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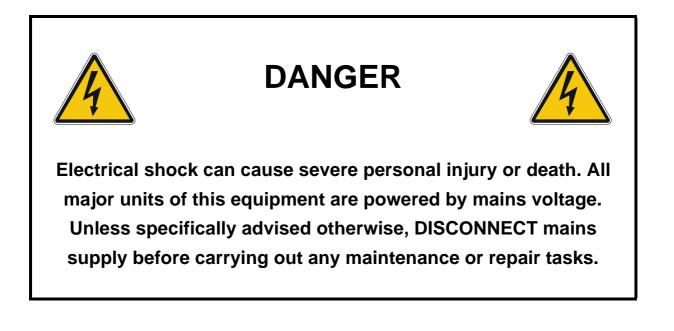
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ADC	An A nalogue to D igital C onverter samples the voltage level of an electrical input and assigns a digital value to it (a series of 1s and 0s).
ADM	Assignment, Diagnostics and Monitoring. The CMAPSi package comprises two elements - an offline section for configuring a Drake matrix and an online section for real time monitoring and making 'on the fly' changes. ADM is the online sec- tion of the package.
BNC	Standard co-axial video connector. A type of connector used with coaxial cables such as the RG-58 A/ U cable used with the 10Base-2 Ethernet system. The basic BNC connector is a male type mounted at each end of a cable. This con- nector has a centre pin connected to the centre cable conductor and a metal tube connected to the outer cable shield. A rotating ring outside the tube locks the cable to any female connector.
CODEC	A Co der/ Dec oder is a device that encodes or decodes a signal. For example, telephone companies use CODECs to convert binary signals transmitted on their digital networks to analogue signals converted on their analogue networks.
CMAPSi	C onfiguration and M aster A ssignment P rogramming S ystem integrated is software produced by Drake Electronics, used for configuring, controlling and monitoring their 3000, 4000 and 4000 series II range of matrices.
Conference	A facility (configured by CMAPSi), similar to older Party Line systems.
CSU	The C entral S witching U nit is the central element of the Drake talk- back system (responsible for the actual routing of audio), the CSU is normally a 19 inch rack mounting unit. The CSU is sometimes also referred to as the 'matrix'.
DAC	A D igital to A nalogue C onverter generates an output voltage proportional to the value entered on its digital inputs (as a series of 1s and 0s).
DAK	D irect A ccess K ey is a Drake term used to indicate a push key on a control panel which, when pressed, will generate an audio route (or routes), hence providing 'direct access' to a destination.
dB	The decibel (abbreviated as dB, and also as db and DB) is a com- mon unit of measurement for the relative loudness of a sound or, in electronics, for the relative difference between two power levels. A decibel is one-tenth of a "Bel", a seldom-used unit named after Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. In sound, the dif- ference between two sound levels is ten times the common loga- rithm of the ratio of their power levels.





Destination part	The part used as the target part when essigning a route
Destination port	The port used as the target port when assigning a route.
EPROM	Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory is a special type of memory that retains its contents until it is exposed to ultraviolet light. The ultraviolet light clears its contents, making it possible to reprogram the memory. To write to and erase an EPROM, you need a special device called a PROM programmer or PROM burner. An EPROM differs from a PROM in that a PROM can be written to only once and cannot be erased. EPROMs are used widely in personal computers because they enable the manufacturer to change the contents of the PROM before the computer is actually shipped. This means that bugs can be removed and new versions installed shortly before delivery.
GPI	A G eneral P urpose Interface is a series of digital control lines, com- prising both inputs and outputs which allows the connection of third party pieces of equipment to a Drake CSU (q.v.). By programming the operation of these control lines through the CMAPSi (q.v.) pack- age, a third party piece of equipment can be made to interact with the CSU.
GPSF	A General Purpose Special Function is a set of CSU commands which can be associated with a GPI (q.v.) input, such that the com- mands are executed when the logic level of the specified input changes to the desired state. For example, a GPSF could be used to generate an audio route between two ports when one of the GPI input pins became logic 'high'.
Howlround	Distorted audio - due to feedback of original signal in close proxim- ity. An audio resonance which is generated by the audio from an output being fed back into its input. Feedback is characterised by a high pitch 'squeal' and can be observed when a microphone is placed in close proximity to a loudspeaker when there is an audio route between the microphone and the loudspeaker.
I/O	Input/Output
I/P	Input
IFB	Interruptable Foldback provides a caller with the ability to talk over a normal audio feed (source) to an operator (destination). An IFB defines matrix connections between source and destination ports while allowing IFB callers to interrupt a source and talk to a destination.
Local Programming	Modifying the DAK assignments via the Intelligent Control Panel SOFT Mode

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LCD	A Liquid Crystal Display is a type of display used in digital watches and many portable computers. LCD displays utilize two sheets of polarizing material with a liquid crystal solution between them. An electric current passed through the liquid causes the crystals to align so that light cannot pass through them. Each crystal, there- fore, is like a shutter, either allowing light to pass through or block- ing the light.
LED	A Light Emitting Diode is an electronic device that lights up when electricity is passed through it.
Listen Route	An audio route to the Control Panel from a source. The audio is nor- mally heard on the Control Panel's Loudspeaker or Headset.
LS	The Loudspeaker is a device that converts electrical signals into sound waves.
МВ	A M ega B yte is a term used for data size: 1MB = 1,024 bytes
MHz	M egahert z is a term used to express the speed of a waveform. 1 MHz = 1 million Hertz (q.v.), or cycles per second. The speed of microprocessors, called the clock speed, is measured in megahertz.
N/C	A N ormally C losed contact is a contact that is always closed until operated.
N/O	A N ormally O pen contact is a contact that is always open until oper- ated.
NID	A N on Intrusive D ownload is a means of sending new configuration information from a personal computer to a Drake CSU while causing minimum interruption to the live operation of the system.
NVRAM	Non-Volatile Random Access Memory is a type of memory that retains its contents when power is turned off. One type of NVRAM is SRAM that is made non-volatile by connecting it to a constant power source such as a battery. Another type of NVRAM uses EEP- ROM chips to save its contents when power is turned off. In this case, NVRAM is composed of a combination of SRAM and EEP- ROM chips.
O/P	Output
PCB	A P rinted C ircuit B oard is a thin plate on which silicon chips and other electronic components are placed.
Pot.	A Pot entiometer is a variable resistance device used to control sound levels.
PSU	A P ower S upply U nit is a unit which converts an electrical supply to one suitable for driving a given piece of equipment. Typically, a power supply unit will convert from alternating current to direct current and will step down the supply voltage.



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ac	andom A ccess M emory is a type of computer memory that can be cessed randomly; that is, any byte of memory can be accessed thout touching the preceding bytes.	
fitt rec typ ma	Rear Connector Unit. Larger Drake CSUs are configurable by the fitting of extra boards to a passive backplane. Some of these boards require connections to the outside world. These connections are typically provided on a second (smaller) board which mates with the main board at its rear. These smaller connector units are referred to as 'Rear Connector Units'.	
	e R oot M ean S quared value of a set of figures is the square root mean average of the square of each value.	
inc eq	standard R ack U nit is a measurement used in the broadcast dustry to indicate the amount of cabinet (or rack) space a piece of uipment will require. 1 RU is 19 inches wide by 1.75 inches high r 482.6 mm by 44.45 mm).	
era	de tone is the audio, heard in the Headset earpiece, which is gen- ated by the headset microphone. This allows the operators to ar themselves when using headsets.	
Source port Th	e port used as the origin when assigning a route.	
ex na co	Terminal Adaptor is a device that connects a computer to an ternal digital communications line, such as an ISDN line. A termi- I adapter is a bit like a modem, but whereas a modem needs to nvert between analogue and digital signals, a terminal adapter ly needs to pass along digital signals.	
Talkback A I	broadcast term referring to the intercom system.	
au	a audio route from the Control Panel to another destination. The dio is normally generated from the Control Panel's main micro- one or Headset microphone.	
TBU Te	lephone Balance Unit.	
lev	Voice Operated Crosspoint is a a switch which operates when the vel of a signal passing through it rises above a certain threshold vel. This threshold is normally adjustable either electronically or	
me	echanically, depending on the type of switch.	

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The following terms and symbols are used throughout this document:



Consult the named **Drake** document for further details.



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DANGER: Life-threatening warnings



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Documentation Set

The following documentation is also supplied with this product:

- 4000 Series II User Guide
- 4000 Series II Installation Guide



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 System Overview

The EASi-COM II is a Communications System using a central switching matrix for routing calls between outstations connected in a star format.

The central switching matrix uses a controller for control and configuration purposes and an analogue switching element allowing multiple routes to be made simultaneously. Analogue audio, DCC inputs and outputs, are also provided as part of the EASi-COM II system.

A range of Control Panels is available providing a suitable user interface for making and receiving calls over the system. These panels feature push buttons configured to operate specific routes or activate control functions. The key actions are sent as digital data using a serial link to the central matrix for interpretation by the controller and information is returned to the control panel by the same method. Audio and data is connected via standard multi-core twisted pair wiring.

A call is initiated on a control panel by pressing one of the Direct Access Keys (DAK). This activates crosspoints, located in the Matrix, which make the audio route (or routes) to the desired destination(s). Routing can be one-way (e.g. talk only) or two-way (talk and listen simultaneously) and several callers can speak to the same destination at the same time.

Destinations and sources may be beltpacks, IFBs, 2-wire or 4-wire circuits, or other panels, individually or grouped.

A camera conference facility is also available, configured via the Matrix DIL switches, which allows people to communicate in a conference mode. This is similar in operation to the Conference Ring (Party Line) facilities available in older, more conventional systems.



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2. MATRIX DESCRIPTION

2.1 Overview

The EASi-COM II matrix comprises a 2RU by 19-inch rack mount unit with all connections made from the rear. The Matrix contains a power supply, capable of powering the Control Panels, connected via a standard IEC.

Forced air-cooling is provided within the unit to maintain the unit at the correct operating temperatures. Inadequate or obstructed ventilation may result in serious damage to the system.

Switch options are available behind a removable cover to set the Matrix into a number of operating modes. Adjustments are also accessible from the front to change input and output levels in parts of the system.

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2.1.1 Front View

- 1 DC Fuse 1
- 2 DC Power LED 1
- 3 DC Fuse 2
- 4 DC Power LED 2
- 5 DC Fuse 3
- 6 DC Power LED 3
- 7 Mains AC Fuse
- 8 Power ON LED
- 9 Matrix Configuration Switches
- 10 Control Panel Activity LEDs
- 11 Port 5 to 14 I/O Level and Balance Controls



2.2 Controls and Indicators

2.2.1 Supply 1 Fuse

This is a 6.3A Anti-surge fuse.



Contact Drake for suitable replacement part.

2.2.2 Supply 1 Fuse Indicator

This indicates if the supply fuse has blown. The LED is on if the power is on and the fuse is OK.

2.2.3 Supply 2 Fuse

This is a 6.3A Anti-surge fuse.



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2.2.4 Supply 2 Fuse Indicator

This indicates if the supply fuse has blown. The LED is on if the power is on and the fuse is OK.

2.2.5 Supply 3 Fuse

This is a 2A Anti-surge fuse.



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2.2.6 Supply 3 Fuse Indicator

This indicates if the supply fuse has blown. The LED is on if the power is on and the fuse is OK.

2.2.7 AC Supply Fuse

This is a 6.3A Anti-surge fuse for 120 Volts operation or 3.15A Anti surge fuse for 240 Volts operation.



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2.2.8 Power On Indicator

This indicates if the AC supply fuse has blown. The LED is on if the power is on and the fuse is OK.

2.2.9 Matrix Configuration Switches

These are used to configure the matrix operation.



Consult the Drake Installation Guide for further details.

2.2.10 Control Panel Active Indicators

This indicates if a control panel is connected to a port and is communicating to the matrix.

2.2.11 Input, Output and Balance Adjustments

The input and output levels for ports 7 to 14 can be adjusted by +/- 10 dB. Turn the adjusters anticlockwise to increase the gain and clockwise to reduce the gain

If ports 5 to 10 are 2-wire ports, either beltpacks or cameras, then the 2-wire sidetone, or balance, can be reduced.



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3. THE 1310 CONTROL PANEL (1RU)

3.1 Overview

The EASi-COM 1310 Control Panel is a 1RU by 19-inch rack mounting unit. The Matrix powers the Control Panel for distances up to 150m but for greater distances the panel can be powered from an external supply. The panel can then be located at distances up to 500m, depending on cable type.

The Control Panel features sixteen pushbutton Direct Access Keys (DAK) which allow communication with all ports in the system. The DAKs can be programmed to have separate Talk and Listen actions or a combined Talk + Listen action. All programming is lost when power is removed, but jumpers on the Control Panel circuit board can set the power on defaults.

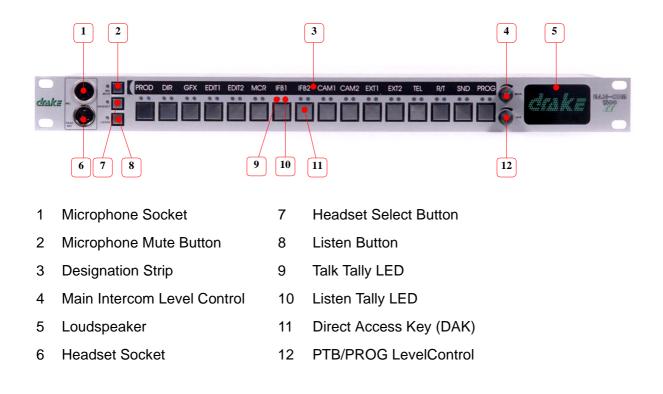
The 1310 - 16 Key Control Panel Level Control Panel has the following features:

- 16 pushbutton Direct Access Keys
- Programmable pushbuttons for talk, listen, and talk + listen functions
- Loudspeaker output jack
- Separate audio inputs and level controls for Main Intercom and Production Talkback/Programme
- DC powered from the Matrix or an external power supply
- Audio and control interface options
- Full signalisation of send and receive routes
- Plug-in microphone or headset operation
- Microphone gain, headset gain and side-tone adjustment at rear
- Headset connector with pushbutton select
- Designation strip for key identification





3.1.1 Front View





3.2 Controls and Indicators

3.2.1 Microphone Socket

Insert the optional microphone into this socket. The detachable microphone is connected via a 3-pin screw locking DIN connector.



Contact **Drake** for suitable detachable microphone options.

3.2.2 Microphone Mute Button

Press the Microphone Mute Button to mute the microphone. The red LED is illuminated if the microphone is muted.

3.2.3 Designation Strip

Insert a Designation Strip to indicate the area of communication for each of the direct access keys.

3.2.4 Main Intercom Level Control

Turn the main volume control clockwise to increase intercom volume, anticlockwise to decrease.

3.2.5 Loudspeaker

Audio is output from the loudspeaker unless the headset Select Button (see item 3.2.7) is on or an external loudspeaker is connected via the External Loudspeaker jack socket.



Contact Drake for suitable external loudspeaker options.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details on connecting external loudspeakers.

3.2.6 Headset Socket

The 5 pin DIN Headset socket is used to connect an optional headset for use when the main microphone and loudspeaker are not required.



(Headsets should be used in areas where a number of control panels are used in close proximity; this should avoid any possibility of howlround occurring).



Contact **Drake** for suitable headset options.

3.2.7 Headset Select Button

The Headset Button is used to select headset operation. When it is switched on, the LED is on, the headset microphone is active and the main microphone and loudspeaker are muted.

3.2.8 Listen Button

The Listen Button allows listen routes to be switched on independently of talk routes. This mode will only operate on a DAK if it has been programmed for separate Talk and Listen actions (see item 3.2.11).

Whilst the Listen Button is being pressed, the DAK's can be pressed to turn the Listen Route on or off.

3.2.9 Talk Tally LED

This Red LED indicates that audio is being sent by the control panel to the destination associated with the DAK.

3.2.10 Listen Tally LED

This Green LED indicates that audio is being received by the control panel from the source associated with the DAK.

3.2.11 Direct Access Key (DAK)

The Control Panel has sixteen Direct Access Key buttons. These buttons are used to make Listen and/or Talk routes to and from the Control Panel.

The buttons operate with a Latch/Non-latch mode of operation. A quick press of the button latches it on and any other press will switch the button latch off. A prolonged press will keep the button switched until it is released.

3.2.11.1 Programming

The Direct Access Keys can be programmed with a combined Talk-Listen action, i.e. a 2-way audio route, or as separate Talk and Listen actions. The mode is selected by simultaneously pressing and holding the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons.

While the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons are being pressed, the tally LED's for the DAK's will flash if programmed as combined Talk/Listen or will be off if set for separate Talk and Listen actions.

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Pressing any of the DAK's while the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons are also pressed will change the mode of operation for that DAK between combined Talk/Listen or separate Talk and Listen.

When a DAK is in the separate Talk and Listen mode, the Listen action can be selected separately using the Listen Button (See item 3.2.8).

3.2.12 PTB/PROG Level Control

Turn the auxiliary volume control clockwise to increase the auxiliary channel volume, or anticlockwise to decrease. The auxiliary channel is usually set-up as production Talkback or Program Sound.

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4. THE 1320 CONTROL PANEL (2RU)

4.1 Overview

The EASi-COM 1320 Control Panel is a 2RU by 19-inch rack mounting unit. The Matrix powers the Control Panel for distances up to 150m but for greater distances the panel can be powered from an external supply. The panel can then be located at distances up to 500m, depending on cable type.

The Control Panel features sixteen pushbutton Direct Access Keys (DAK) which allow communication with all ports in the system. The DAKs can be programmed to have separate Talk and Listen actions or a combined Talk + Listen action. All programming is lost when power is removed, but jumpers on the Control Panel circuit board can set the power on defaults.

This Control Panel is equipped with a DTMF keypad to dial up across telephone lines when an appropriate Telephone Hybrid is connected to the Matrix.

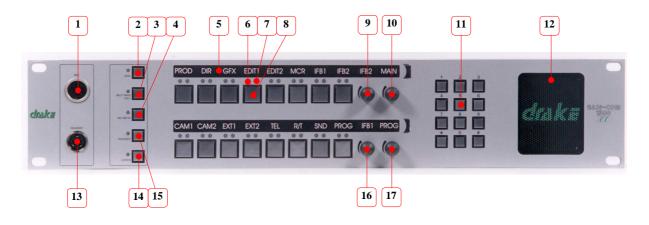
The 1320 - 16 Key Control Panel Level Control Panel has the following features:

- 16 pushbutton Direct Access Keys
- Programmable pushbuttons for talk, listen, and talk + listen functions
- DTMF keypad for telephone dialling operation
- Loudspeaker output jack
- Separate audio inputs and level controls for Main Intercom, Auxiliary 1 and 2, and production Talkback/Programme
- VOX detection on the Auxiliary 1 and 2 inputs
- DC powered from the Matrix or an external power supply
- Audio and control interface options
- Full signalisation of send and receive routes
- Plug-in microphone or headset operation
- Microphone gain, headset gain and side-tone adjustment at rear
- Headset connector with pushbutton select
- Designation strip for key identification





4.1.1 Front View



- 1 Microphone Socket
- 2 Dial Button
- 3 Beltpack Call Button
- 4 Microphone Mute Button
- 5 Designation Strip
- 6 Talk Tally LED
- 7 Listen Tally LED
- 8 Direct Access Key (DAK)
- 9 Auxiliary 2 Level Control (IFB2)

- 10 Main Intercom Level Control
- 11 DTMF Dial Keypad
- 12 Loudspeaker
- 13 Headset Socket
- 14 Listen Button
- 15 Headset Select Button
- 16 Auxiliary 1 Level Control (IFB2)
- 17 PTB/PROG Level Control

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4.2 Controls and Indicators

4.2.1 Microphone Socket

Insert the optional microphone into this socket. The detachable microphone is connected via a 3-pin screw locking DIN connector.



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4.2.2 Dial Button

Press the dial button to use the DTMF keypad.

4.2.2.1 DTMF Tone to RT Equipment.

Operating the Dial Button allows the panel to send DTMF tone to RT equipment, if connected.



Contact **Drake** for suitable RT equipment options.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details on connecting RT equipment.

4.2.2.2 Dialling Telephone Lines

Operating the Dial Button allows the panel to dial to a telephone line if a telephone hybrid is connected to the system. The red LED is illuminated if DTMF is enabled and this will only operate if a telephone hybrid is connected and switched on. In addition, this button grabs the telephone line and opens a Talk and Listen route.



Contact Drake for suitable Telephone Hybrid options.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details on connecting telephone hybrids.



4.2.3 Beltpack Call Button

Press the beltpack call button to initiate a call and illuminate the call LED on the beltpacks if connected. The red LED is illuminated while the button is being pressed. This is a non-latch button.



Contact **Drake** for more details on Beltpacks and other related products.

4.2.4 Microphone Mute Button

Press the Microphone Mute Button to mute the microphone. The red LED is illuminated if the microphone is muted.

4.2.5 Designation Strip

Insert a Designation Strip to indicate the area of communication for each of the direct access keys.

4.2.6 Talk Tally LED

This Red LED indicates that audio is being sent by the control panel to the destination associated with the DAK.

4.2.7 Listen Tally LED

This Green LED indicates that audio is being received by the control panel from the source associated with the DAK.

4.2.8 Direct Access Key (DAK)

The Control Panel has sixteen Direct Access Key buttons. These buttons are used to make Listen and/or Talk routes to and from the Control Panel.

The buttons operate with a Latch/Non-latch mode of operation. A quick press of the button latches it on and any other press will switch the button latch off. A prolonged press will keep the button switched until it is released.

4.2.8.1 Programming

The Direct Access Keys can be programmed with a combined Talk-Listen action, i.e. a 2-way audio route, or as separate Talk and Listen actions. The mode is selected by simultaneously pressing and holding the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons.

While the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons are being pressed, the tally LED's for the DAK's will flash if programmed as combined Talk/Listen or will be off if set for separate Talk and Listen actions.

Pressing any of the DAK's while the Headset and Microphone Mute buttons are also pressed will change the mode of operation for that DAK between combined Talk/Listen or separate Talk and Listen.



When a DAK is in the separate Talk and Listen mode, the Listen action can be selected separately using the Listen Button (See item 4.2.15).

4.2.9 Auxiliary 2 Level Control

Turn the main volume control clockwise to increase intercom volume, anticlockwise to decrease.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details.

4.2.10 Main Intercom Level Control

Turn the auxiliary volume control clockwise to increase the auxiliary channel volume, or anticlockwise to decrease.

4.2.11 DTMF Dial Keypad

Use the keypad for dialling to a telephone line if connected, or generating a DTMF tone for transmission by radio talkback.

4.2.12 Loudspeaker

Audio is output from the loudspeaker unless the headset Select Button (see item 4.2.14) is on, or an external loudspeaker is connected via the External Loudspeaker jack socket.



Contact **Drake** for suitable external loudspeaker options.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details on connecting external loudspeakers.

4.2.13 Headset Socket

The 5 pin DIN Headset Socket is used to connect an optional headset for use when the main microphone and loudspeaker are not required.

(Headsets should be used in areas where a number of control panels are used in close proximity, this should avoid any possibility of howlround occurring).



Contact Drake for suitable Headset options.



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4.2.14 Headset Select Button

The Headset Button is used to select headset operation. When it is switched on, the LED is on, the headset microphone is active and the main microphone and loudspeaker are muted.

4.2.15 Listen Button

The Listen Button allows listen routes to be switched on independently of talk routes. This mode will only operate on a DAK if it has been programmed for separate Talk and Listen actions (see item 4.2.8.1).

While the Listen Button is being pressed, the DAK's can be pressed to turn the Listen Route on or off.

4.2.16 Auxiliary 1 Level Control

Turn the auxiliary volume control clockwise to increase the auxiliary channel volume, or anticlockwise to decrease.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details.

4.2.17 PTB/PROG Level Control

Turn the Prog/PTB volume control clockwise to increase the auxiliary channel volume, or anticlockwise to decrease.



Consult the **Drake** Installation Guide for further details.





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