

# HIGH-DENSITY CONTRIBUTION ENCODER AND DECODER



## Matrox® Monarch™ EDGE High-Density Contribution Encoder and Decoder

The contribution encoding capabilities of the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder pair provide producers with a means to easily send/transmit additional or complimentary backhaul feeds, redundant contribution channels of their primary feeds, or any other required stream. Easily support advanced contribution and distribution workflows with HLG-HDR support, ancillary data (ANC) such as SCTE messaging and closed captioning, as well as transmission of MPEG-2 TS over SRT. These small-footprint, low-power appliances deliver quad-channel broadcast quality with 4:2:2 10-bit HD streams. The Monarch EDGE encoder has enough encoding horsepower to simultaneously generate full quality and low-bitrate 4:2:0 proxy streams for each input, which can be monitored by any device on the network.



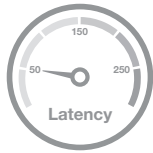
### Ancillary data for automation and viewer experience

Monarch EDGE supports contribution and distribution workflows by sending and receiving ancillary data, including closed captioning and SCTE messaging. Easily integrate into automated workflows for playout and ad insertion and transmit closed captions to enhance audience engagement. Monarch EDGE improves operational efficiency and strengthens the overall viewer experience, all with the highest video quality, making it a trusted choice for broadcasters.



### Built for High Quality 10-bit H.264 Encoding and Decoding

The optimized H.264 engine powering Monarch EDGE keeps data rates exceptionally low without sacrificing quality. If quality is of the highest importance, streams can be encoded up to 120 Mbps. Four inputs can be streamed at resolutions up to 1080p60, or one input at 2160p60 using the High 4:2:2 H.264 encoding profile. Furthermore, multiple processes can be performed on each input by powerful scaling and de-interlacing engines. This enables each input to be streamed at multiple resolutions and bitrates simultaneously, which is useful for remote monitoring.



### Exceptionally low latency

In live productions, long encode, transmission, and decode latencies can have adverse effects on the production. With a “glass-to-glas” latencies as low as 100ms between video input at encoder and video output at the decoder, Monarch EDGE achieves some of the lowest latencies on the market while using standard 1GbE networks.

### Flexible protocols

There are a variety of streaming protocols available to Monarch EDGE users. On closed networks, MPEG-2 TS or RTSP streams can be selected for delivery. For cloud-based destinations, or when the network is congested, SRT or RTMP may be more appropriate. SRT is a new open-source format that provides the reliability of RTMP, while reducing latency, for use on open networks. SRT streams can also be encrypted if security is a concern. The Monarch EDGE decoder supports the processing of MPEG-2 TS, RTSP, and SRT protocols.

### Comprehensive Connectivity

Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder devices offer flexible, future-proof video connectivity with 3G, 12G SDI, and ST 21101 over 25 GbE network connections. Each of the Monarch EDGE encoder’s SDI inputs supports 16 channels of embedded audio. Eight of these channels can be included in each stream using MPEG-2 or SRT protocols. Delivering multi-lingual or multi-channel productions is easy with Monarch EDGE.

### Keep it in-sync

When multiple Monarch EDGE encoders are at a remote location, they can share a single clock to ensure they are encoded in-sync. For the very best results, the cameras feeding the encoders should be genlocked together to ensure each frame is captured in phase. The Monarch EDGE S1 also has a genlock input so that an SDI output feed will be in-sync with the other SDI signals originating from the studio.



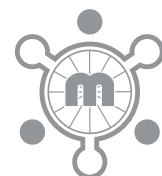
### Versatile Recording

Monarch EDGE offers the ability to record SDI inputs – at the user’s quality of choice – while simultaneously streaming using the user’s preferred transport protocol. Recordings can be saved to USB 3.0 attached storage or to local networks. Monarch EDGE makes sharing post-event recordings easier than ever with the ability to record to the popular H.264 codec with MOV and MP4 wrapper options. This Monarch EDGE feature allows for ISO recordings of SDI inputs, which can be used for post-event editing or serve as backup recordings.



### Centralized command, convenient control

Enhance your experience with Monarch EDGE devices through Monarch EDGE Commander Center. Manage and access your Monarch EDGE devices locally or online via a web browser, without additional software installation requirements. Benefit from web-based firmware updates and included technical support to ensure your devices are up-to-date and running smoothly. Monarch EDGE Control Hub software enables you to discover all Monarch EDGE units on a local network through a Windows® desktop application.



### Localized preview

Offering up to four simultaneous input (encoder) or output (decoder) previews on a single desktop monitor, Monarch EDGE's DisplayPort output allows operators to ensure that SDI and ST 21101 signals are valid and ready to use. Monarch EDGE Control Hub allows users to effortlessly configure how they would like to preview audio sources of input. From the DisplayPort and line out, users can choose to monitor one audio input at a time, or mute all.



### Robust and practical design

Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder were built with reliability in mind. An LCD screen on the front of the appliance allows the user to quickly access its status and configuration settings. A locking power connector safeguards against connection loss during production. Redundant Ethernet (1 GbE) ports allow users to control the device from one port while the second port transfers media. Alternatively, with the encoder, users can opt to send the same streams taking completely separate network paths from each port. Finally, Monarch EDGE's compact design ensures it can be installed in a fly-pack or with a second Monarch EDGE unit in a 1RU-rack space.



### Matrox Monarch EDGE Encoder Decoder Connections



- 1. USB 1
- 2. USB 2
- 3. Power LED
- 4. Reset Button
- 5. LCD Panel
- 6. Navigation and Configuration Buttons
- 7. Analog Audio Output
- 8. Analog Audio Input
- 9. Genlock
- 10. Balanced Audio
- 11. Tally Signals
- 12. 3G SDI
- 13. 12G SDI
- 14. SFP28<sup>1</sup> Ports
- 15. DisplayPort
- 16. USB 3
- 17. Gigabit Ethernet Port
- 18. Power Connection
- 19. Power Switch

1. SFP module supplied by third party



# Technical Specifications

## Connectivity

### Input connections

- 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
- 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425 (Level A and B mapping)
- UHD support using 4x SDI per SMPTE ST 425-5
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave<sup>1</sup>

### Output connections

- 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
- 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425 (Level A mapping only)
- UHD support using 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave<sup>1</sup>

### Resolutions

- 2160p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps
- 1080p at 23.98, 24, 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94, 60 fps
- 1080i at 25, 29.97, 30 fps
- 720p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps

### Genlock

- Bi-level genlock output (encoder)
- Bi-level or tri-level genlock input (decoder)

### Digital audio

- 16x channels of embedded SDI audio is supported per input
- 16x channels of audio support per encode using SRT or MPEG-2 TS

### Analog audio<sup>2</sup>

- 2x channels of balanced analog audio input via XLR connector
- 2x channels of balanced analog audio output via XLR connector
- 1 channel of unbalanced stereo audio output via 1/8" TRS connector

### Audio processing

- Embedded or analog audio channels can be compressed as a stereo pair or processed as PCM (uncompressed audio)
- Multi-channel audio support as separate audio pairs

### USB ports

- 2x USB 2.0 (front)
- 1x USB 3.0 (back)

### Confidence preview

- 1x DisplayPort 1.1
- Maximum resolution: 1920x1080

### Multi-unit synchronization support

- Yes.

### Reconfigurable I/O

- Yes. Monarch EDGE E4 10-bit SKU only

## Control and management

### Access

- Matrox Monarch EDGE Command Center (web UI)
- Monarch EDGE Control Hub dedicated Windows® application
- RESTful HTTP API<sup>3</sup>

### Physical

- On-device buttons and screen for basic set up and monitoring operations

## Compression

### Codecs

- Video: H.264/MPEG-4 part 10 (AVC)
- Audio: AAC-HE, AAC-LC and PCM S302M

### Bitrate per stream

- Video: Up to 120 Mbps
- Audio: From 32 to 256 Kbps

### Chroma sub-sampling

- 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit) – MDG4/E10/I2
- 4:2:0 (8-bit only) – MDG4/E8/I2
- 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit) – MDG4/D/I2

### Encoding controls

- Up to 5.2 level support
- GOP size and structure
- Variable and constant bit rate support
- Average max/min data rate controls
- Encoding frame rates offered independent of input frame rates

### Decoding controls

- Scaling of HD/UHD resolutions
- Frame rate conversions

### Profile

- Up to High 4:2:2 profile (Hi422P)

### Latency

- Encode latency as low as 100ms glass-to-glass (network transfers not included in value)

### Encode density/workflow examples

- 4:2:2 workflows
  - 1x 3840x2160p @60fps plus 1x 1080p30 proxy stream (8-bit)
  - or
  - 4x 1920x1080p @60fps plus 4x 720p30 proxy stream (8-bit)
- 4:2:0 workflows
  - 2x 3840x2160p @60fps or 8x 1920x1080p @60fps or 16x 1920x1080p @30fps

## VANC ancillary data transport as per ST-2038

- Closed captioning (CC) embedded as CEA-608/708
- SCTE-104 messages (Matrox encoder to decoder)
  - SCTE-104 to SCTE-35 translation
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- Vertical interval timecode (ST 12-2)<sup>1</sup>
- HDR and colorimetry metadata<sup>1</sup>

## Streaming protocols

- MPEG-2 TS over UDP or RTP
- RTP/RTSP
- Native RTP (unicast or multicast)
- SRT (Caller, Listener, Rendez-Vous and Stream ID modes)
- RTMP

## Network

- 2x RJ45, 100/1000BASE-T Ethernet
- 2x MSA-compatible SFP28 cage supporting 10 GbE and 25 GbE modules<sup>1</sup>

## Physical and power

### Product dimensions

- (length x width x height)
- 8.53x7.45x1.68 in (21.7x18.9x4.3 cm)
- Rack-mountable; two Monarch EDGE appliances can fit in 1 RU space

### Product weight

- 3.65 lbs (1,660 g)

### Operating conditions

- 32 to 104 deg. F (0 to 40 deg. C), 20 to 80% relative humidity (non-condensing)

### Power

- Line voltage: 12 volts
- Total power consumption: 45 watts [avg.]
- Connector: DIN 4

### Power supply

- Line voltage: 100-240 VAC
- Frequency: 50-60 Hz
- Input: external AC/DC adapter - IEC320-C14
- DIN4 locking power connector

### Regulatory

- EMI: FCC Class A, CE Mark Class A, ACMA C-Tick Mark, VCCI
- Power-supply safety: UL/CUL(UL60950-1), TUV-GS(EN60950-1), T-LICENSE(BS EN60950-1), CCC(GB4943.1-2011), PSE(J60950), SAA(AS/NZS60950-1), KC-MARK(K60950), S-MARK(IEC60950-1)
- RoHS directive 2002/95/EC

### Warranty

- Two-year limited warranty with free online or telephone support

## Ordering information

### MDG4/E10/I2

- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit encoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

### MDG4/E8/I2

- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit encoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

### MDG4/D/I2

- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit decoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

### MRCH/RACK/KIT

- Monarch Rack Mount Kit. Can fit up to two Monarch EDGE units in a 1RU space

### PWR/SUP/MDG

- Monarch EDGE power supply unit. Does not include IEC-C14 power cord. These cables must be sourced locally.

### MDG/AUD/CBL

- Monarch EDGE break out audio cable. Provides two input channels and two output channels. DB15 to XLR I/O.

## Accessories

### NRG Redundant Power Supply

- NRG-5-1DB: Rack tray with one NRG RPSU pre-installed
- NRG-5-2DB: Rack tray with two NRG RPSU pre-installed

1. Enabled with future firmware update.  
2. Available via optional audio cable.  
3. Contact Matrox representative for availability.

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