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Beyond intuitive.





Direct access to all functions with maximum information and visibility at all times.

A unique integration of touch screens and encoders eliminating complex and fatiguing mental mapping.

A compact operating surface with a perfectly optimised control density.

A pristine audio path with highly acclaimed mic preamplifiers gives possibly the cleanest sound of any digital console available today.

The time has come to forget the console and focus on the creativity.

The time has come for Soundcraft Vi Series™ digital live sound consoles.

Viseries

With more than 30 years in the business, no-one knows more about live sound mixing than Soundcraft. In our opinion, there's simply no point in presenting the live sound engineer with the undeniable power and flexibility of digital audio technology if all that power is locked away in an illconceived and inaccessible mixer that confuses the operator and impedes workflow. That's why our digital live sound consoles put the engineer at the heart of the process, just like our analogue mixers do. The product of a development team that combines unrivalled Soundcraft live sound knowhow with the impressive digital audio expertise of our sister company Studer,

Thirty years in the making.







The Soundcraft Vi4[™] packs all the powerful Vi functions and features into a smaller footprint console for use in applications where space is at a premium.

	Vi4	Vi6
Input Faders	24	32
Mix Channels	72	96
Output Busses	35	35

The Soundcraft Vi system consists of three elements: the compact, spacesaving control surface, the local rack containing the SCore Live processing engine and a stagebox which connects conveniently to the local rack via Cat5 or Cat7 cable, with fibre optic interfacing available as an option.

The 32 fader Soundcraft Vi6 control surface delivers simultaneous mixing of 96 mono inputs into 35 outputs, with 24 insert send/return pairs assignable to any of the input or output channels. Up to 5 stageboxes can be connected to create a digital patchbay from which the engineer can select available inputs.

All input channels can have direct outputs in addition to their internal routing to 32 Group/Aux/Matrix busses, and the main LCR and LR busses.

Pristine sound quality is assured by a combination of Soundcraft ultra-low noise mic amp designs and Studer advanced 40-bit floating point digital audio processing.



the Soundcraft Vi6[™] and Soundcraft Vi4[™] are third generation digital live sound consoles which abandon the layering and central assignability concepts of other designs in favour of a system that's altogether more intuitive.

Say goodbye to the learning curve. Say hello to Soundcraft Vi Series™ digital live sound consoles.

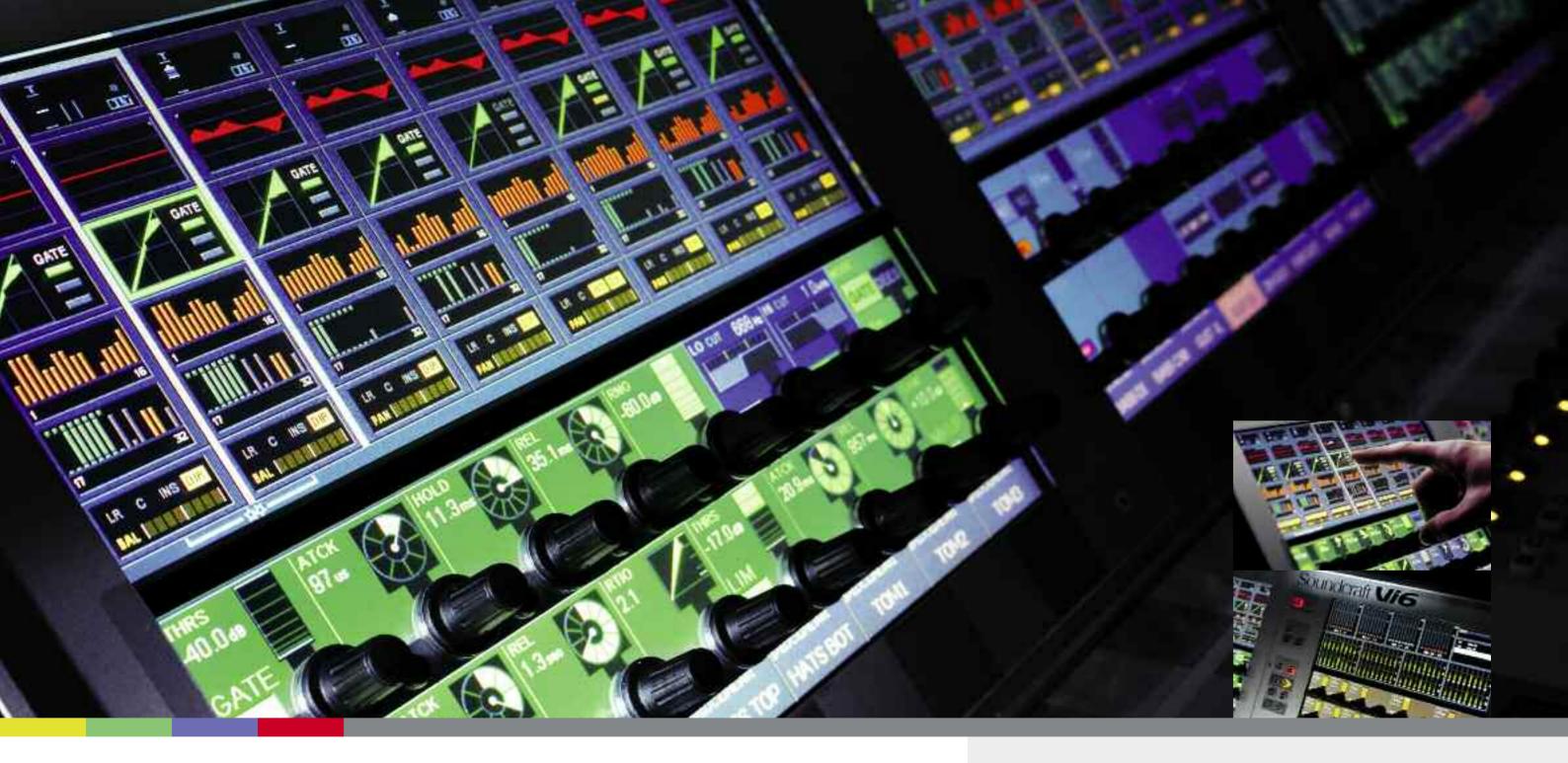
And complete security is assured by diagnostics of the separate control surface, local rack and stagebox power supplies from the mixing position, with the facility to add second redundant supplies to each.

With a competitive price tag and compatibility with the groundbreaking Harman HiQnet™ communications protocol, the Soundcraft Vi6 and Vi4 are the flagship consoles in what is fast becoming a full range of high performance Soundcraft digital live sound mixers.









Vistonics™ II. Free yourself from mental mapping.

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At the heart of the Soundcraft Vi control surface lies the patented Vistonics[™] II system. Obviating the ergonomic limitations of arranging controls around or adjacent to a flat TFT screen, Vistonics II builds the rotary encoders and switches right onto the touch screen. With the visual information and operational controls combined in one area, the burden of complex mental mapping is removed from the operator, streamlining workflow and enhancing the creative process.

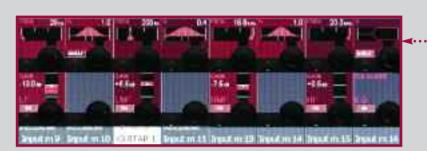


Each Vistonics II interface controls eight input channels, and comprises a touch screen with 16 rotary encoders and 16 switches.

A simple touch of the screen is all it takes to access channel functions including routing, input gain, digital gain trim, delay, high and low pass filters, 4-band fully parametric EQ, compressor, limiter, gate, de-esser and pan, with immediate access to a sophisticated visual status display and straightforward controls. In addition, a dedicated Vistonics II interface is provided for output processing control, and also functions as a complete meter overview display for all inputs and outputs, as a snapshot cue list display, and as a display for diagnostics information.



The blue input stage and routing screen allows adjustment of input delay, mic gain, digital trim, high and low-pass filter frequency, channel patching, channel naming and stereo pairing.



The four-band fully parametric EQ is graphically displayed with the settings for boost/cut, frequency and Q (bandwidth), with the main screen showing the composite EQ curve. Frequency is displayed in a similar style to a radio tuner scale for easy assimilation, and the HF and LF bands can be switched to shelving EQ.



The dynamics section controls a Noise Gate with attack, hold and release, and a key facility with filtering. The Gate can be replaced with a De-Esser function. Working in series with the Gate, the full-function Compressor maps gain reduction metering onto the LED meter in the fader area, with full control of threshold, ratio and release with an independent Limiter section and overall gain makeup.

Touching the chosen function area on the Vistonics[™] II channel strip opens up the corresponding control panel in the lower area, with that area being highlighted to easily identify which part of the channel strip is active.



The 16 switches and rotary encoders change function according to the mode selected. This real 'where you look is where you control' philosophy makes operation of a Soundcraft Vi Series[™] console highly intuitive.







The final section of the channel strip controls the Pan, Insert and Direct out functions, with assignable LR and C, or LCR panning modes. Inserts can be switched pre or post EQ/dynamics, with the Direct output send assignable to pre-filters, pre-EQ/dynamics, post EQ/dynamics and post-fade points.

Touch and control. Digital live sound mixing the way it should be.

The key to the intuitive operation of the Soundcraft Vi consoles is the Vistonics II channel strip display that functions both as a permanent overview of all the current settings for 8 channels per screen, and as the access point for immediate hands-on control of any of those settings. Simply touching the screen in one of the six vertically stacked touch zones immediately opens out that part of the strip onto the 16 real knobs and switches mounted directly on the lower part of the display, allowing



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Two areas of the channel strip allow access to routing and control of the output busses, arranged in two banks. The ALL BUSSES mode allows assignment of each of the busses as an Aux, Group, or Matrix output (maximum of 16 Matrix busses possible), with additional stereo pairing controls if busses are required as stereo sends.



Subsequently within each channel strip setup, busses can be switched on or off with level control, or switched pre or post fader, with a global mode allowing pre or post EQ feeds.



immediate, tactile, analogue-style control. The colour-coded contextsensitive graphics around the knobs make it abundantly clear which type of function is being adjusted, and a clear white highlight is a constant reminder of which channel is being controlled. Touching the screen again is all it takes to move to another area of the channel strip, or to close down the control area.

HiQnet[™] integration allows the simple creation of Cue Lists from console snapshots, MIDI events and HiQnet

Venue Recall commands, which can be used to trigger changes in amplifier levels, loudspeaker processing EQ and routing across an entire HiQnet system. Compatibility with the HiQnet protocol also enables the console to receive and display system diagnostic messages from other devices on the HiQnet network.



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Assignable faders are an inevitable part of digital mixing. But assignability can quickly lead to confusion. That's why we developed Soundcraft FaderGlow™ for the Soundcraft Vi Series™ – a clever yet simple idea to illuminate the fader track in colours that integrate with those of Vistonics™ II to show, at a glance, what function a fader is controlling at any given time.

Within the output section of the console, the bank of 8 faders can be assigned to provide master control of

Soundcraft FaderGlowTM. Lighting the way to a perfect mix.



matrix outputs, VCA groups and graphic EQ control. Soundcraft FaderGlow applies cyan, blue and red illumination respectively to the fader track, enabling the operator to see the different output types immediately – even before reading the text labels which also exist for each fader.

When controlling inputs, no illumination is applied to the motorised faders. But when the Aux, Group or Matrix bus master is soloed with the Follow Solo function switched on, the fader becomes a 'contributor' for the soloed bus, lighting up in orange, green or blue accordingly. Furthermore, custom fader pages can be created to contain, for instance, 10 drum faders grouped on a single VCA master, which would glow in blue.

Operating in conjunction with Vistonics II, Soundcraft FaderGlow helps the console achieve previously unattainable levels of intuitive operational control.

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Software control. Rapid configuration and powerful automation.

COPY/PASTE CHANNEL, BUS AND FX SETTINGS

Dedicated Copy and Paste buttons on the surface allow the settings of any channel, bus or FX section to be copied and pasted, dramatically cutting down the set up time.



COPY/PASTE PROCESSING ELEMENTS

Operators can drill down to copy and paste even single processing elements, and the last paste operation can always be quickly reversed with an UNDO function.



SELECT FROM A LIBRARY OF SETTINGS

Along with a useful library of EQ and Dynamics settings, operators can store their own settings in the console or to a USB memory stick, making initial set up and transition between shows even easier.







SOPHISTICATED CUE LIST MANAGEMENT ALLOWS CHANGES TO BE APPLIED TO MULTIPLE CUES AND RECALL SCOPE TO BE SET PER SNAPSHOT.



The acclaimed Soundcraft Vi6[™] and Vi4[™] operating system is designed to dramatically reduce set up time and protect every critical setting with enhanced data security in the event of power failure. The Copy/Paste function allows the settings of any channel, bus, FX section or processing element to be copied and pasted to any number of other channels, saving set up time and helping eliminate errors.

The last paste operation can be quickly reversed with an UNDO function. Blocks or individual parameters within a channel are selected for copying via touch screen selection on the same intuitive

Vistonics[™] II screens that are used for audio control functions. Advanced Library functionality allows a user to select any set of parameters in use on the desk, for example a single channel EQ setting or a group of channels set up for a drum kit, to be stored in the internal library and recalled at will. These libraries can be exported to, or imported from, a USB memory stick, allowing users to build up their own portable channel and processing libraries that can easily be transferred to any Vi console they have to work on. This is done independently of the Show Files which already allow entire desk settings to be exported. Within the software are a number of useful

libraries of EQ and Dynamics settings to suit common applications.

Another important feature is that the Master output graphic and parametric equalisers can be linked for easier LR or LCR EQ adjustments, whilst on stereo input channels, the Pan and Gain controls are individually adjustable on left and right.

In the event of mains power to the surface being interrupted during a show, the auto-backup system ensures that the last settings of the desk will be retained and restored automatically when power is restored, meaning no changes to the audio - or the set up. Vi Series consoles are packed with powerful automation features which place the operator in total control of the show.

A sophisticated Cue List Management suite includes an Apply Changes function, where parameter changes can be applied to multiple snapshots, and cues can trigger or be triggered by MIDI or GPIO events, including MIDI Timecode. Harman's HiQnet Venue Recall function is tightly integrated within the Cue List. Theatre users will welcome sophisticated snapshot filtering. In addition to a conventional Isolate function where a channel may be isolated from snapshot recall, it's also possible to apply high-granularity recall filtering both globally and on each snapshot, right down to parameter level – for example, a Pan setting or an individual Aux send.



ADVANCED EVENTS INTEGRATION INCLUDING MIDI, GPIO AND HiQnet.



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The Soundcraft Vi Series[™] Processor Card adds world-renowned Lexicon and BSS processing to the Soundcraft Vi digital mixing platform. Simply plugging in the single, high-powered card to the local rack adds on-board BSS third-octave Graphic Equalisation to every bus output, in addition to 8 independent stereo Lexicon multieffects units - each providing 14 reverbs, 7 delays and 8 pitch shifting effects, patchable to input channels, aux outputs and channel inserts.

Very special FX.

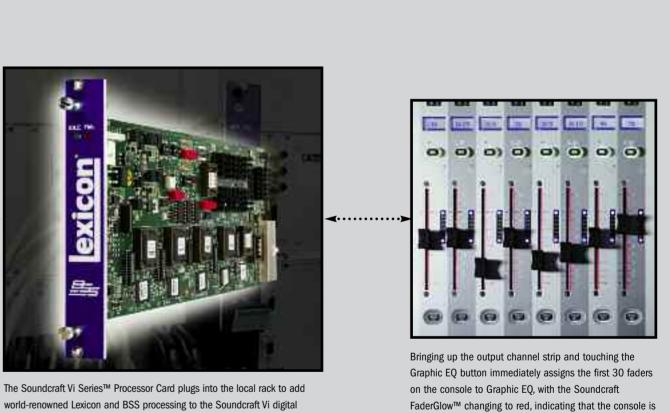
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Controlling the Graphic EQ is similarly straightforward, with no assigning to worry about. Simply bringing up the output channel strip and touching the Graphic EQ button immediately assigns the first 30 faders on the console to Graphic EQ, with the Soundcraft FaderGlow[™] changing to red, indicating that the console is no longer in channel fader mode.

With the advent of the Soundcraft Vi Series Processor card, the most intuitive digital live sound mixer in the world gains some of the most powerful processing in the business. No wonder engineers are claiming this is probably the only console they would consider using without any additional outboard processing equipment.



no longer in channel fader mode.

Communicating with the outside world.

A series of optional interface cards, designed to fit either the local rack or stagebox, enable Vi Series™ consoles to directly interface with a wide range of other systems and audio networks using industry standard protocols.

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Optocore DD2FE network interface

with full redundancy.

Optical MADI



The Digigram EtherSound card allows up to 128 channels of audio (64 inputs/64 outputs) to be connected to the rack via a single Cat5 connection. A second Cat5 connection allows daisy chaining or full redundancy capability, ensuring the network remains uninterrupted should a cable be broken. Available in both stagebox and

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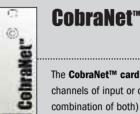
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local rack versions. This card is only available via Digigram's distribution network.



The Soundcraft A-NET® 16V card provides direct digital connection on a single Cat5e cable from the Aux or Group outputs into an Aviom® A-NET® Pro16[™] Series Personal Mixer (compatible with A-16II and A-16R). The Pro16 System enables musicians on stage to be fed with up to 16 subgroups of instruments or vocals which they can then mix to their own taste using their own on-stage controller. The card includes a switchable test tone and stereo pair linking via DIP switches.

Available in both stagebox and local rack versions.



The **CobraNet™ card** allows up to 32 channels of input or output signals (or a combination of both) to be received by or sent from console onto a CobraNet™ network. The card must be used as the Conductor for the network. By default, the card is configured for 32 outputs.

Available in both stagebox and local rack versions.



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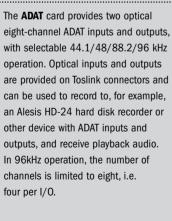
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In addition to the optional card choices, an optical MADI interface is fitted as standard. allowing direct connection to a Pro Tools HD[™] recording system via a third party converter box or any MADI compatible device (eg SSL XLogic Delta-Link). Along with the ADAT card, the MADI card offers a simple recording solution for the Vi Series. Additional MADI cards may be fitted by exchanging with other I/O cards, in order to connect additional stageboxes or other MADI equipment.

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The **Dolby E** card decodes the audio channels from a Dolby E or Dolby Digital stream and allows them to be patched into separate inputs on the console for mixing. Each card provides two full decoder sections, and can dramatically save external hardware cost, space and weight.

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The **SDI** card can de-embed up to 16 audio channels from an SDI (Serial Digital Interface) stream, and re-embed them back on to the stream for onward transmission in a broadcast environment, saving high costs of external units and, of course, weight. These channels may be patched in to any input as usual.

Each stagebox analogue input card

AES/EBU

(8 inputs) can be replaced by an optional AES/EBU input card which holds 4 pairs of AES/EBU inputs, with built-in Sample Rate Convertors.

Similarly, each analogue output card (8 outputs) can be replaced by an optional AES/EBU output card which holds 4 pairs of AES/EBU outputs.

Soundcraft Local Rack

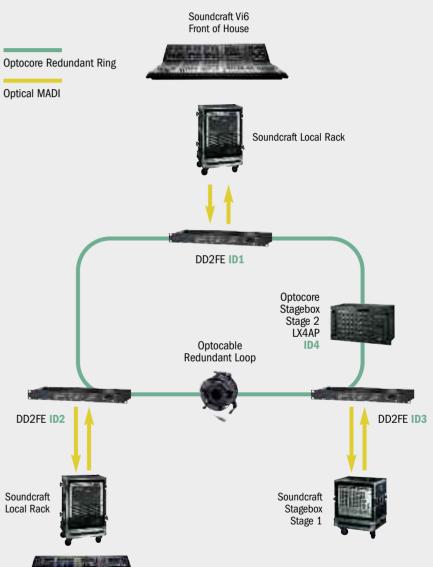
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Soundcraft Vi4 Monitors



Using a MADI connection on the Vi Series local and stage racks, the Optocore DD2FE interface allows not only the connection of up to 128 channels of audio onto the Optocore network, but also the Vi Series is able to remotely control the microphone preamplifiers in either its own stagebox or the Optocore LX4AP stagebox, giving an additional degree of flexibility and allowing multiple consoles and stageboxes to be interconnected





A better user experience through better ergonomic design.



VIRTUAL Vi™

Virtual Vi editing software can be downloaded at soundcraftdigital.com Engineers can set up shows offline on a PC, and load them into the console via a USB memory drive. Vistonics[™] II and Soundcraft FaderGlow[™] are just part of what makes Soundcraft Vi Series™ digital consoles such intuitive and creative tools. By optimising the density of faders and controls on an operating surface that measures just 175cm x 73cm (Vi6) and 145cm x 73cm (Vi4), the live sound engineer is able to reach all critical areas of the console

without straining or leaning over. The angle of the touch screens has been carefully chosen to ensure that the engineer can always view display data clearly during the show. The brightness and contrast of the displays, and the illumination of the control surface itself, are designed to minimise strain on the eye.





comfortably from a central point,

And Virtual Vi editing software allows engineers to set up shows offline on a PC. and load them into the console via a USB memory drive.

Only by paying such close attention to the integration of mechanical and operational design has Soundcraft created a digital live sound console that truly enhances the operator experience, resulting in unimpeded workflow and a more creative mix.



All the right connections.

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A comprehensive provision of inputs and outputs can be patched to any channel input, direct output, bus output or insert point as required.

Cat5 or Cat7 cables with Amphenol RJF Flexible, reel-mounted Cat5 cabling

enables the mixing position to be

located up to 100 metres from the

by 30 metres in fixed installations.

stage, while Cat7 increases that distance

connectors provide a convenient, highly

Soundcraft Vi Series[™] stageboxes and

robust connection between the

local rack.

The stagebox houses 64 analogue mic/line inputs and 32 analogue line outputs, with 48V phantom power and a 100Hz HPF before the A-D converters. Mic amp gain can be controlled remotely from the control surface. Optional AES/EBU inputs and outputs are available for the stagebox in sections of 8.

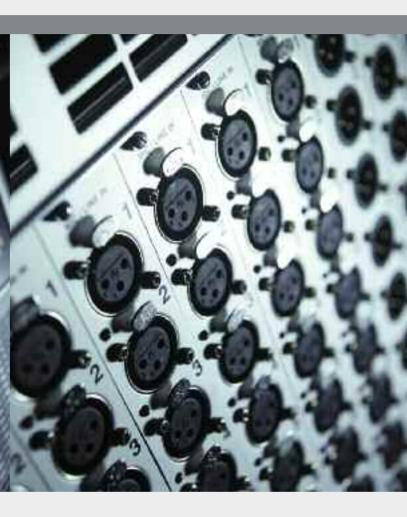
The local rack has 16 analogue line inputs, 3 analogue mic/line inputs, a talkback mic input (mounted on the control surface) and 8 pairs of AES/EBU inputs. Outputs include 16 analogue line, 8 pairs of AES/EBU, 3 LCR local monitor A line, 2 LR local monitor B line and TB line.

Up to 5 stageboxes can be connected to create a digital patchbay, where the operator can select the 64 or 96 inputs to the console from a selection of inputs available on any of the connected stageboxes.

There are 16 GPIO contact closure inputs and outputs on the local rack, and 8 inputs and outputs on the stagebox. With connectors almost entirely absent from its rear panel, the control surface does however feature 1 MIDI input and 2 MIDI outputs.



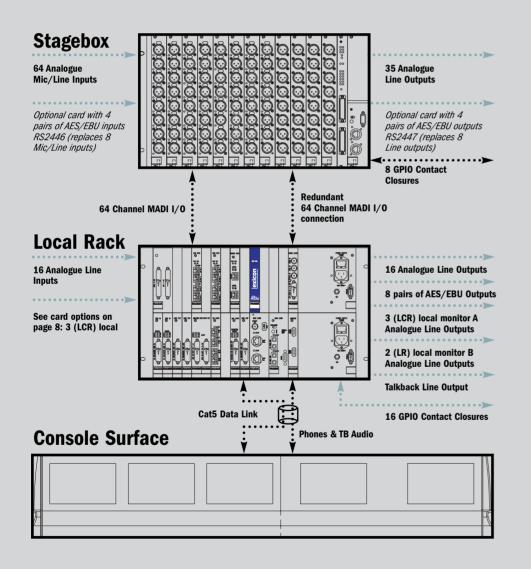
And in larger venues and installations, an optional Fibre Optic interface allows a run of up to 1.5 kilometres between the stagebox and the local rack.



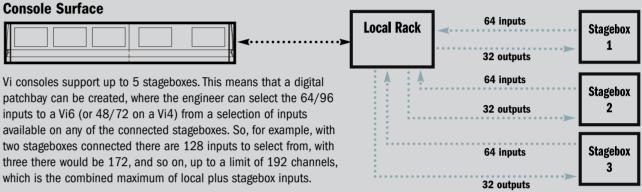
64 channel MADI I/O via optical SC connectors is fitted as standard and can be replaced by optional CobraNET™ or Soundcraft A-NET 16V cards.



System hardware diagram.



Multiple stageboxes.



patchbay can be created, where the engineer can select the 64/96 inputs to a Vi6 (or 48/72 on a Vi4) from a selection of inputs available on any of the connected stageboxes. So, for example, with two stageboxes connected there are 128 inputs to select from, with three there would be 172, and so on, up to a limit of 192 channels, which is the combined maximum of local plus stagebox inputs.

(Note that if more than 2 stageboxes are required, additional MADI cards must be fitted to the Local Rack, which will result in a different configuration to that shown on the facing page).

Cable specifications

Cat5e:

Maximum 100m (330 feet) using Evolution XPC Heavy Duty Tactical CAT5e, terminated with Amphenol RJF connectors.

Suitable 100m cable mounted on a lightweight drum is available from Soundcraft, part number RZ2746.

These cables are not included with the standard console and must be ordered separately.

Two 5m patch cables are supplied with each console as standard.

Cat7:

Maximum 130m (422 feet) using AMP Netconnect 57893 PiMF cable.

Note: This cable is solid core and only suitable for fixed installations, not for touring use.

Not available from Soundcraft.

Optical Multimode Fibre:

Maximum distance 1500m (4875 feet) using continuous run of 50/125 multimode fibre, terminated with Fibrecast[™] expanded beam connectors.

Suitable cable is available from Soundcraft on a lightweight drum in the following lengths:

om	RZ270
i0m	RZ271
.50m	RZ270
200m	RZ270

Note: One of the above cables must be ordered if the optical stagebox link is requested.



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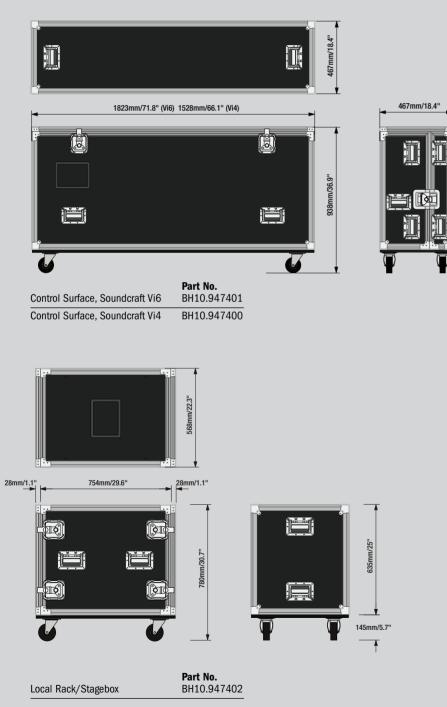
Single Mode Fibre:

Maximum distance 10km

Note: Special Optical MADI card is required, please contact Soundcraft for delivery time.

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Flightcases. Soundcraft Vi6 shown.

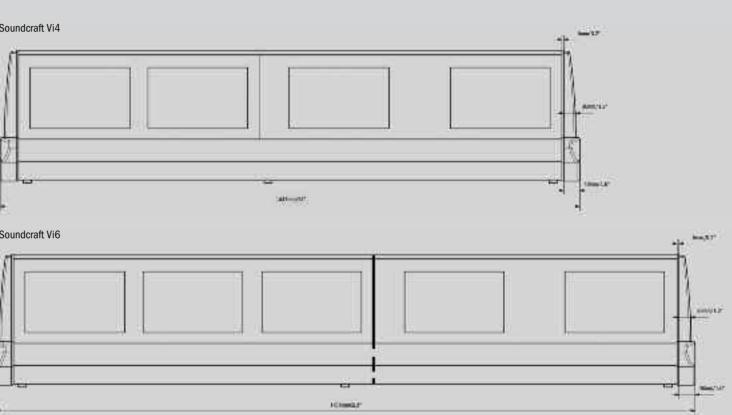


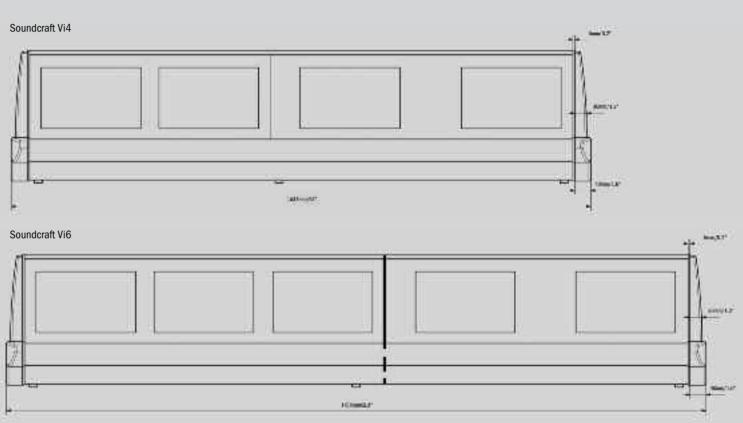
Weight when cased

148mm/5.82"

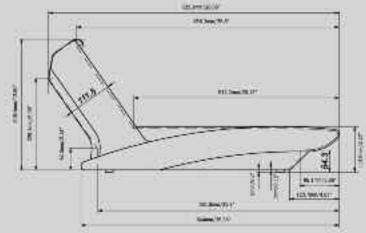
97kg/214lbs
82kg/180lbs
50kg/110lbs

Control Surface Dimensions.





Soundcraft Vi4/Vi6







Script Tray

An optional Script Tray is available for use on the Vi4 and Vi6 control surface. Part No. A947.006000

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Technical Specifications.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE	
Stagebox Mic input to Line of	utput
AES/EBU In to AES/EBU Out	+0/-0.2dB, 20Hz-20kHz
T.H.D. & NOISE	
Stagebox Mic In (min gain) to) Local Line Out, 22Hz-22kHz
Stagebox Mic In (max gain) t	o Local Line Out, 22Hz-22kHz
Local Line In to Line Out, 22	łz-22kHz
Mic Input E.I.N (22Hz-22kHz	bandwidth, unweighted
Residual Noise, Stagebox line	e output; no inputs routed, Mix fader @OdB
CMRR, Stagebox Mic input .	
Sampling Frequency	
Latency, Stagebox Mic Input 1	o Local Line output
AES/EBU Input Sample Rate	
Internal clock accuracy	<pre><+/-50ppm</pre>
Internal clock jitter	
External Sync	BNC Wordclock, AES/EBU sync in, Video sync in
Input & Output Levels	Mic Inputs
	Line Inputs
	Line Outputs
	Nominal Operating Level
Input & Output Impedances	Mic Inputs
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	Line Outputs
	AES/EBU Outputs
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Oscillator	
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Channel HP filter	
EQ (Inputs and bus Outputs)	
	Hi-Mid: 20Hz-20kHz, +/-18dB, Q=0.3-8.7
	Lo-Mid: 20Hz-20kHz, +/-18dB, Q=0.3-8.7
	LF: 20Hz-20kHz, +/-18dB, Q= 0.3-8.7 or shelving
Metering	Internal 20-segment LED bargraphs plus 9-segment gain reduction meters for all inputs and Outputs.
	Peak hold variable from 0-2s.
Mains Voltage operating rang	e
Mains Power Consumption .	
	Local Rack: 140W (150W with redundant option)
	Stagebox: 140W (150W with redundant option)
Operating Temperature Range	9
Relative Humidity	
Storage Temperature Range.	20°C - 60°C (-4°F - 140°F)

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