

AudioMate[™] Conference Microphone

VBrick's AudioMateTM is an innovative, compact, selfcontained audio conference microphone system that connects directly to any VBrick codec. The AudioMate provides full-room audio conference performance by automatically detecting the location of speaking people and steering its dynamic audio pickup beam in their direction. With this sophisticated technology, AudioMate is the perfect full duplex hands-free audio accessory to match the TV-Quality video provided by the VBrick's MPEG codec!

Simplicity & Low Cost

AudioMate plugs right into a VBrick 3000 Series codec and is fully automatic. There is no need for an expensive rackmount audio system, nor careful pre-conference calibration. Also, AudioMate minimizes wiring by allowing multiple AudioMates to be "daisy chained". A full duplex true TV-Quality video conference system simply consists of one VBrick, one AudioMate, a camera, a TV and your network. AudioMate's performance compares with products costing an order of magnitude more!

AudioMate offers:

- Amazing, wideband (7KHz, like FM radio) audio clarity
- Advanced echo cancellation not simple "muting" that clips speech, but true wideband echo cancellation for full duplex interactive speech
- Automatic background noise reduction reduces ambient noise
- Automatic reverberation elimination removes reverberation makes voices sound like they are coming from within a large auditorium or cave
- Automatic operation of up to three AudioMates via ultrasimple "daisy chain" – extends audio coverage to large conference centers and classrooms.

Audio Echo Canceller

An Audio Echo Cancellation system is needed for any twoway video conference system to provide excellent quality. Audio echo cancellation allows for natural conversations by preventing the sound coming out of a speaker from being fed back into the microphone and transmitted to the far end as echo. A high-performance Audio Echo Canceller eliminates echo by intelligently filtering the sound coming out of the speaker from the microphone signal. Sophisticated digital signal processing is required to predict the expected echo signal and subtract this from the



local microphone input. AudioMate provides true two-way, fully digital operation, which means that a person can talk and listen at the same time – allowing truly natural flowing conversation.

Visual Feedback System

AudioMate has a Visual Feedback System containing a series of LEDs that are illuminated to indicate the direction of the microphone's audio pickup. With this visual feedback, a user always knows when his or her voice is being heard.

The benefits of the Visual Feedback System are clear . . . AudioMate is the only Intelligent Microphone that uses Voice Tracking technology that automatically "steers" the audio pickup to the person talking while reducing noise and reverberation coming from other directions. The result is that the other end hears you more clearly; in fact, it is like using a handset.

Privacy

By simply pressing the button on the top of AudioMate, the microphone is instantly muted, allowing private conversations. When so muted, all of the AudioMate's LED's flash to indicate the microphone is muted, which provides visual assurance that the audio is not being transmitted.



Specifications



A/D conversion Max # of microphones Cable & Connector

Power Mute Button Voice Tracking

Echo Canceller AGC Enclosure Dimension Weight Color Configuration 16 bit, 16 kHz Up to 3 can be daisy-chained together 6 foot cable terminating with: - 1 RCA VBrick Codec Audio In - 1 RCA output to Audio Line (connect to TV audio in) - 1 RCA to VBrick Codec Audio Out - 1 Power jack to 12V transformer (included) 1 connector to additional AudioMates +12V DC, 300mA per unit 1 large blue mute button 360 degrees dynamic, 60 degrees resolution **3 LED indicators** Dynamic room echo cancellation Dynamic auto gain control w/ noise suppression Zinc Die cast base with metal grill cover 8"(L) x 6.5"(S) x 1"(H) 1.0 pound Black Plug & Play



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