

# **Digital Hybrid Wireless™ Instrument System**

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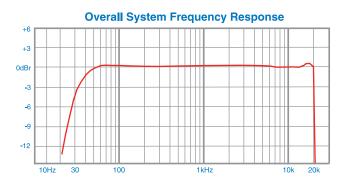


### **Raising The Bar for Tone**

The IS400 sets a new standard for wireless instrument systems. Flat frequency response, low distortion and compandor-free operation provide the closest thing to using a high-quality, short instrument cable. The IS400 reproduces the lowest fundamental from a 5-string bass (low B) at 32Hz up to the very highest overtones and harmonics.

## **Rugged and Ultra Portable**

Both the transmitter and receiver are all metal and provide 256 selectable frequencies in standard Lectrosonics frequency blocks. The input amplifier of the LMa transmitter uses an ultra low noise op-amp for quiet operation.



compandor-free audio and unmatched tone

- 256 selectable UHF frequencies
- Rugged all-metal construction
- Independent XLR and ¼" audio outputs
- SmartTuning<sup>™</sup> with graphic display for easy selection of clear transmission frequencies
- Spring steel clip for secure transmitter mounting
- Level indicators for precise gain adjustment
- Greater than 50 mW RF output power for long range and dropout-free performance

The LMa transmitter is powered by a single 9VDC battery and provides greater than 50 mW output over the life of the battery for extended operating range and resistance to dropouts.

Instrument pickups and microphones can be used with the LMa transmitter. When the MI33A or MI39A cable is used, the low frequency roll-off will automatically switch to a lower frequency for use with instruments.



# **Digital Hybrid Wireless™**

An industry first, Lectrosonics Digital Hybrid Wireless™ uses a proprietary algorithm\* to encode the digital audio information into an analog format which can be transmitted in a robust manner over an analog FM wireless link.

A 24-bit A-D converter digitizes the audio, and then filters supersonic audio above 21 kHz. The resulting signal is encoded with a proprietary algorithm to produce an analog data signal for RF transmission. The RF transmission is an optimized FM system with +/-75 kHz deviation for a high signal to noise ratio and a faithful representation of the original signal. At the receiver, the encoded signal is captured and a DSP recovers the original digital audio. This hybrid combination of digital and analog offers the superb audio quality of a pure digital audio system and the outstanding operating range of the finest analog FM wireless systems.

The digital audio chain eliminates a compandor and its artifacts, and provides audio frequency response flat to 20 kHz. The RF link takes advantage of the spectral efficiency and noise immunity characteristics of an aggressively optimized FM system.

#### **R400A Receiver**

While any Lectrosonics hybrid receiver can be used with the LMa transmitter, the R400A is the most common choice. Features include 256 frequencies with Smart-Tune  $^{\text{TM}}$  which automatically finds a clear channel and tunes the receiver to the new frequency.



A standard XLR balanced and an unbalanced ¼" jack are provided, with independent volume control within the front panel menu for connection to a balanced input and a guitar amplifier simultaneously. The output level is adjustable in 1 dB steps for a precise match with other equipment.



Also on the rear panel are a locking power input jack that can accept 8-18 VDC and two antenna inputs. The power jack input is diode protected to prevent damage if the power is applied with reversed polarity.

The R400A receiver is supplied with two UHF whip antennas with right angle BNC connectors for placement on any horizontal surface. A variety of remote antennas, coaxial cables and other accessories customize the antenna system to provide maximum operating range. Single and dual receiver rack mounts are available for a more permanent installation.

#### **LMa Transmitter**

A machined aluminum housing and panels provide the ruggedness needed in travelling venues and for live performance on stage.



A 5-pin input jack provides taps for any microphone or line level instrument input. Input gain is continuously adjustable over a 43 dB range to precisely match the input signal, for maximum signal to noise ratio and minimum noise. Dual-color LEDs provide accurate level indications.

The whip antenna is made with woven steel cable with a custom insulation for an extremely rugged, flexible design. The antenna cable connects directly to the circuit board with a panel mounted strain relief.



The LMa is powered by a 9 volt battery. A machined aluminum door secures the battery in the compartment, and remains attached to the housing when opened.

Frequency is adjusted with two rotary switches on the side panel. The supplied spring wire clip can easily be removed for other mounting options.

# **Musical Instrument Cables**

- Adapts musical instruments to any Lectrosonics transmitter with a 5-pin input connector
- Available with straight or right angle plug
- Built-in JFET active preamp for optimum interface with instrument pickups
- Designed for active musicians who demand rugged, high performance equipment and the best sound quality available.

The MI cable assemblies allow an optimum match between musical instrument pickups and Lectrosonics transmitters with Servo Bias 5-pin inputs.

In "A" cables, the active preamp and low noise wire cable provide a "same as wire" experience in a wireless environment.

The 30 inch long cable ensures a comfortably link between the instrument and the wireless transmitter.

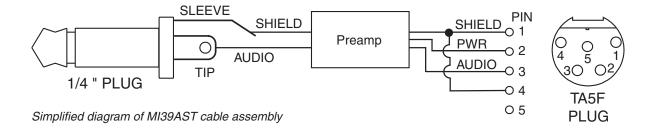
# Instrument cables are available in 3 different types:

- MI33P Cable for "active" pickups such as those made by EMG, or for instruments with low-impedance outputs, such as with 18V systems.
- MI33A Cable for passive pickups, used with older Lectrosonics transmitters such as IM, LM and UM400. (No longer available)
- MI39A Cable for passive pickups, used with newer Lectrosonics transmitters with current servo inputs such as LMa, UM400a, and SM Series. (Also replaces MI33A)

# All instrument cables are available with 2 plug options:

- ST Straight plug.
- RA Right-angle plug.





### **System Specifications**

Operating Frequencies:

Block 470:	470.100 - 495.600	Block 23:	588.800 - 607.900
Block 19:	486.400 - 511.900		614.100 - 614.300
Block 20.	512.000 - 537.500	Block 24:	614.400 - 639.900
		Block 25:	640.000 - 665.500
Block 21:	537.600 - 563.100	DII- 00:	005 000 001100
Block 22:	563.200 - 588.700	Block 26:	665.600 - 691.100

256 frequencies in 100 kHz steps Frequency Selection:

Channel Separation: 100 kHz

RF Power output: Greater than 50 mW

25 to 32 kHz; 5 kHz deviation (400 Series only) Pilot tone:

Frequency Stability:

Deviation: ± 75 kHz max. (Digital Hybrid mode)

Spurious radiation: 60 dB below carrier Equivalent input noise: -120 dBV (A-weighted)

Frequency Response:

With MI33P/MI39A cable: 40 to 20kHz; +/-1dB; -3 dB at 35 Hz With microphone: 90 Hz to 20 kHz (+/-1dB); - 3B at 70 Hz Low frequency roll-off is 12 dB per octave

THD: 0.2% (typical)

SNR at receiver output: **SmartNR** No Limiting w/Limiting OFF 103.5 108.0

Note: The dual envelope "soft" NORMAL 107.0 111.5 limiter provides exceptionally good **FULL** 108.5 113.0 handling of transients using variable

attack and release time constants. Once activated, the limiter compresses 30+ dB of transmitter input range into 4.5 dB of receiver output range, thus reducing the measured figure for SNR without limiting by 4.5 dB

## **LMa Transmitter Specifications**

Input level: Nominal 2 mV to 300 mV, before limiting. Greater than 1V maximum, with limiting.

Input impedance:

Input limiter: DSP controlled, dual envelope "soft" limiter with

greater than 30 dB range

Gain control range: 43 dB; semi-log rotary control

Modulation indicators: Dual bicolor LEDs indicate modulation of

-20, -10, 0 and +10 dB referenced to full modulation

• Two position "ON-OFF" power switch Controls:

· Audio input gain control on front panel

• Two 16-position rotary switches adjust transmitter

frequency

Audio Input Jack: Switchcraft 5-pin locking (TA5F) Antenna: Galvanized steel, flexible wire

Precision compartment auto-adjusts to accept any Battery:

known alkaline 9 Volt battery.

Battery Life: 6 hours (alkaline); 13 hours (lithium); 7 hours LiPolymer Weight: 6.3 ounces, including lithium 9 V battery and antenna

Dimensions: 3.1 x 2.4 x .75 inches

Emission Designator: 180KF3E

### **R400a Receiver Specifications**

Receiver Type: Triple conversion, superheterodyne;

IF: 244 MHz,10.7 MHz and 300 kHz

Frequency Stability: ±0.001 % Front end bandwidth: ±30 MHz @ -3 dB

Sensitivity

20 dB Sinad: 1 uV (-107 dBm), A weighted 60 dB Quieting: 1.5 uV (-104 dBm), A weighted

Squelch quieting: Greater than 100 dB

AM rejection: Greater than 60 dB, 2 uV to 1 Volt

(Undetectable after processing)

85 kHz Modulation acceptance: Image and spurious rejection: 85 dB Third order intercept: 0 dBm

Diversity method: Phased antenna combining - SmartDiversity™ FM Detector: Digital Pulse Counting Detector operating at

300 kHz

Antenna inputs: Dual BNC female, 50 Ohm impedance

Rear Panel XLR adjustable from -50 dBu to +5 dBu **Audio outputs** 

in 1 dB steps. Calibrated into a typical 10 k Ohm balanced load. Can drive 600 Ohm load. Rear Panel 1/4 inch jack adjustable from -55 dBu

to +0 dBu in 1 dB steps.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

**Rotary Control Knob:** Combined push/rotate switch combination for menu

selection and system configuration

Pushbutton: Press and hold several seconds for POWER OFF.

Momentary press (if unit is powered up) for return to

previous window

LCD Main window: Pilot tone; antenna phase, transmitter battery

status; audio level, RF level; Battery timer; Frequency; and Transmitter switch setting

-50 dBu to +5 dBu, XLR and 1/4 inch connectors Audio output level adjustment:

independently adjustable

Receiver and transmitter (9 V battery) in 1/10th volt Battery level tracking:

steps, accuracy +/- 0.2 V.

Transmitter (AA battery), accuracy +/- 0.05 V.

Timer option available.

Scanning mode: Coarse and fine modes for RF spectrum site

Audio test tone: 1 kHz, -50 dBu to +5 dBu output, < 1% THD

Transmitter battery type selection: 9 V alkaline, 9 V lithium, AA alkaline, AA lithium,

Phase invert: Audio output phase normal or inverted

OFF, NORMAL, FULL modes Smart NR (noise reduction):

(avail in 400 Series mode only) 125 dB (with full Tx limiting)

Input Dynamic Range:

XLR and 1/4-inch phone audio output jack; Rear Panel Controls and features:

External DC input; BNC antenna connectors.

Power, Ext DC: Minimum 8 volts to maximum 18 volts DC;

1.6 W. 200 mA maximum.

Weight:

**Dimensions:** 5.50" (14 cm) wide, 1.75" (4.5 cm) high,

6.25" (16 cm) deep