

HMS-4X Main Station

Digital Partyline Solutions

Linking
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HMS-4X

Key Features and Benefits

HelixNet System Operation

- HelixNet System Master
- 6 HMS can link over LAN and WAN
- Supports up to 64 endpoints on HelixNet system
- 12 partyline channels; expandable to 24 channels via optional license

Main Station

- Easy to use CCM™ browser configuration
- Fast front panel control and configuration
- Plug-and-go with auto discovery
- Central upgrades from main station

User Station

- Headset or hands-free support with speaker and mic
- 4 Keysets freely assignable to channels
- All Talk, Stage Announce, RMK and Program Audio level controls

Connectivity

- 2 Powerlines for distribution of Ethernet to HelixNet user stations via XLR cables
- 3 Expansion slots for HLI modules: Ethernet, fiber, 2-wire and 4-wire ports
- Program Audio input and Stage Announce output
- 4 Contact closure inputs and outputs

LQ Integration Options

- LQ® linking for high density 2-wire, 4-wire and GPIO expansion
- Agent-IC® natively integrated via optionally licensed LQ
- SIP/VoIP integrated via optionally licensed LQ

HelixNet® is a fully networked partyline intercom, supporting up to 24 channels and independent Program Audio over XLR, LAN or WAN.

Description

The HelixNets HMS-4X main station is a combination of a system master and an intercom user station with XLR Powerline connections to user stations. HMS-4X hosts up to three HLI interface modules for external connectivity including Ethernet and Fiber.

System Architecture

HMS-4X manages all endpoint connections and Ethernet routing of incoming audio to all listening user stations and interfaces where the audio is locally mixed. HelixNet's 12 channels of partyline intercom and Program Audio are available at any HelixNet user station or interface port regardless of where they connect to the system. The optional license expands the HMS-4X to support 24 channels.

Main Station

HMS-4X features two XLR Powerlines each capable of supporting up to 10 user stations. Powerline allows digital connection using standard XLR cables and supports various cabling topologies and passive splitting, similar to analog partyline cabling. HMS-4X also supports endpoint connectivity over mix of Powerline and Ethernet with the optional HLI-ET2 Ethernet module. HelixNet supports up to 64 endpoints, user stations or interface ports. User stations may be added and removed dynamically without configuration and assigned to any channel without restrictions. HMS-4X hosts firmware for endpoints and automatically matches versions upon endpoint connection.

Linking

Up to five additional HMS-4X main stations can be linked to the master HMS-4X over Ethernet networks or fiber for a total of six linked HMS-4X. Link groups of multiple HMS-4X seamlessly form a distributed HelixNet system, allowing local connectivity using HLI interface modules and XLR Powerlines to user stations.

User Station and System Configuration

HMS-4X front panel provides four keysets assignable to any intercom channel. The user station comes with a headset connection, gooseneck mic connector and a loudspeaker in addition to All Call, Stage Announce, Remote Mic Kill and Program Audio level controls. Expansion mode allows up to six HMS or HRM user stations to be combined, with each expanded station having up to 24 channels.

The keysets form unique waterfall menus allowing tactile system management. Browser-based Core Configuration Manager™ (CCM) allows networked system management using the optional HLI-ET2 Ethernet module.

HLI Interface Modules

HMS-4X can host three HLI interface modules for external analog audio and intercom connectivity, Ethernet linking and system control. HLI-modules include: HLI-ET2 network interface for system control, HMS-4X and LQ linking and user station connectivity, HLI-FBS 100Mb SFP for fiber networking, HLI-4W2 dual 4-wire analog line-level interfacing, and HLI-2W2 dual 2-wire interface for analog partyline cabling.

LQ Integration

Clear-Com's LQ Series IP interfaces can be added to HelixNet Link Groups. Up to three LQ devices may be linked to a HelixNet system for a maximum total of six combined HMS and LQ in Link Group. LQ provides the system with 2-wire, 4-wire and GPIO interfaces, in addition to Eclipse® HX E-IPA/IVC linking, optionally licensed Agent-IC mobile apps and SIP/VoIP telephone clients.

Technical Specifications

Linking

HMS is required as the HelixNet Master. Link Group may include five additional HMS members, including up to three LQ devices for a maximum of six HMS/LQ in Link Group. HMS link using HLI-ET2 or HLI-FBS modules over LAN/WAN connections. Link Group supports up to 64 endpoints (station/port).

Channels

System provides 12 or 24 intercom channels assignable to any user station or port in the system. Four Channels can be assigned to station. Program Audio can be associated with any channel with independent endpoint level control.

Roles

99 Roles for naming and dynamic configuration of user station settings. Role can be applied to multiple user stations

Connectors

XLR Powerline: (2) 3-pin XLR-M/F

Headset: 4-pin XLR-M

Program Audio: 3-pin XLR-F

Stage Announce: 3-pin XLR-M

Hot Mic/IFB Interface: 1/4" (6.35 mm) TRS Jack

GPIO: 25-pin D-type female (4 GPI, 4 GPO, 5V)

USB: Type A & Micro AB (factory service use)

Microphone Pre-amplifier

Headset Mic Impedance: 200 Ω (Dynamic)

Headset Mic Voltage: 1.7V (Electret selectable)

Limiter: +23dB

Route to 4-wire output at 0dBu:

Mic Gain: 60dB (Dynamic), 45dB (Electret)

Frequency Response: 200Hz - 10 kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.2% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-55dBu (Dynamic), <-65dBu (Electret)

Headphone Amplifier

Load Impedance: >32 Ω

Output Level: +12dBu before clipping

Sidetone: -12dB (selectable)

Route from a 4-wire input at 0dBu:

Max Gain: 0dB

Frequency Response: 40Hz - 10kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.1% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-65dBu

Headphone Limiter: 0dB (selectable)

Loudspeaker Amplifier

Load Impedance: 8 Ω

Output Level: +18dBu before clipping

Route from a 4-wire input at 0dBu:

Max Gain: 18dB

Frequency Response: 200Hz - 10kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.1% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-50dBu

Program Audio Line Input

Maximum Level Before Clipping: +18dBu

Nominal Input Level: 0dBu (selectable)

Input Impedance: \geq 10K Ω

Route to 4-wire output at 0dBu:

Frequency Response: 20Hz - 10kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.2% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-65dBu

Stage Announce Output

Maximum Level Before Clipping: +18dBu

Nominal Output Level: 0dBu (selectable)

Output Impedance: \leq 100 Ω

Route from a dynamic headset:

Frequency Response: 300Hz - 12kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.1% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-55dBu

Hot Mic Output

Maximum Level Before Clipping: +12dBu

Nominal Output Level: 0dBu (selectable)

Output Impedance: \leq 100 Ω

Route from a dynamic headset:

Frequency Response: 300Hz - 12kHz \pm 3dB

Distortion: <0.2% THD @ 1kHz

Noise: <-55dBu

Powerline

Two independent network XLR Powerlines

Frequency Modulated Ethernet - OFDM

Output Voltage: \pm 29.5V DC

Output Current (Max): 1.5A per Powerline

Frequency: 100kHz-25MHz

Requires shielding integrity between Powerlines

Support up to 10 beltpacks each

Support up to 3-10 stations each

Use [HelixNet Cable Calculator](#) to validate load and cable distance.

Power

Input Frequency Range: 100 - 240V AC

Input Frequency Range: 50 - 60Hz

Power (Max): 250W

Input Power Connector: IEC-C14

Practical Power Range:

Power (Normal): 80-250W

BTU (Normal): 275-850BTU/hr

Dependent on hosted modules and powerline connected beltpacks

Environmental

32° - +104°F (0 - +40°C)

90% relative humidity

Dimensions

1.75 x 19 x 13in (HxWxD)

(44 x 483 x 320mm)

Weight

5.83lbs (2.65kg)

Network Specifications (Version 4)

Network Protocols

Ethernet IPv4 – Unicast Audio and Control
mDNS – Multicast Device Discovery
Layer 3 – Routable with mDNS function limitations
WavPack – Audio Codec

Network Ports

Unicast:

Port 80 TCP – Web Interface, System Management, Expansion
Port 655 TCP – Link Group Audio/Database
Port 6001 TCP – System Management
Port 6001 UDP – Audio Streams

Multicast:

Port 5353 UDP – mDNS, Names, Discovery, Linking, Expansion
Optional for device names and linking
Mandatory for HMS/HRM Expansion

Network Parameters

Link Group Endpoint Support: 64

Endpoints are user stations, active Interface ports, Program Audio inputs and LQ accounts.

Bandwidth:

300 kbps each audio input linking between HMS/LQ
Link Group audio sent dynamically between members
300-600 (max) kbps from each endpoint audio input to HMS
1200-2400 (max) kbps from HMS to each endpoint audio output

Network Jitter Tolerance:

<= 128ms jitter buffer per audio stream receiver automatically adjusted to network performance

QoS Tags:

DSCP=46, High Priority/Expedited Forwarding (EF)

Link-Local Default IP Address Range:

169.254.0.0/16

System Reserved IP Ranges:

10.0.0.0/8 for endpoints
172.23.0.0/16 for Link Group

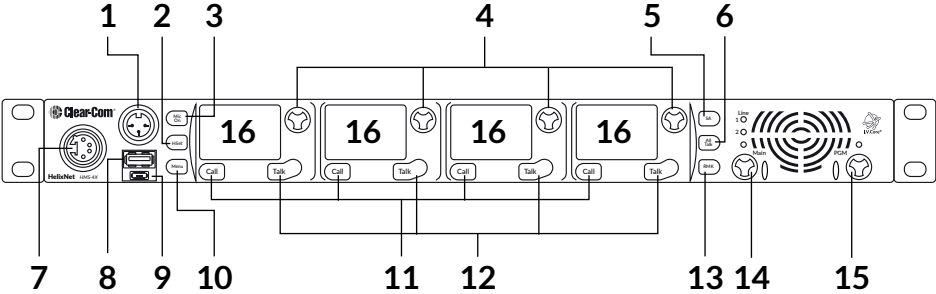
Recommended Ethernet Switches

- Managed Ethernet Switch – Layer 3
- 100/1000 Base-T ports for endpoints
- 1000 Base IP Trunks between switches
- QoS Configuration
- Energy Efficient Ethernet bypass option
- IGMP Snooping bypass option

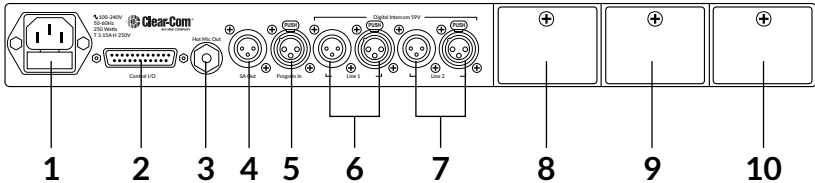
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HMS-4X Front Panel



HMS-4X Back Panel



Legend

Front

- 1. Microphone connector
- 2. Headset Mic enabled
- 3. Mic Key enabled
- 4. Rotary Level/menu key
- 5. Stage Announce
- 6. All Talk
- 7. Headset connector
- 8. USB 2.0 connector
- 9. Micro USB 2.0 connector
- 10. Menu key
- 11. Call key
- 12. Talk key
- 13. Remote Mic Kill
- 14. Speaker/Headphone volume control
- 15. Program volume control
- 16. Menu keyset display

Back

- 1. Universal Power Socket (fused)
- 2. GPIO DB25, control inputs and outputs
- 3. Hot Mic output - 1/4" TRS
- 4. Stage Announce line out
- 5. Program input
- 6. XLR Powerline 1
- 7. XLR Powerline 2
- 8. Option Module Slot 1
- 9. Option Module Slot 2
- 10. Option Module Slot 3

Order Code

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Optional Interface Modules and SFPs (Sold Separately):

- HLI-2W2: 2-wire module
- HLI-4W2: 4-wire module
- HLI-ET2: Ethernet module
- HLI-FBS: Fiber module
- HLI-MMFO: Single-mode SFP
- HLI-SMFO: Multi-mode SFP