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HANDBOOK  
**DIO Audiophile Dante® Interfaces**  
AVN-DIO03 Dante® to Headphone Output



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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

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### 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.

## DIO Audiophile Dante® Interfaces

The DIO Audiophile Dante® Interfaces are simple plug and play audio devices which provide a convenient and elegant method of connecting legacy analogue and digital audio equipment to the Dante AoIP audio network.

There are a range of different products to suit different needs and this handbook is for the following product:

- AVN-DIO03 Dante to Headphone Output

The D/A circuitry offers 114dB of dynamic range - ten times better than similar competing products \*. All DIO products use Dante Controller for configuration and are powered by PoE. They use rugged aluminium boxes with side slots for screw-mounting and contain superior audio circuitry for optimal audio performance. All feature rugged Neutrik EtherCon® connectors and Neutrik lockable audio connectors for ultra-reliable connectivity.

\* **Note:** Because the output of this device is unbalanced, performance is 6dB lower than for balanced AVN-DIO products.

### AVN-DIO03

The AVN-DIO03 is a Dante to headphone converter in the Sonifex DIO range of Dante input/output devices. It features a ¼ inch and 3.5mm jack socket in parallel and one Neutrik EtherCon® connector for direct connection to a Dante AoIP network. Pick any available Dante channels as the inputs of the DIO03 via Dante Controller.



#### Volume Adjustment

The front panel potentiometer adjusts headphone volume from mute (fully anticlockwise) to +6dB of gain when fully clockwise. This is useful if the Dante stream level is low and requires boosting.

#### Limiter

A simple headphone limiter is included to prevent hearing damage by limiting the audio level sent to the headphones. The limit level can be set using a trimmer adjustment tool, or small flat blade screwdriver, between approximately -12dBu (fully anticlockwise) and 0dBu (fully clockwise).

When limiting, the blue limit LED will illuminate. This should prompt the user to turn the headphone volume down until the blue LED extinguishes, as audio quality will be reduced whilst the limiter is active.



Fig 1-1: AVN-DIO03 Front and Rear View

## Setup

The DIO Dante device is configured with a dynamic network address, so to initially get the unit working, connect it to a network with a DHCP server (such as a router) and a suitable IP address will be given to the unit. Once connected, a different IP address can be given to the DIO using Dante Controller. See the following section on Network Troubleshooting if you're having problems connecting your DIO device.

Simply plug an Ethernet connector into the Ethernet port of the DIO and the other end of the Ethernet connector into a PoE enabled switch. Alternatively, if the switch doesn't support PoE, a PoE adaptor can be used to provide the power.

The audio inputs/outputs should be connected to the legacy equipment and this allows the legacy equipment to transmit audio and receive audio through the Dante® network.

A computer on the Dante® network can then configure connections between the DIO and other Dante® enabled devices, using Dante Controller.

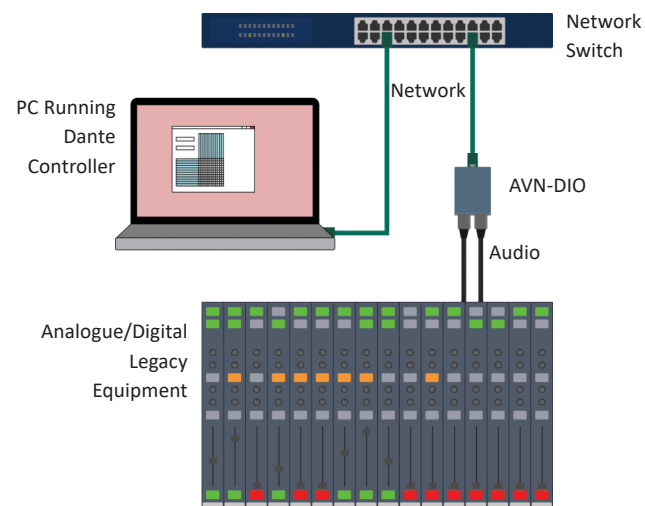


Fig 1-1: Setup

## Link

Link status is indicated using the top-left status LED. Once power has been supplied to the unit the link status LED turns red. The link status LED turns amber when a link is established with a link speed of 100 Mbps.

Link activity is indicated using the top-right status LED which blinks when data is incoming, or when outgoing data is sensed on the port.

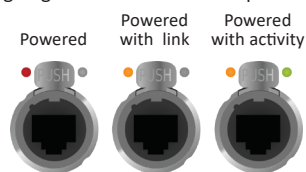


Fig 1-2: Power, Link, and Activity LEDs

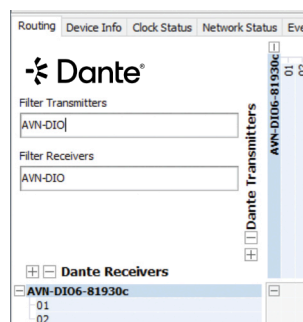
## Dante Controller

Once a link has been established Dante Controller can be used to configure the device. Dante Controller is an application provided by Audinate and can be downloaded from their website.

<https://www.audinate.com/>

Within Dante Controller the unit should be visible within the **Routing** tab.

Fig 1-3: Routing



## Network Troubleshooting

The device can be seen within Dante® Controller if it is connected to the same network as the computer. If the device doesn't show up in Dante® Controller please check that the connection to the network is correct and that the device and computer are on the same network.

If the computer and the device are on different IP subnets, the device will appear in Dante® Controller with red text:

Device Name	Sync	Mute	Clock Source	Domain Status	Primary Status
AVN-CU4-0006dc	Green		Dante	N/A	Slave
Matt-PC	Green		Dante	N/A	Slave
Recording-Studio	Green		Dante	N/A	Master
AVN-DIO6-81930c	Green		Dante	N/A	Slave

Fig 1-4: Red Device Name Indicates Different Network Subnet

Opening the **Device View** for the device will provide details about the problem.

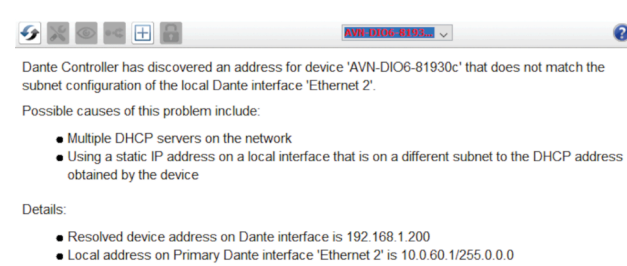
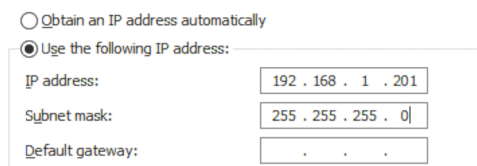


Fig 1-5: Problem Details

In this example notice the device is on the 192.168.1.X subnet and the computer is on the 10.X.X.X subnet. To correct this, edit the computer's IP address.

In Windows 10, type **View Network Connections** into the search bar. Right-click the network that the device is connected to and select **Properties**. Double click **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** in the item list and edit the IP address.

Fig 1-6: Windows IPv4 Settings



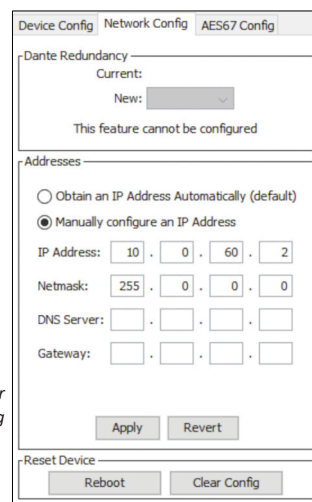
Save the changes made to the settings then close and re-open Dante® Controller. The device should now appear correctly. If the device name is still red, you may need to disable the other network connections on the computer. To do this, in Windows 10, type **View Network Connections** into the search bar. Right-click the network connection to disable and select **Disable**.

Now that the device appears in Dante® Controller, it can be configured and the network settings can be modified so that the device is in the correct subnet.

Open the **Device View** for the device and select the **Network Config** tab. Within this tab are options to obtain an IP address automatically, or to configure an IP address manually.

After configuring the device's address, click the **Reboot** button and then revert your computer's IP address so that it is on the original subnet using the process above.

Fig 1-7: Dante Controller Network Config



For more troubleshooting information please see the official Dante® FAQs at:

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

And Dante® Controller User Guide at:

<https://dev.audinate.com/GA/dante-controller/userguide/pdf/latest/>

## Routing Audio

Audio can be routed seamlessly between each Dante® enabled device on the network by creating connections between the transmit channel of one device and the receive channel of another device. When a routing is initially created, an hour glass is displayed to show the connection is being created. After a short time a green tick is displayed to indicate the connection has been created successfully.

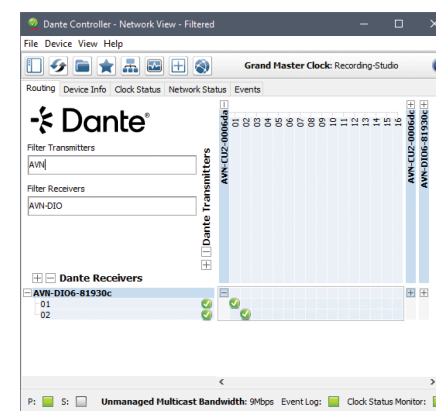


Fig 1-8: Routed Audio Stream

Transmitters and receivers can also be filtered by typing a name into the corresponding filter field. Further filtering options are available from the filter pane.

To remove a connection simply click on the green tick.

Transmit and receive channels in a diagonal can be quickly routed together by holding **Ctrl** and clicking on the minimise/maximise button on the routing grid.

## Device View

Open up the **Device View** by double clicking on the device name in the routing grid.

## Status

Within the **Status** tab, information about the device can be seen, such as the product type and the current IP address.

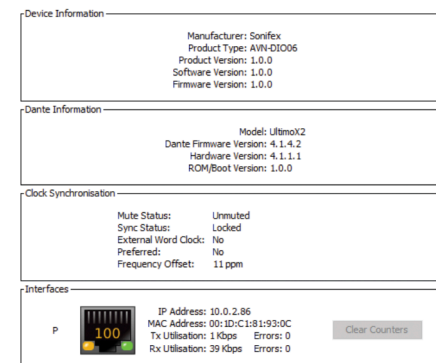


Fig 1-9: Status

## Device Configuration

Within the **Device Config** tab the following can be modified.

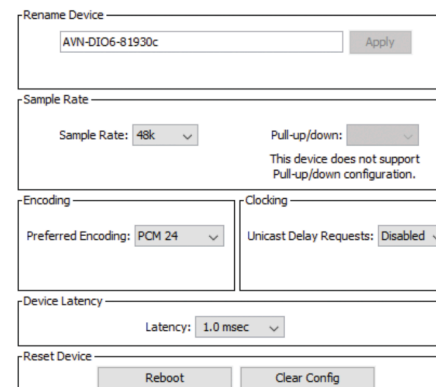


Fig 1-10: Device Config

- Device Name
- Sample Rate
- Encoding
- Clocking
- Device Latency

An option is also available to clear the configuration, resetting all settings to their default values.

## Technical Specification

Headphone Jack Output Pin-out	
Pin	Function
Tip	Left
Ring	Right
Screen	0V Common

Power Supply - Class 0 802.3af PoE	
Device	Power Consumption (Watts)
DIO03	< 6 W

Headphone Output - Jack	
Parameter	Description
Output Impedance:	Capable of driving 150mW into 32Ω to 600Ω headphones
Maximum Output Level:	+16dBu
D to A Line-Up:	-6dBFS = +16dBu (max volume)
Gain:	Mute (min Volume) to +6dB (max volume)
Frequency Response:	20Hz to 20kHz, +0/-0.5dB (ref 1kHz)
THD+N:	<0.05%, -14dBFS input, 600Ω load, max volume, 20Hz to 20kHz, 20kHz BW
Dynamic Range:	114dBu, 20kHz BW, 0dB gain
Crosstalk:	<100dB
Audio Limiter Range:	-12dBu to 0dBu

Dante	
Parameter	Description
Sample Rates:	44.1kHz, 48kHz, 88.2kHz, 96kHz
Encoding:	PCM 16, PCM 24, PCM 32

PoE Power	
Standard	802.3af
Class	0
PD Power Range	0.44 W to 12.94 W
Typical PSE Power Usage	4W
Max PSE Power Usage	15.4 W

Equipment Type	
AVN-DIO03:	Dante® to Headphone Output

Physical Specification	
Dimensions (Raw):	10.6cm (W) x 7.3cm (D) x 4.3cm (H) 4.2" (W) x 2.9" (D) x 1.7" (H)
Dimensions (Boxed):	17.4cm (W) x 9.5cm (D) x 5.6cm (H) 6.9" (W) x 3.7" (D) x 2.2" (H)

Weight	
Nett:	0.2kg Gross: 0.3kg
	Nett: 0.44lbs Gross: 0.66lbs

