

## User's Guide



# **A04S-192 AIO**

Analog Expansion Board  
for HDSP AIO  
4 Channels 24 Bit 192 kHz

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## 1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the AO4S-192. This analog expansion board adds 4 analog outputs in professional quality to RME's HDSPe AIO. Level adjustment, balanced circuit design, 118 dBA SNR and highest suppression of PC-noise guarantee perfect sound quality.

## 2. Package Contents

Please ensure that all the following parts are included in the AO4S-192 AIO's packaging box:

- Analog Expansion Board
- 1 flat ribbon cable, 26 pins
- 1 set of nuts
- Manual, drill template

## 3. Hardware Requirements


The AO4S-192 AIO can only be connected to the HDSP 9632. No more than one AO4S-192 can be connected to each card.

## 4. Technical Specifications

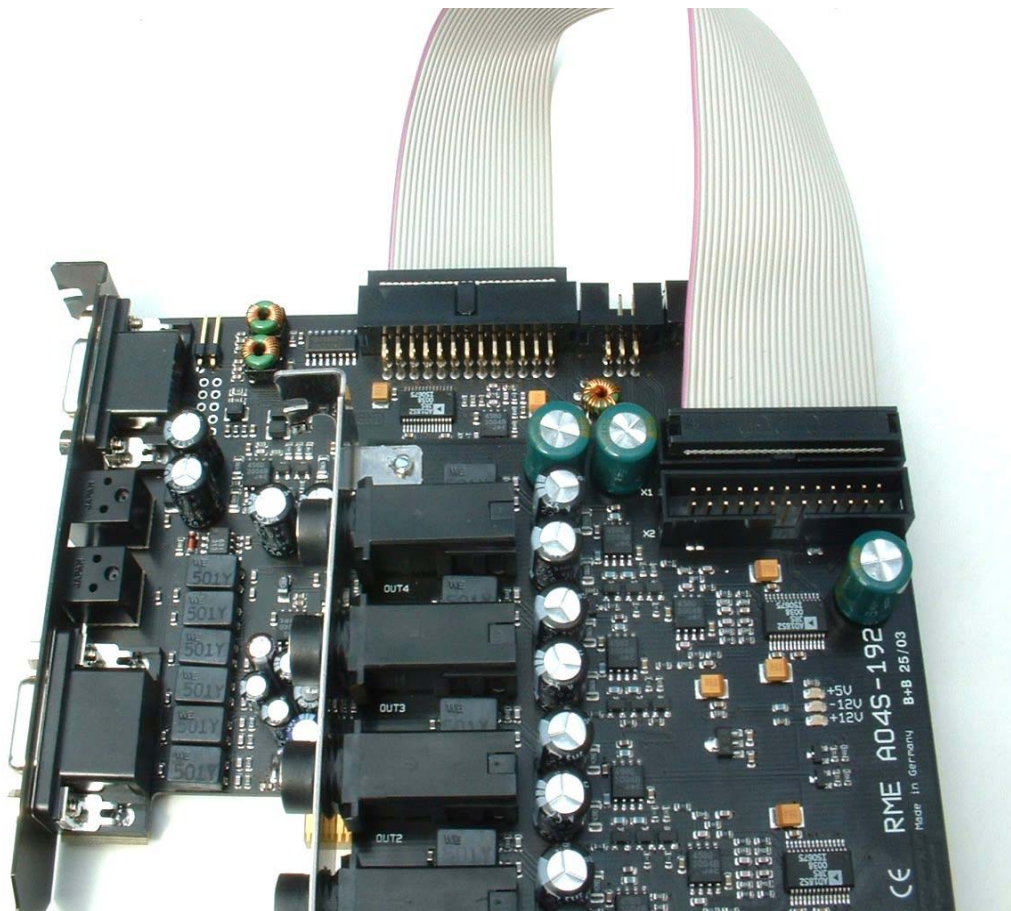
- Resolution DA: 24 Bit
- Signal to Noise ratio (SNR): 114 dB RMS unweighted, 118 dBA @ 44.1 kHz (unmuted)
- THD: < -104 dB, < 0.00063 %
- THD+N: < -102 dB, < 0.0008 %
- Crosstalk: > 110 dB
- Maximum output level: +19 dBu
- Frequency response @ 44.1 kHz, -0.5 dB: 1 Hz – 22 kHz
- Frequency response @ 96 kHz, -0.5 dB: 1 Hz – 34 kHz
- Frequency response @ 192 kHz, -0.5 dB: 1 Hz – 50 kHz
- Output: 4 x 1/4" TRS jack, balanced
- Output impedance: 50 Ohm
- Output level: Hi Gain, +4 dBu, -10 dBV
- Output level at 0 dBFS @ Hi Gain: +19 dBu
- Output level at 0 dBFS @ +4 dBu: +13 dBu
- Output level at 0 dBFS @ -10 dBV: +2 dBV
- Power supply via flat cable
- Standard bracket, board dimensions: 90 x 95 mm

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## 5. Hardware Installation

 *Important: Switch off the computer and remove the power cable from the power supply before fitting the AO4S-192 AIO.*

1. Disconnect the power cable and all other cables from the computer.
2. Remove the PC housing; further information on how to do this can be obtained from your computer's instruction manual.
3. Neutralize the static build up by touching the PC metal-chassis before unpacking the AO from the protective bag.
4. Connect AO and card using the supplied 26-pin flat cable.
5. Insert the AO into a free slot, press and fasten the screw. The AO needs no slot on the motherboard, but includes a stabilizing edge, which fits in both PCI and PCIe slots.
6. Re-insert the PCIe-card in a PCIe slot and fasten the screw.
7. Re-place the PC housing and tighten the screws.
8. Re-connect the power cable and all other cables/connections.



Connecting an AO4S-192 to a HDSP 9632

Both AI4S-192 AIO and AO4S-192 AIO have two flat cable connectors. The second connector allows for a usage of an AI4S-192 AIO together with an AO4S-192 AIO.

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## 6. Alternative Installation

Installation is done comfortably as described using the attached bracket. Alternatively it is possible to mount the AO at a different place inside the computer using the supplied nuts. This requires to drill 4 holes into the housing.



**RME does not accept claims for damages of any kind when installing the AO in this way! Modifications to the housing should be done by qualified technicians only, and only after having removed all components from the housing (danger of short circuit by metal splinter etc).**

1. Remove the bracket from the AO (2 screws).
2. Carefully check that the desired location offers a flat plane, is free from any voltage carrying devices or cables, and that the AO does not get in contact with other devices even when the housing is closed.
1. Please note that the length of the supplied cables does not allow any distance to the HDSP 9632 card.\*
3. Drill 4 holes, diameter 0.5" (13 mm), distance of 0.75" (19.05 mm) each, at the desired place (see drill template).
4. Fit the AO into the holes and fix it with the supplied nuts.

\*The supplied 26-pin flat ribbon cable is a common component, available in any electronics shop. A cable of up to 1 meter length can be used without a problem.

## 7. Operation and Usage

Switch on the computer and boot the OS. 4 additional outputs should now be available within any audio software.

Note: the AO carries three SMD LEDs, indicating the presence of the power supplies +5V, +12V and -12 V.

## 8. Analog Outputs

The short circuit protected, low impedance and balanced line outputs are accessible through stereo ¼" TRS jacks.



*The electronic output stage does not operate servo balanced! When connecting unbalanced equipment, make sure the ring of a TRS jack is not connected. A connection of ring to ground (monaural jack) will cause an increase in THD (higher distortion)!*



*When using unbalanced connections, make sure 'Breakout Cable / XLR' is not selected in the Settings dialog. Else the unbalanced output level will be 6 dB too low!*

To maintain an optimized level for devices connected to the analog outputs, the HDSPe AIO, the HDSP 9632 and the AO4S-192 use hi-quality electronic switches, which allow for a perfect adaptation of all outputs to the three most often used studio levels.

As with the analog inputs the analog output levels are defined to maintain a problem-free operation with most other devices. The headroom of the card lies between 9 and 15 dB, according to the chosen reference level:

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<b>Reference</b>	<b>0 dBFS @</b>	<b>Headroom</b>
Hi Gain	+19 dBu	15 dB
+4 dBu	+13 dBu	9 dB
-10 dBV	+2 dBV	12 dB

With +4 dBu selected, the according headroom is 9 dB. At -10 dBV 12 to 15 dB headroom are common practice, each mixing desk operating at -10 dBV is able to send and receive much higher levels. Lo Gain allows to work with high levels, best suited for professional users who prefer to work balanced and at highest levels.

The above levels are also found in our ADI-8 series of AD/DA converters, the Multiface, and even our Mic-Preamps QuadMic and OctaMic. Therefore all RME devices are fully compatible to each other.

## **9. Warranty**

Each individual AO4S-192 AIO undergoes comprehensive quality control and a complete test in a PC environment at IMM before shipping. The usage of high grade components allows us to offer a full two year warranty. We accept a copy of the sales receipt as valid warranty legitimation.

If you suspect that your card is faulty, please contact your local retailer. The warranty does not cover damage caused by improper installation or maltreatment - replacement or repair in such cases can only be carried out at the owner's expense.

RME does not accept claims for damages of any kind, especially consequential damage. Liability is limited to the value of the AO4S-192 AIO. The general terms of business drawn up by Audio AG applies at all times.

## **10. Appendix**

RME news, driver updates and further product information are available on our website:

<http://www.rme-audio.com>

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## CE / FCC Compliance

### CE

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits of the European Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to electromagnetic compatibility according to RL2004/108/EG, and European Low Voltage Directive RL2006/95/EG.

### FCC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### RoHS

This product has been soldered lead-free and fulfils the requirements of the RoHS directive.

### ISO 9001

This product has been manufactured under ISO 9001 quality management. The manufacturer, IMM Elektronik GmbH, is also certified for ISO 14001 (Environment) and ISO 13485 (medical devices).

## Note on Disposal

According to the guide line RL2002/96/EG (WEEE – Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment), valid for all european countries, this product has to be recycled at the end of its lifetime.

In case a disposal of electronic waste is not possible, the recycling can also be done by IMM Elektronik GmbH, the manufacturer of the AO4S-192 AIO.

For this the device has to be sent **free to the door** to:

IMM Elektronik GmbH  
Leipziger Straße 32  
D-09648 Mittweida  
Germany



Shipments not prepaid will be rejected and returned on the original sender's costs.