

# Dante® Multi-Channel Audio Interfaces Handbook



AVN-AIO8-DNT 8 XLR Input, 8 XLR Output Dante Interfaces

AVN-AI16-DNT 16 XLR Input Dante Interface

AVN-AO16-DNT 16 XLR Output Dante Interface

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This Handbook is for use with the following products:  
 AVN-AIO8-DNT, AVN-AI16-DNT, AVN-AO16-DNT, Multi-Channel Dante® Analogue Audio Interfaces

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# Register Online for an Extended 2 Year Warranty

Product: \_\_\_\_\_

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Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_

As standard, Sonifex products are supplied with a 1 year back to base warranty.

If you register the product online, you can increase your product warranty to 2 years and we can also keep you informed of any product design improvements or modifications

To register your product, please go online to [www.sonifex.co.uk/register](http://www.sonifex.co.uk/register)

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As standard, Sonifex products are supplied with a 1 year back to base warranty. In order to register the date of purchase and so that we can keep you informed of any product design improvements or modifications, it is important to complete the warranty registration online. Additionally, if you register the product on the Sonifex website, you can increase your product warranty to 2 years. Go to the Sonifex website at: [www.sonifex.co.uk/register](http://www.sonifex.co.uk/register) to apply for your 2 year warranty.

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- g.
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- vii. the Goods have been assembled or incorporated into other goods only in accordance with any instructions issued by the Company;
- viii. the defect has not arisen from a design modified by the Purchaser;
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The products in this manual comply with the essential requirements of the relevant European health, safety and environmental protection legislation.

The technical justification file for this product is available at Sonifex Ltd.

The declaration of conformity can be found at: <https://www.sonifex.co.uk/declarations>

## Safety & Installation of Equipment

There are no user serviceable parts inside the equipment. If you should ever need to look inside the unit, always disconnect the mains supply before removing the equipment covers. The cover is connected to earth by means of the fixing screws. It is essential to maintain this earth/ground connection to ensure a safe operating environment and provide electromagnetic shielding.

## Unpacking Your Product

Each product is shipped in protective packaging and should be inspected for damage before use. If there is any transit damage take pictures of the product packaging and notify the carrier immediately with all the relevant details of the shipment. Packing materials should be kept for inspection and also in case the product needs to be returned.

The product is shipped with the following equipment so please check to ensure that you have all of the items below. If anything is missing, please contact the supplier of your equipment immediately.

Item	Quantity
Product unit	1

## Repairs & Returns

Please contact Sonifex or your supplier if you have any problems with your Sonifex product. Email [technical.support@sonifex.co.uk](mailto:technical.support@sonifex.co.uk) for the repair/upgrade/returns procedure, or for support & questions regarding the product operation.

## WEEE Directive



The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive was agreed on 13 February 2003, along with the related Directive 2002/95/EC on Restrictions of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS). The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE) aims to minimise the impacts of electrical and electronic equipment on the environment during their life times and when they become waste. All products manufactured by Sonifex Ltd have the WEEE directive label placed on the case. Sonifex Ltd will be happy to give you information about local organisations that can reprocess the product when it reaches its “end of use”, or alternatively all products that have reached “end of use” can be returned to Sonifex and will be reprocessed correctly free of charge.

## Atmosphere/Environment

This apparatus should be installed in an area that is not subject to excessive temperature variation (<0°C, >50°C), moisture, dust or vibration.

This apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing, and no objects filled with water, such as vases shall be placed on the apparatus

# 1. Introduction

These multi-channel Dante® audio interfaces convert balanced and unbalanced analogue inputs and outputs to Dante AoIP. Simple to configure and operate, these cost-effective rack-mount solutions provide an easy integration path for AV professionals and system integrators.

## Sonifex Part Numbers and Descriptions:

- **AVN-AIO8-DNT**  
Provides 8 analogue audio inputs and 8 analogue audio outputs on Neutrik XLR connectors.
- **AVN-AI16-DNT**  
Provides 16 analogue audio inputs on Neutrik XLR connectors.
- **AVN-AO16-DNT**  
Provides 16 analogue audio outputs on Neutrik XLR connectors.

## Features:

- Dual PoE for data and power redundancy.
- USB-C power input, if PoE is unavailable.
- Accepts balanced and unbalanced analogue line-level signals.
- Adjustable global OdBFS line-up (+12dBu/+18dBu/+24dBu = 0dBFS)
- 1U 19" rack-mount aluminium chassis.
- Lightweight and compact with a front-back depth under 11cm (4.4 inches).
- Rear-panel mount for single/top locking USB-C cables.
- Configuration using Dante Controller.

## 2. Controls, Indicators, and Connections

This section contains information about the interactivity of the different panels of the device, such as LED descriptions, functions and connector pin-outs.

### Front Panel

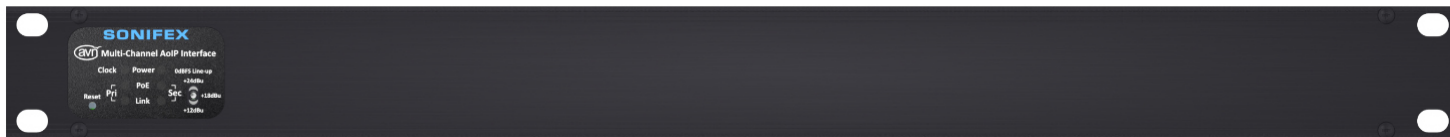


Fig 2-1: Front Panel



Fig 2-2: Indicators and Reset

On the left-hand side of the front panel are the status LEDs and reset button.

#### Clock

The clock status LED is illuminated green when the device is a PTP master or synced to a valid PTP master.

#### Power

The power status LED is illuminated green when USB power is available.

#### PoE

The PoE status LED is illuminated when power over Ethernet is available. Independent LEDs show PoE status on both Primary and Secondary Ethernet connections.

#### Link

The link status LED is illuminated when the device is connected to a valid network. Independent LEDs show link status on both Primary and Secondary Ethernet connections.

#### 0dBFS line-up

The 0dBFS line-up level is selectable between +12dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu. It is a global setting that affects all inputs and outputs.

#### Reset

In the unlikely event that the unit fails to respond, press the reset button to reboot the unit. This does not remove the Dante Controller configured settings.

## Back Panel

The back panel of the device provides access to all the inputs and outputs.

### AVN-AIO8-DNT 8 Input, 8 Output Dante® Interface with XLR Connectivity

On the AVN-AIO8-DNT eight locking XLR inputs and eight XLR outputs are available.

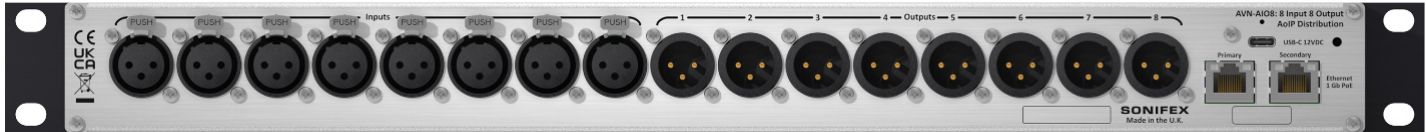


Fig 2-3: AVN-AIO8-DNT Rear Panel

### AVN-AI16-DNT 16 Input Dante® Interface with XLR Connectivity

On the AVN-AI16-DNT sixteen locking XLR inputs are available.

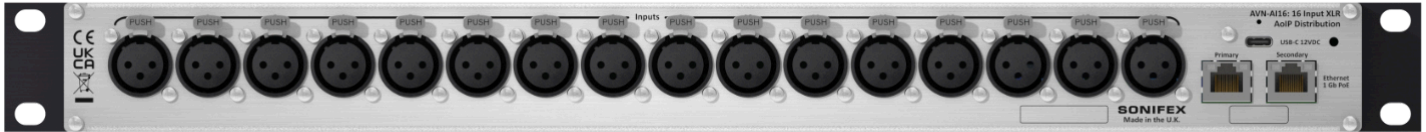


Fig 2-4: AVN-AI16-DNT Rear Panel

### AVN-AO16-DNT 16 Output Dante® Interface with XLR Connectivity

On the AVN-AO16-DNT sixteen XLR outputs are available.

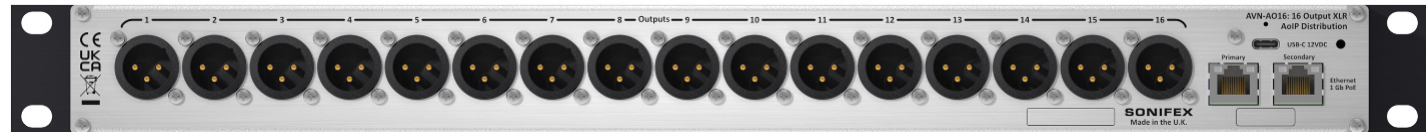


Fig 2-5: AVN-AO16-DNT Rear Panel

## 2 Controls, Indicators and Connections

Each of the analogue audio inputs and outputs can be routed in Dante Controller, to receive/transmit AoIP streams.

For the analogue products, the 0dBFS line-up level is selectable between +12dBu, +18dBu and +24dBu using the front panel switch. It is a global setting that affects all inputs and outputs.

### XLR Line Inputs

The XLR-3 input connectors can take balanced professional levels, or unbalanced by connecting the non-phase to the signal ground.

The line inputs have the following pin-out.

Pin	Function
1	Chassis Ground/Screen
2	Input Phase/Positive
3	Input Non-Phase/Negative



### XLR Line Outputs

The XLR 3 pin outputs are electronically balanced, and can be wired unbalanced. Each output is individually buffered so that a short circuit on one output will not affect the others. The line outputs have the following pin-out.

Pin	Function
1	Chassis Ground/Screen
2	Output Phase/Positive
3	Output Non-Phase/Negative



### Ethernet Dante® Connection(s)

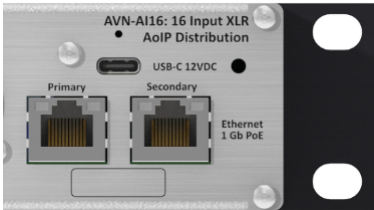


Fig 2-6: Ethernet, PoE & USB-C Connections

On the right hand side of the rear panel is a dual redundant Ethernet/PoE & USB-C 12V DC connection.

The Ethernet connections provide PoE and networking capability. There are two status LEDs on the RJ45 connector. The left LED indicates the link speed, the right indicates link activity.

Left LED	Off	Orange
Link Speed	10Mbps	100Mbps

The LED on the right indicates traffic on the connection. When the LED is flashing orange, data is being transmitted/received.

# 3. Dante Controller

## 1. Download & Install

1. Go to the Audinate website:  
<https://www.audinate.com/products/software/dante-controller>
2. Create an account (if required).
3. Download Dante Controller for your OS.
4. Run the installer and follow on-screen instructions.
5. Launch Dante Controller from your applications menu.

Full guide: <http://dev.audinate.com/GA/dante-controller/userguide/pdf/latest/>

## 2. Discover & Open Devices

1. Ensure your computer and devices are on the same network.
2. Open Dante Controller.
3. Locate your device in the routing grid.
4. Double-click the device name to open **Device View**.

## 3. Basic Device Configuration

### Rename Device

1. Open *Device View* → *Device Config*.
2. Enter a new name and click **Apply**.

### Label Channels

1. Go to *Receive* or *Transmit* tab.
2. Edit channel names as required.

## 4. Route Audio

1. In the routing grid, locate the intersection of a transmitter and receiver.
2. Click the box to create a connection.
3. Confirm successful routing (green check icon).

## 5. Check Clock Synchronisation

1. Open *Device View* → *Clock Status*.
2. Confirm:
  - One device is Master
  - Others are Followers
3. (Optional) Enable **Preferred Master** if required.

## 6. AES67 Mode (If required)

1. Open *Device View* → *AES67 Config*.
2. Enable AES67 and confirm prompts.
3. Reboot the device.
4. Ensure multicast addresses match required format.

Refer to official Dante documentation for full AES67 setup details.

## 7. Network Troubleshooting

1. Ensure device and computer are on the same subnet.
2. If devices appear in red:
  - Adjust your computer's IP settings.
  - Restart Dante Controller.
3. Disable unused network adapters if necessary.

FAQs: <https://www.audinate.com/resources/faqs>

## Summary

1. Install Dante Controller
2. Connect to the same network
3. Open Device View
4. Configure names and channels
5. Route audio via the grid
6. Verify clocking

## 4. Technical Specification

### Audio Input Performance Specifications

Input Impedance:	>20k $\Omega$ balanced
0dBFS line-up:	User selectable +12dBu/+18dBu/+24dBu
Frequency Response:	20Hz to 20kHz, +0/-0.2dB
THD+N:	<-110dBFS, -30dBFS, 20Hz to 20kHz, 20kHz BW
Noise:	-110dBFS, 20kHz BW, $R_s=200\Omega$
Crosstalk:	<-100 dB
Common Mode Rejection:	>60dB @ 1kHz

### Audio Output Performance Specifications

Output Impedance:	<50 $\Omega$ balanced
0dBFS line-up:	User selectable +12dBu/+18dBu/+24dBu
Frequency Response:	20Hz to 20kHz, +0/-0.5dB
THD+N:	<-107dBFS, -30dBFS, 20Hz to 20kHz, 20kHz BW
Noise:	-107dBFS, 20kHz BW
Crosstalk:	<-100dB

### AES Input Specifications

Input Impedance:	110 $\Omega$ balanced
Supported Input Rates:	32kHz - 192kHz (sample rate converted to Dante system sample rate).
Signal Level:	AES3-2009 compliant.
Bit Depth:	Up to 24 bit

### AES Output Specifications

Output Impedance:	110 $\Omega$ balanced
Supported Output Rates:	44.1kHz, 48kHz, 88.2kHz, 96kHz, 176.4kHz and 192kHz (set as per Dante system sample rate).
Signal Level:	AES3-2009 compliant.
Bit Depth:	24 bit

### Balanced Line Input XLR Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Chassis Ground/Screen
2	Input Phase/Positive
3	Input Non-Phase/Negative

### Balanced Line Output XLR Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Chassis Ground/Screen
2	Output Phase/Positive
3	Output Non-Phase/Negative

### Dante

Sample Rate:	44.1kHz, 48kHz, 88.2kHz, 96kHz, 176.4kHz, 192kHz
Encoding:	PCM 16, PCM 24, PCM 32

### PoE Power

Standard:	802.3af
Class:	0
PD Power Range:	0.44W to 12.94W
Typical PSE Power Usage:	(AVN-AIO8-DNT): 7.5W (AVN-AI16-DNT): 6W (AVN-AO16-DNT): 8W
Max PSE Power Usage:	All Units: 15.4W

### USB-C Power Input

Voltage:	9V - 15V
Power:	12W

## 4 Technical Specification

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### Equipment Type

AVN-AIO8-DNT 8 Input, 8 Output Dante® Interface, PoE

AVN-AI16-DNT 16 Input Dante® Interface, PoE

AVN-AO16-DNT 16 Output Dante® Interface, PoE

### Physical Specification

Dimensions (Raw): 48cm (W) x 11cm (D) x 4.3cm (H)(1U)  
19" (W) x 4.3" (D) x 1.7" (H)

Weight (AVN-AIO8-DNT, AVN-AI16-DNT, AVN-AO16-DNT):  
Nett: 1.1kg Gross: 1.6kg  
Nett: 2.4lbs Gross: 3.5lbs

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