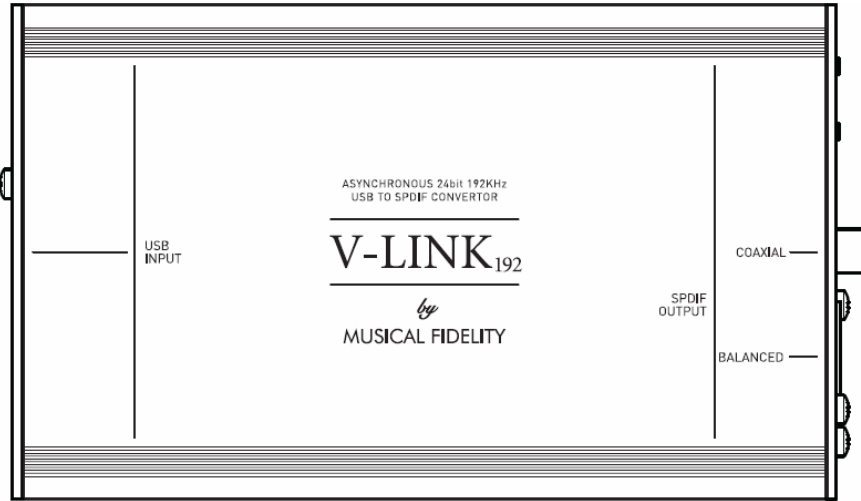


V-LINK₁₉₂ Asynchronous 24bit 192KHz USB to SPDIF Converter

Instructions



Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the V-LINK₁₉₂ asynchronous 24 bit 192kHz USB to SPDIF converter. This unit is host computer-powered and features galvanic isolation of the digital outputs for optimum noise free digital signal transfer. It is designed for all sample frequencies up to and including 192kHz. This enables high sample rate source material to be reproduced with stunning detail and clarity. We sincerely hope that it will bring you many years of outstanding listening pleasure.

Installation Precautions

Your new V-LINK₁₉₂ is designed and built to provide trouble-free performance, but as with all electronic devices, it is necessary to observe a few precautions:

Do not use the V-LINK₁₉₂ near water. The unit must not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, must be placed on the unit.

Keep the V-LINK₁₉₂ away from heat such as radiators. No naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the unit.

Power Supply Note:

The V-LINK₁₉₂ does not require a power supply; instead it automatically draws a small amount of operating power from the computer USB port it connects to.

This Hi-fi product has been tested to ensure that its operation is not adversely affected by normal background levels of Radio Frequency Interference (R.F.I.), and that it does not itself generate excessive amounts of interference. However, if a problem persists, please contact your Musical Fidelity agent.

Never open the case of the V-LINK₁₉₂ yourself, as this will invalidate the guarantee.

Place all connecting cables where they are not likely to be walked on or trapped by items placed on them.

The V-LINK₁₉₂ will operate in accordance with its specifications within the following environmental range:

Temperature 5 to 45 degrees Celsius
Humidity 10 to 90% non condensing

There are no user adjustments inside. Please refer all service work to an authorised Musical Fidelity agent.

Connections

USB Input

For Windows, it is necessary to install a driver for this unit before connecting the input. Insert the disk into the computer to be used and follow the onscreen guides to setup the driver software. The software will advise when to connect the device.

Apple OSX or later has the necessary functionality built-in, and does not require driver disk.

A good quality USB 2.0 A to B cable is required to connect the unit to the computer.

Further advanced information not included here is available on the disk in the form of a PDF document. To read it, Adobe PDF reader must be installed on the machine.

Outputs

Connect the V-LINK₁₉₂ output to the digital input of a DAC or other digital media system. It is advisable to have any subsequently connected amplifier turned down or off at this point. Coaxial (RCA) or balanced (XLR) may be used. Files sampled up to and including 192kHz, are supported and the unit has the added advantage of inherent galvanic isolation between computer and hi-fi equipment. This helps avoid ground loops.

Power

The unit draws its power requirement from the USB host i.e. the computer to which it is attached. The blue LED will light to confirm the unit is receiving power, and the green LED will be lit once the unit is correctly detected by the computer. A sample rate LED will light to indicate when music is playing, and indicate the current sampling frequency.

Use

Turn the volume on amplifier to normal listening levels, sit back and enjoy the music. This product has been designed so it may be left on indefinitely.

Please note, no sample rate conversion takes place in this unit, lower sample rate files, e.g. CD-originated music are simply passed through at their original sample rate. Other file types such as MP3, WAV, FLAC, AAC, etc are passed through with the same sample rate as stored on the computer.

Additional Information

This device has been designed to work with Windows XP (SP3), Windows VISTA, Windows 7, Linux (kernel 2.6.33 or later), and Apple OS X 10.6.4 onwards.

A guide PDF is included if required on the CD. To view the PDF you will need adobe acrobat reader installed. Use explorer to view the contents of the CD ROM and view the additional guide by clicking on the Installing_VLink file.

For the other supported (non-Windows) operating systems, the computer drivers for the USB input of the V-LINK₁₉₂ should install automatically. To check correct installation follow these steps:

PC Windows users

Check the computer has picked up the device and is currently using it by clicking: (most Windows versions)

- Start
- Settings
- Control panel
- Sounds and Multimedia
- Audio

Check "Musical Fidelity VLINK" appears under PREFERRED AUDIO DEVICE tab

Mac users

Check the computer has picked up the device and is currently using it by clicking: (MAC OS X)

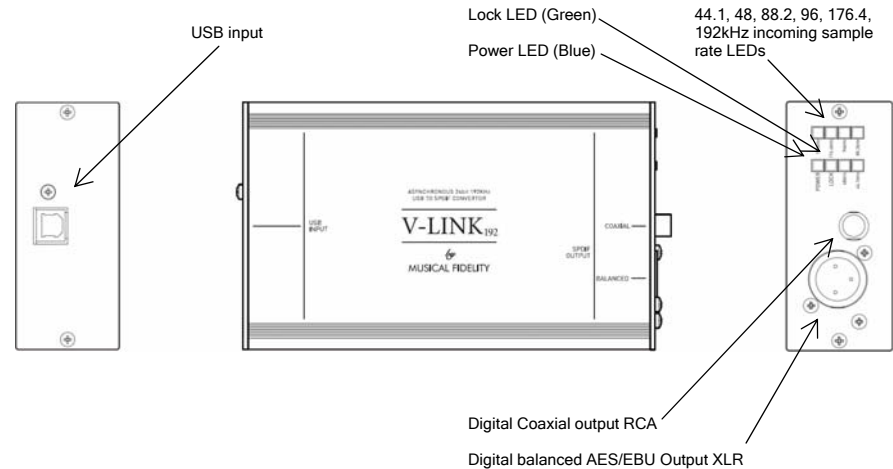
- System preferences
- Hardware
- Sound

Check that "Musical Fidelity VLINK 192" is selected under the OUTPUT tab.

If the computer's warning sounds/chimes are to be played through the DAC, make sure it is selected under the SOUND EFFECTS tab too.

This device is a high speed serial data processor, and by its nature, requires a very high volume of USB bandwidth. It will benefit greatly from being the only device connected on its USB 'port'. Sharing the same port with other devices may cause unwanted artefacts such as dropouts or temporary loss of signal. This especially includes the use of the DAC on a USB hub/splitter alongside other USB components.

Front and back connections



Basic problem-solving with an amplifier is similar to troubleshooting other electrical or electronic equipment. Always check the most obvious possible causes first, such as the following examples:		
Problem	Probable Cause	Remedy
No power	Computer not switched on. USB plug is not fully inserted into rear socket or computer Faulty or disconnected USB socket on computer	Check USB is plugged in. Plug in securely Check with computer manual/manufacturer that USB socket is enabled/in use.
No sound	Wrong connections between input source and the V-LINK ₁₉₂	Check digital/USB input leads are securely connected. Green LOCK LED will light when an active USB host (computer) is detected and ready to use.
No Output	Wrong connections between the V-LINK ₁₉₂ output and the following component	Check digital output lead connections. Check following DAC or digital receiving equipment is correctly setup and <i>can</i> handle 192kHz 24 bit digital signals.
Dropouts in sound	Digital output lead not properly connected Faulty digital output lead Shared USB port with another device Computer busy with another application Computer low on resources	Check input lead is fully secured Change or replace lead. Please use a good quality straight-through signal-and-ground phono to phono lead for digital coaxial connections. Avoid sharing the USB port with other devices. At times an application (program) may intervene, sometimes invisibly e.g. a virus scanner. When this happens, computer resources are temporarily used up, and playback may suffer. This is not a fault. Try running fewer applications. See "additional USB information" section.
If none of these actions affect a cure, please contact the dealer, or an authorised Musical Fidelity service agent. Remember, never open the case of the V-LINK ₁₉₂ , as this will invalidate the guarantee.		

Specifications:	Input	Up to 24 Bit	Up to 192kHz	USB stream
	Output impedance	50Ω		SPDIF stream
	Power requirement	5V DC	160mA max	(Drawn from host computer's USB socket)
Compatibility	Apple Macintosh	Apple OS X 10.6.4 and later		
	IBM PC or compatible	Windows: "XP" (Service Pack 3), "Vista", and "7" Linux Kernel 2.6.33 or later		
Connections	Digital input (USB)	1 USB 2.0 type 'B'		
	Digital outputs (SPDIF)	1 RCA socket (coaxial) galvanically isolated 1 XLR male (balanced) galvanically isolated		
Dimensions	Length	170mm	6½"	including terminals
	Width	95mm	3¾"	
	Height	40mm	1½"	including "feet"
Weight	Unit alone	350g	12¼ oz	
	Unit packed in carton	400g	14 ¼ oz	
Accessories (supplied)	Leaflet	V-LINK ₁₉₂	Instructions	1 off

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