibit TS\_sync\_loss failures where after the elementary streams are known to recover slowly and the user wishes to use the module on its biased setting, selecting GUPI will improve the response to this error by preventing the switch from returning to the preferred input until it has completely recovered.

GUPI selection requires firmware 1.07 / 11110 or later (and S080 version 1.3 or later, if required).

## Auto switch specification

The two main B082S auto-switch modes are as follows:

Mode	Description
Near- seamless	Near-seamless attempts to prevent TS sync losses occurring in downstream equipment by preserving the packet structure during automatic and manual switching.
Non-seamless	Non-seamless is provided for systems, which need to switch between two radically different Transport Streams.

In addition these modes are also available:

Mode	Description
Main/Reserve	In the event of an input failure, both outputs A and B are routed to the remaining good input
Preview	In the event of an input failure, the inputs are routed, so that if (say) the A output is used for transmission it will continue to receive a good signal, whilst the bad input is routed to output B, which can then be used to preview or monitor the failed input.
	(Output B always takes the opposite input to A.)
Off	No auto-switching is performed on either output.

For each output a switch mode can be set (B082C and B082S):

Mode	Description
Biased	This mode switches the output away from a failed input if the other input is healthy, and back again when the preferred input comes good again. The output can be configured as biased to 1 or biased to 2.
Unbiased	This mode is used to minimise the number of switches that are made, by not preferring one input over the other. This means after a switch is made, the output stays on the new input indefinitely whilst it remains healthy.

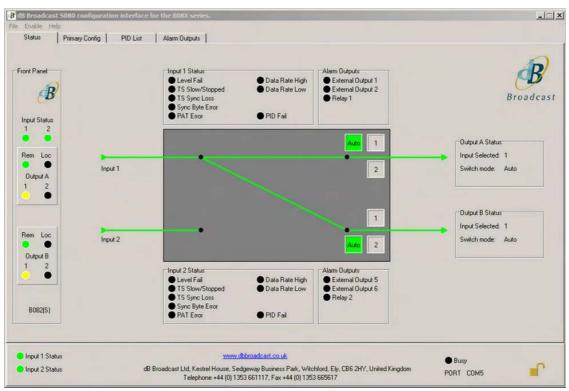
## The S080 Windows Software

## Introduction

The S080 Windows software is a graphical configuration, monitoring and control interface for the B080 series of Hawkeye modules.

The S080 currently supports both the B082 and B083 modules. The configuration screens and their enabled functions depend on the type of module attached. With a B082 the four tabbed screens are as below: Status, Primary Config, PID List and Alarm Outputs. If a B083 is connected, PID List does not appear; the Table List tabs appear instead.

Individual functions not supported by an attached module will be greyed out. If no module is connected all possible configuration screens appear.



The S080 software connected to a B082S

The status screen may be thought of as an operator interface, whilst the other screens are primarily for the use of installation engineers. The status bar is visible on all screens and shows Input status, Port in use (useful for multiple modules) and port busy status.

**Note:** The B082 'M' variant has no routing switcher.

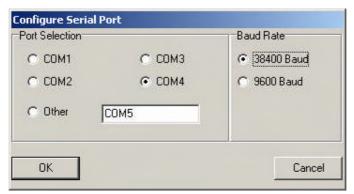
## Installation

The latest version of the S080 software may be downloaded from the dB Broadcast website http://www.dbbroadcast.co.uk

To install the software extract the files to a temporary folder on your PC and run setup.exe.

#### Serial configuration

To configure the serial ports select Serial Configuration from the File menu. This will display a dialogue box:



Select com port and Baud rate

Only the port and speed can be configured as all other settings are fixed for the B082.

**Tip:** The speed selection must match that of the dip switch on the B082 CPU daughter-board. 38,400 Baud is recommended.

#### System requirements

The following minimum computer system specification is required to run this software.

- Pentium class PC
- Windows 98 SE, Me, NT SP6, 2000 or XP
- At least one Windows supported serial port
- A standard pin-to-pin or 'straight-through' serial cable

## Software operation

## Using the status bar

The status bar at the bottom of each tabbed menu provides an instant view of the status of the two inputs, serial link including port in use and if the panel is locked.



Status bar

#### Input status

There are two indicators, one for each input. If the indicator is green, the input is good while if the indicator is red then that input has failed.

#### **Busy LED**

The Busy indicator shows the status of the serial link. It is lit when a command has been sent and the PC is waiting for a response. If no other activity takes place it will flash about once per second as it polls the device.

**Note:** The Busy LED may stay on for several seconds. This is because the software queues the commands to be sent. When a response is received the next request is sent immediately.

#### **Port**

This shows the serial port in use.

#### Locking Mode

The padlock is used to determine whether the application is in read only or read/write mode. It was introduced to prevent accidental modification of parameters in the system.

No configuration can be performed when the padlock is closed.

The state of the locking mode may be changed using the pull-down *Enable Menu* from the top menu bar.

## Using the panel mimic

This panel provides a mimic of the LEDs on the front of the module.



B082S panel mimic

The top two LEDs indicate the status for the two inputs, green for good and red for failure.

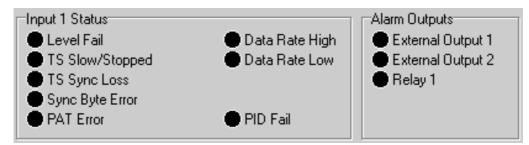
The Rem and Loc LEDs indicate the control mode for each output. When a red Loc LED is on, that output is in local mode (a route has been forced using the corresponding front panel switch).

The green Rem LED covers all other modes (remote serial, remote ext and auto). The indication is designed to prevent a maintenance operative inadvertently abandoning a module in local mode. Since local has the highest priority, it effectively disables all other modes of control.

**Note:** The mimic panel for the non-switched modules does not include the sub-panels for Output A or Output B as they are never illuminated.

### Input and alarm status

The status for input 1 is shown above the switch and the status for input 2 is shown below the switch.



Input 1 status (and output alarms related to input 1)

The first two columns indicate the status of the input sub-alarms and the last column indicates the status of the sub-alarm driven summary alarms available on the GPIO connector. Some of the sub-alarms are dependent on configurations found on other screens.

Output alarms are configured using the Alarm Outputs tab and are related to inputs as follows:

Outputs relating to Input 1	Outputs relating to Input 2
External Output 1	External Output 5
External Output 2	External Output 6
Relay 1	Relay 2

### **Output status**

The two output panels on the main Status tab to the right of the input router switch indicate the status of the current output: which input it is switched to, and its control mode. The control mode shows whether it has been switched automatically or has been forced.



Output status

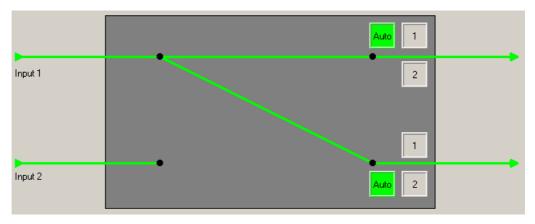
The methods of forcing are:

- Locally (using the front panel switch)
- Serially (using this software or the command-line interface)
- Externally (using the parallel inputs or the DART interface)

For more information see the Control modes section on page 13.

#### Using the routing switch

The route of the ASI inputs through the module to the two main ASI outputs is indicated by the routing graphic in the centre of the status tab. Since the B082M does not feature an integrated switch, its graphic shows no through connection to the main outputs. For the B082C and B082S, the current routing configuration is displayed.



Status tab input router switch – red lines means inputs are missing or faulty

A green line indicates the input is good and a red line indicates a faulty input.

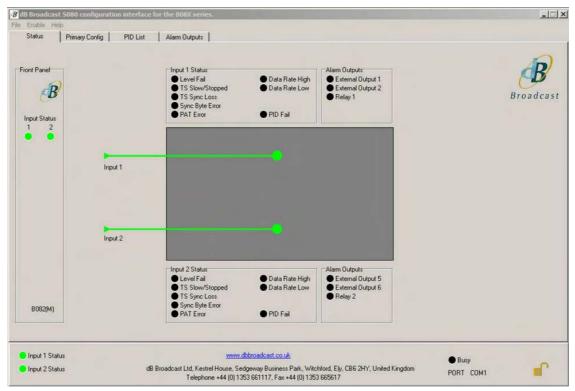
This echoes the Input Status LEDs found on the Front Panel Mimic and the Status Panel.

The auto button is illuminated green when that output is in auto control mode. This indicates that the routing of that output is available for serial forcing using this software. Of course if the control mode is already serial, the routing is also available for forcing. If the mode is remote external or local, the routing is not available to be forced serially. Forcing is achieved by clicking on the button showing the number of the required input for that output.

Cancelling any control mode returns control to auto, rather than the previous setting. A warning will be given if the user attempts to close the S080 software before restoring auto control. Note that auto control may be disabled on the Primary Config tab if required, so that it acts as a dummy state which is guaranteed to do nothing when it has control.

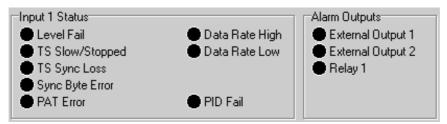
## B082M monitoring only status

The monitoring only B082M has no input routing switch or switch controls and the panel mimic has no switch status information.



The B082M Hawkeye Control Software – main status screen

Input status and alarm output status is the same as the B082S. The status for input 1 is shown above the switch and the status for input 2 is shown below the switch.



Input 1 status (and output alarms related to input 1)

The first two columns indicate the status of the input sub-alarms and the last column indicates the status of the sub-alarm driven summary alarms available on the GPIO connector.

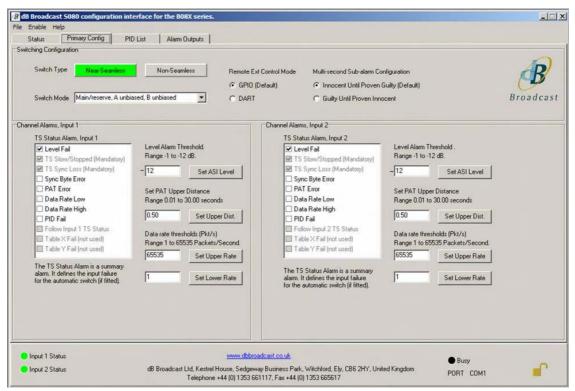
Output alarms are configured using the Output Alarm tab and are related to inputs as follows:

Outputs relating to Input 1	Outputs relating to Input 2
External Output 1	External Output 5
External Output 2	External Output 6
Relay 1	Relay 2

### **Primary configuration**

The primary configuration tab provides access to the following:

- Switching configuration panel (switching modules only)
- Channel alarm configuration



Channel alarms and switching configuration (B082C/S only)

#### Switching configuration

The switching configuration panel is only available when connected to a B082S or a B082C. It is used to configure the integrated TS switch on these modules. The TS switch uses the TS status alarm to define input failure.



Switching configuration (B082C/S only)

Selecting the switch type (Near seamless/Non seamless)

The switch type buttons indicate the default switching method employed. The B082S allows selection of either Near-seamless or Non-seamless. The near-seamless switching method quarantees:

- True-seamless switching between co-timed identical streams
- TS sync loss prevention when switching similar or radically different streams
- TS sync loss prevention on cable-pull or other error if reserve input is good

When switching non-identical streams, service disruption can also be reduced depending on the nature of the input streams and the decoder employed. In general, the more closely related the streams, the smoother is the switching operation.

Non-seamless switching guarantees 2 corrupted sync bytes at the switching point, forcing a TS\_sync\_loss on all downstream equipment with the standard TS\_sync\_loss definition. This is useful when switching radically different streams on systems where a TS\_sync\_loss provides the quickest route to a clean reset of the downstream equipment.

#### Selecting the switch bias

The switch may configured to be biased or unbiased. In addition, Output B may be made dependent on Output A. When Main/reserve is selected, there is no A-B dependency. However when Preview is selected, B always takes the opposite routing to A. This allows B to be used as a monitoring output which always previews the unused input. Use the switch bias drop down list to select from the following options:

- Main/reserve, A unbiased, B unbiased
- Main/reserve, A biased to 1, B unbiased
- Main/reserve, A unbiased, B biased to 2
- Main/reserve, A biased to 1, B biased to 2
- Preview, unbiased
- Preview, biased
- Auto-switch disabled

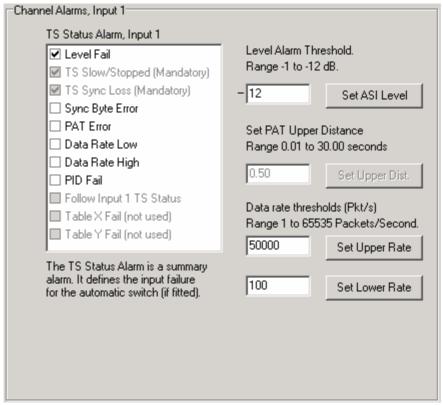
#### Remote external control

Control of the switch is automatically arbitrated. See section on Control modes on page 13 for details. However, the remote external control mode must be configured for use with either the General Purpose IO interface on the rear of the module, OR the rack based DART interface. Control over DART is supported for customers using Vistek ViewNet as a rack based control system. GPIO is the default setting.

**Note:** Module firmware 1.07/11110 or later is required for use with DART.

#### Channel alarm configuration

There are two channel alarm configuration panels, one for input 1 and one for input 2. They allow the input alarm criteria to be configured.



Configuring channel alarms for input 1

#### ASI level

The ASI level can be set using the edit box. The minus sign is assumed so an integer value between 1 and 12 only will be accepted. The 0dB value for ASI is 800mV pp. Standard [2] specifies the minimum level for receivers as -12dB. Whilst B08X cards offer significantly better performance than this, the level alarm may be used as a warning that some unexpected attenuation has occurred.

#### Upper and Lower Data Rate Threshold

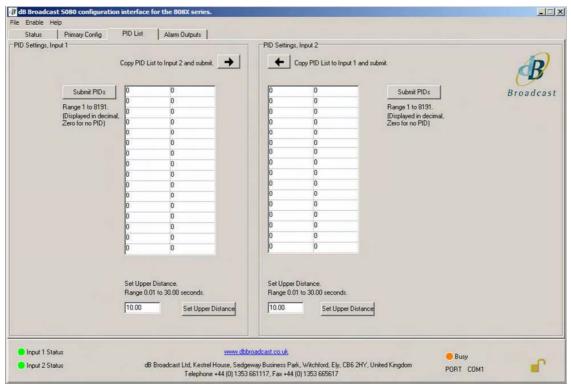
The upper and lower data rate thresholds are set using these entry boxes. These thresholds are those used in the *High Data Rate* and *Low Data Rate* alarms respectively. The range is 1 to 65535 packets per second.

#### **PAT Upper Distance**

This is used to set the maximum time allowed between packets carrying Program Association Table data before the alarm is triggered. The range is 0.01 to 30.00 seconds.

#### PID list status and manipulation

The PID list window is used for the configuration and monitoring of PID lists.



PID configuration

#### Configuration

The PID list is configured using the grid in the list panel. The changes made in the edit grid are only applied when the submit button is pressed.

When this screen is entered, the current list is always extracted from the module and displayed. Any changes made without being submitted will be lost if the user moves to another screen; only the last settings successfully submitted will be displayed when this screen is returned to.

The arrow copies the list in the edit box to the other channel's PID list. If the list has been edited and not submitted this may not be the same as the list in the source channel.

It is recommended to submit the list and copy it to the other side when setting both channels to the same PID list.

**Note:** The list is always sorted in numerical order and duplicate entries discarded when the list is submitted. It is not necessary to sort the list manually unless it was not entered using this software, or numerical order is not required.

#### Adding PID items

To add an item simply click on the number and enter the new value. The order is not important.

#### Editing an item

The PID list is entered in the list by clicking on the cell and entering or editing the new number.

#### Deleting an item

To remove an entry click on it's cell and delete the contents, or set it to zero. When the list is submitted the list is correctly sorted and any blank cells are shifted to the end of the list.

#### Upper distance

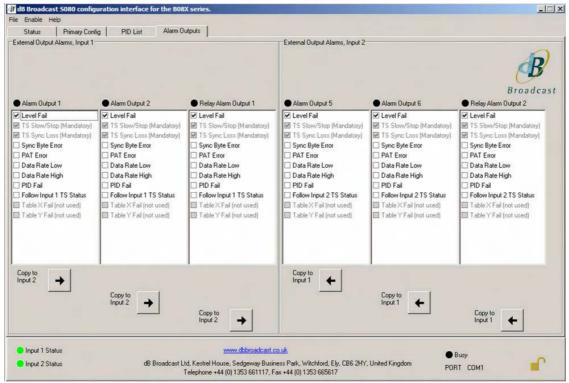
The upper distance allowed between occurrences of a PID in the transmission stream is set for all PIDs on that channel using the Upper Distance edit box.

#### PID list status

Any missing PIDs are displayed by highlighting the PID's cell in red.

## Alarm output configuration

This screen is used to configure the output alarms. The LED next to each label gives the current state of the alarm.



Configuring output alarms

To copy from an output or relay alarm to it's counterpart on the opposite channel use the arrow buttons. (i.e. relay 1 to relay 2, alarm output 1 to alarm output 5, alarm output 2 to alarm output 6 and vice versa).

## The Command-Line Interface

The Command-Line Interface (CLI) may be used for configuration, monitoring and control. It is provided to facilitate scripting and as an entry point for integration into existing software systems. It provides full access to all B082 features using a standard terminal emulation program such as HyperTerminal.\*

The command line protocol is available via the front or rear serial connection.

## **Terminal settings**

The rate is set by slider 2 on DIL switch S1 on the microcontroller sub-board. This can be either 9600 or 38400 Baud, with 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity and software handshaking using Xon/Xoff. This setting affects both front and rear serial ports.

## **Command directory**

Note: CLI commands are not case sensitive.

Dedicated query commands	
alarm	List all the sub-alarms that are assigned to TS status 1 & 2, relays 1 & 2 and external outputs 1 - 8.
config	Query configuration (level alarm thresholds, data rate thresholds and PIDs).
help	List all commands.
inout	Show the state of external inputs, relays and external outputs.
pid	List all PIDs that have been entered in the PID list.
status	Show current TS and channel status.
version	Query software and firmware versions

Note: \*If using HyperTerminal, we recommend using the PE version available from http://www.hilgraeve.com/htpe/order.html, due to a backscroll buffer bug which appears in the free version shipped with versions of MS Windows. This bug was corrected in Windows2000 SP4 but appeared again in the version shipped with Windows XP.

Configuring TS status alarms	
atn:x	Add a sub-alarm to input 'n' TS status where 'x' is the alarm code number and 'n' is either 1 for input 1 TS status or 2 for input 2 TS status.
Examples:	at1:8 – add PID fail sub-alarm to input 1 TS status.
	at2:5 – add PAT error sub-alarm to input 2 TS status.
rtn:x	Remove a sub-alarm from input 'n' TS status where 'x' is the alarm code number and 'n' is either 1 for input 1 or 2 for input 2.
Examples:	rt1:8 – remove PID fail sub-alarm from input 1 TS status.
	rt2:5 – remove PAT error sub-alarm from input 2 TS status.

Alarm code numbers	
1	ASI level fail
2	TS slow/stopped (Mandatory alarm)
3	TS sync loss (Mandatory alarm)
4	Sync byte error
5	PAT error
6	Low data rate
7	High data rate
8	PID Missing
9	Not used for atn:x and rtn:x commands
?	List alarm codes and current assignments

**Note:** The '?' argument will turn any of the above commands into a query command.

Configuring	Configuring external outputs	
aon:x	Add a sub-alarm to external output 'n', where 'x' is the alarm code number.	
	Outputs 1 and 2 monitor ASI input 1 and will be assigned input 1 subalarms.	
	Outputs 5 and 6 monitor ASI input 2 and will be assigned input 2 subalarms.	
	No other values of 'n' are configurable.	
Examples:	ao2:1 – Add to Output 2: sub-alarm 1. This is the ASI level sub-alarm (for ASI input 1)	
	ao5:4 – Add to Output 5: sub-alarm 4. This is the Sync byte error sub-alarm (for ASI input 2)	
ron:x	Remove a sub-alarm from external output 'n', where 'x' is the alarm code number. Again, 'n' may be 1, 2, 5 or 6.	
Examples:	ro2:8 – Remove from Output 2: sub-alarm 8. This removes the PID missing sub-alarm from output 2.	
	ro6:5 – Remove from Output 6: sub-alarm 5. This removes the PAT error sub-alarm from output 6.	
arn:x	Add a sub-alarm to relay output 'n', where x is the alarm code number and 'n' is either 1 or 2.	
Examples:	ar1:1 – add ASI level fail alarm to relay 1.	
	ar2:4 – add sync byte error alarm to relay 2.	
rrn:x	Remove a sub-alarm from relay output 'n', where x is the alarm code number and 'n' is either 1 or 2.	
Examples:	rr1:3 – remove sync loss alarm from relay 1.	
	rr2:6 – remove low data rate alarm from relay 2.	
Alarm code		
1	ASI level fail	

Alarm code numbers	
1	ASI level fail
2	TS slow/stopped (Mandatory alarm)
3	TS sync loss (Mandatory alarm)
4	Sync byte error
5	PAT error
6	Low data rate
7	High data rate
8	PID Missing
9	Follow respective TS status definition
?	List alarm codes and current assignments

*Note:* The '?' argument will turn any of the above commands into a query command.

Configuring	level alarm thresholds
lan:xxx	Set level alarm threshold in dB for input 'n' where xxx is integer -1 to -12, 'n' is the input number 1 or 2.
Examples:	la1:-3 – Set input 1 level alarm threshold to –3dB.
	la2:-10 – Set input 2 level alarm threshold to –10dB.
Configuring	TS data rate alarm thresholds
dhn:xxxxx	Set high data rate threshold for input 'n' TS, in packets per second
	from 1 to 65535, where 'n' is input 1 or 2.
Examples:	dh1:15000 – Set input 1 high TS data rate to 15,000 packets per second.
	dh2:5000 - Set input 2 high TS data rate to 5,000 packets per second
dln:xxxxx	Set low data rate threshold for input 'n' TS, in packets per second from 1 to 65535, where 'n' is input 1 or 2.
Examples:	dl1:150 – Set input 1 low TS data rate to 150 packets per second.
	dl2:50 – Set input 2 low TS data rate to 50 packets per second.
Configuring	PAT detection
patudn:xx.xx	Set input n PAT upper distance time in seconds from 0.01 to 30.00
paradimensi	The TR 101290 recommended value is 0.5s
Example:	patud2:00.50 - set PAT upper distance for input 2 to 0.5s
Configuring	PID detection
apn:xxxx	Add PID to input 'n' PID list where xxxx is decimal PID value from 1 to 8191 and ? lists all stored PIDs, 'n' is the input number 1 or 2.
Examples:	ap1:? – List all stored PIDs in input 1 PID list
	ap2:? – List all stored PIDs in input 2 PID list
rpn:xxxx	Remove PID from input 'n' PID list where xxxx is decimal PID value from 1 to 8191 and ? lists all stored PIDs, 'n' is the input number 1 or 2.
Examples:	rp1:888 – remove PID 888 from input 1 PID list
	rp2:555 – remove PID 555 from input 2 PID list
udn:xx.xx	Set upper distance for input 'n' PID detector where xx.xx is the threshold in seconds from 0.01 to 30, with a resolution of 0.01 seconds, 'n' is the input number 1 or 2.
Examples:	ud1:20 – Set input 1 PID detector threshold to 20 seconds
	ud2:15.5 – Set input 2 PID detector threshold to 15.5 seconds
Configuring	initial conditions
sad:x	Set multi-second sub-alarm initial conditions, where x is:
odu.X	1 - IUPG (default) - "not proven" taken as good
	2 - GUPI - "not proven" taken as fail
Example:	sad:1 multi-second alarms start good after TS_sync_loss recovery.
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Selecting re	Selecting remote ext control type (GPIO / DART)	
rct:x	Configure remote external control mode to use interface x, where x is:	
	1 - GPIO (default)	
	2 - DART	
Example:	rct:2 - enable control over DART interface, disable control over GPIO interface.	
Configuring	the switch type*	
swt:x	Set switch type, where x is 1 – near-seamless, 2 – non-seamless and ? – list switch type codes and current setting.	
Examples:	swt:1 – Set 2x2 switch to be near-seamless	
	swt:2 - Set 2x2 switch to non-seamless	
	swt:? - List alarm codes and current assignment	
Configuring	auto-switch preferences*	
asp:x	Auto-switch preference where x is the preference code number	
Examples:	asp:1 - Main/reserve, A unbiased, B unbiased	
	asp:? – Show current preference	
Preference of	code numbers	
1	Main/reserve, A unbiased, B unbiased	
2	Main/reserve, A biased to 1, B unbiased	
3	Main/reserve, A unbiased, B biased to 2	
4	Main/reserve, A biased to 1, B biased to 2	
5	Preview, unbiased	
6	Preview, biased	
7	Auto-switch disabled	
?	List preference codes and current preference	

*Note:* The '?' argument will turn the above commands into a query command.

Controlling the switch*	
ора:х	Force output A source to input 'x'. Control is only possible if the current mode is Auto or Remote serial. Selecting 1 or 2 will automatically set the current mode to Remote serial and 0 returns the mode to Auto.
opb:x	Force output B source to input 'x'. Control is only possible if the current mode is Auto or Remote serial. Selecting 1 or 2 will automatically set the current mode to Remote serial and 0 returns the mode to Auto.
Examples:	opa:1 – Force output A source to input 1.
	opb:2 – Force output B source to input 2.
	opa:0 – Return output A to Auto mode.

Note: Commands marked (\*) are not supported on the B082M.

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Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information: Systems

#### European standards:

[2] BS EN 50083-9 (2002)

Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services – Part 9: Interfaces for CATV/SMATV headends and similar professional equipment for DVB/MPEG-2 transport streams

[3] EN 300 468 V1.4.1 (2000-11)

Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Service Information (SI) in DVB systems

#### US standards:

[4] ATSC Doc. A/65A Rev. A - 31 May 2000

Program and System Information Protocol for Terrestrial Broadcast and Cable (Revision A) and Amendment No.1

#### Technical reports: EBU/CENELEC/ETSI-JTC

[5] ETSI TR 101 290 V1.2.1 (2001-05)

Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Measurement guidelines for DVB systems

## **Ordering information**

#### B082 module types

Vistek frames require the /V mechanical variant of the chosen module.

DOOM	Dual ASI TS Monitor for Avitel chassis
B082M	Dual ASI 13 Monitor for Aviter chassis
B082C	Dual ASI TS Monitor with 2x2 changeover switch for Avitel chassis
B082S	Dual ASI TS Monitor with 2x2 near-seamless switch for Avitel chassis
B082M/V	Dual ASI TS Monitor for Vistek chassis
B082C/V	Dual ASI TS Monitor with 2x2 changeover switch for Vistek chassis
B082S/V	Dual ASI TS Monitor with 2x2 near-seamless switch for Vistek chassis

## 3U Avitel configuration

ERF 3390K-P1	3U Chassis, 14 Module slots, 1 PSU slot, (no PSUs included)
ERF 3390K-P2	3U Chassis, 12 Module slots, 2 PSU slots, (no PSUs included)
MPS 3392L	PSU for above chassis
DMC 3307K	BNC Rear connector module

#### 1U Avitel configuration

ERF 1131K	1U Chassis, 3 Module slots, PSU mounted externally, (no PSUs included)
MPS 0330	PSU for above chassis (requires mounting holsters)
ECA 0331	Mounting holsters for PSU MPS 0330
DMC 3307K	BNC Rear connector module

## 3U Vistek configuration

V1606-dB-2PSU	3U Chassis, 14 Module slots, 2 PSU slots (2 PSUs included)
V1606-dB-48V	3U Chassis, 14 Module slots, 2 48V PSU slots (2 48V PSUs included)
VB100	BNC Rear connector module

#### 1U Vistek configuration (dual PSU)

F010	1U Chassis, 2 Module slots, 2 PSUs (PSUs included)
VB100	BNC Rear connector module

## Windows configuration interface

S080	Configuration Interface software for PC running Microsoft Windows 98, Me, NT, 2000 or XP
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