



Surround Panner Option

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- EN55103 – 2, environment E4
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- 1) Read these instructions.
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- 5) Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6) Clean only with dry cloth.
- 7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
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Chapter 1: Introduction

The Pro Tools® Surround Panner Option from JL Cooper provides a touch-sensitive Joystick for surround panning, along with other output and panner controls.

Surround Panner Option Components

The following components are included in the Surround Panner Option package:

- Surround Panner Option
- Surround Panner Option disc
- Registration Information Card

System Requirements

The Surround Panner Option has the following system requirements:

- A Digidesign-qualified Pro Tools|HD® system, or Pro Tools LE® system with the Complete Production Toolkit option, installed on a Digidesign®-qualified Windows or Mac computer.
- The Surround Panner Option Controller Personality File installed in the Controllers folder. (See Chapter 2, “Installation.”).
- Available MIDI In and Out connections on a MIDI interface, to communicate with Pro Tools®.

 *The Surround Panner option is not compatible for use with other Joystick panner options.*

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Chapter 2: Installation

The following are basic instructions for installing and configuring the Surround Panner Option for use in your Pro Tools system.

Installing the Surround Panner Option

To install the Surround Panner Option:

- 1 Connect the double-ended MIDI cable to the appropriate In and Out ports on your MIDI Interface.
- 2 Make sure the Surround Panner Option Controller Personality File is correctly installed in the Controllers directory (folder), as follows:
 - Mac OS X: Applications/Digidesign/Pro Tools/Controllers
 - Windows: Program Files/Common Files/Digidesign/DAE/Controllers

If the Surround Panner Option Controller Personality File is not installed, install it using the Surround Panner Option disc.

Configuring MIDI and Pro Tools for the Surround Panner Option

Your MIDI setup and Pro Tools must be configured to support the Surround Panner Option.

Configuring Audio MIDI Setup (Mac Only)

On Mac systems, use Audio MIDI Setup to check MIDI communication with the Surround Panner Option.

To update AMS for the Surround Panner Option:

- 1 Do one of the following:
 - Launch the Apple Audio MIDI Setup (Applications/Utilities).
 - or –
 - In Pro Tools, choose Setup > MIDI > Studio Setup.
- 2 Click MIDI Devices.
- 3 Choose MIDI > Add New External Device.
- 4 Double-click the New External Device icon.

- 5 Enter a name for the device (such as “Surround Panner”).
- 6 Click Properties.
- 7 Enable the appropriate Channels for the Receives and Transmits options.
- 8 Click Apply and close the Properties window.
- 9 In the Audio MIDI Studio Setup window, drag a connection from the MIDI In of the Surround Panner Option device to the MIDI Out of your MIDI interface.
- 10 In the Audio MIDI Studio Setup window, drag a connection from the MIDI Out of the Surround Panner Option device to the MIDI In of your MIDI interface.
- 11 Choose Audio MIDI Setup > Quit Audio MIDI Setup.

 See the Setup Guide that came with your system for more information about Audio MIDI Setup.

Configuring MIDI Studio Setup (Windows Only)

On Windows systems, use MIDI Studio Setup to configure MIDI communication with the Surround Panner Option.

MSS automatically finds the MIDI ports on Surround Panner Option, and lets you specify a custom name for each port on the Surround Panner Option within the MIDI Studio Setup document.

To define a MIDI port on the Surround Panner Option with MIDI Studio Setup:

- 1 Launch Pro Tools.
- 2 Choose Setup > MIDI > MIDI Studio.
- 3 Click Create.
- 4 Enter a name in the Instrument Name field and press Enter.
- 5 From the Input Port pop-up menu, select the MIDI In of the Surround Panner Option.
- 6 From the Output Port pop-up menu, select the MIDI Output of the Surround Panner Option.

 See the Setup Guide that came with your system for more information about MIDI Studio Setup.

Enabling the Surround Panner Option in Pro Tools

To enable the Surround Panner Option in Pro Tools:

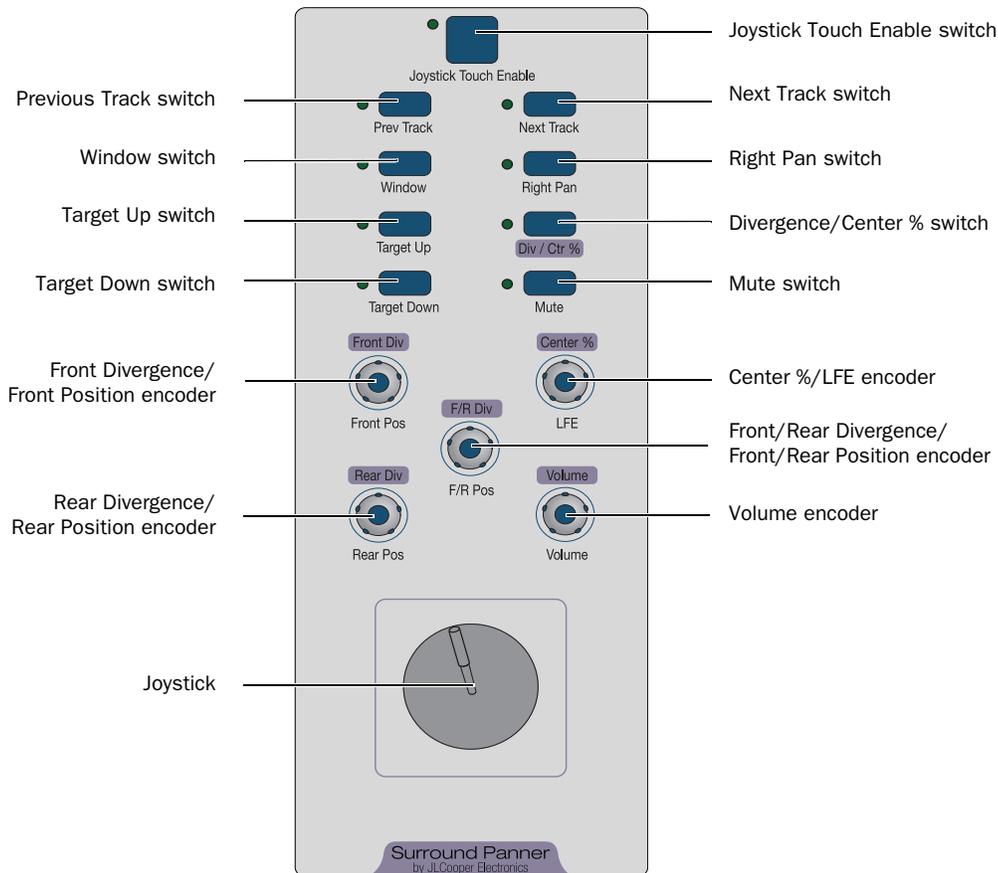
- 1 Launch Pro Tools.
- 2 Choose Setup > Peripherals and click the MIDI Controllers tab.
- 3 From the Type pop-up menu, select Surround Panner.
- 4 Choose the Surround Panner (or its MIDI ports) in the Receive From and Send To pop-up menus.
- 5 Click OK.



Once the Surround Panner has been enabled in the Peripherals dialog, you can also disable (and re-enable) it in the Input Devices dialog (Setup > MIDI > Input Devices). See the Pro Tools Reference Guide for more information.

Chapter 3: Surround Panner Controls

Surround Panner Top Panel



Surround Panner controls

Switch Section

The Surround Panner Option has nine switches. Each switch has an LED.

Joystick Touch Enable Switch and LED

The Joystick Touch Enable switch enables Touch Enable mode. The switch's LED is lit when the switch is enabled (Touch Enable mode).

In this mode, Pro Tools responds to Joystick moves (Touch On and Off messages) on the Surround Panner Option. A Touch On message is sent when the Joystick is touched and a Touch Off message is sent when the Joystick is released.

⚠ When focusing to a new track or output, the Joystick needs to be let go and retouched. This is to avoid accidentally changing the panning location on an adjacent output.

Prev Track Switch and LED

The Prev Track (Previous Track) switch moves panner focus to the track above (Edit window) or on the left (Mix window). The switch's LED is momentarily lit while it is pressed.

💡 Targeting a track or send output with the Prev Track or Next Track switches does not change the focused track on an Icon workspace.

Window Switch and LED

The Window switch lets you open and close the Panner window of the targeted main output or send.

The switch's LED is lit when the Panner window is open and unlit when the Panner window is closed.

⚠ *If the Panner window is open when moving the panner focus with the Prev Track, Next Track, Target Up, or Target Down switches, the Panner window will update with each newly-focused track.*

Target Up Switch and LED

The Target Up switch lets you step upwards through the main output and send panners on the focused track (so that you can select a panner to control). The switch's LED is lit while it is pressed.

Target Down Switch and LED

The Target Down switch lets you step downwards through the main output and send panners on the focused track (so that you can select a panner to control). The switch's LED is lit while it is pressed.

Next Track Switch and LED

The Next Track switch moves panner focus to the track below (Edit window) or on the right (Mix window). The switch's LED is lit while it is pressed.

💡 *Targeting a track or send output with the Prev Track or Next Track switches does not change the focused track on an Icon worksurface.*

Right Pan Switch and LED

The Right Pan switch toggles focus between panners on a stereo track. The switch's LED is lit when the right channel panner is focused.

⚠ *If a mono track is targeted after selecting Right Pan on a stereo track, you will need to manually deselect the Right Pan switch to enable the Joystick to control the panner on the mono track.*

Divergence/Center % Switch and LED

When the Div/Ctr % switch is enabled, rotary encoders control the Divergence and Center % parameters. When the switch is disabled, rotary encoders control Position/LFE.

The switch's LED is lit in Div/Ctr % mode.

Mute Switch and LED

The Mute switch mutes either the track or send output that the panner is assigned to. The switch's LED is lit when the track or switch is muted.

Rotary Encoder Section

The Rotary Encoder section consists of five rotary encoders.

The Volume encoder controls the track's volume if the track's Output window is targeted. When any of the track's sends is targeted, the Volume encoder will control the send's volume.

The other encoders are mapped to control either Divergence/Center % or Position/LFE parameters, depending on whether the Divergence/Center % switch is enabled or disabled.

Divergence/Center % Mode Mapping

(Div/Ctr % Enabled)

In Div/Ctr % mode (Div/Ctr % switch enabled), the encoders determine the width of the panned signal with respect to neighboring speakers, as follows:

Front Div (Front Divergence) Provides separate divergence control over the front speakers.

F/R Div (Front/Rear Divergence) Provides separate divergence control between front and rear speakers.

Rear Divergence Provides separate divergence control over the rear speakers.

Center % Controls how much of a signal is routed to the center speaker.

Volume Controls the track's volume if the track's Output window is targeted. When any of the track's sends is targeted, the Volume encoder will control the send's volume.

Position/LFE Mode Mapping

(Div/Ctr % Switch Disabled)

In Position/LFE mode (Div/Ctr % switch disabled), the encoders function as follows:

Front Pos (Front Position) Controls the current front X-axis (left-to-right) position of the panner.

F/R Pos (Front/Rear Position) Controls the current Y-axis (front-to-rear) position of the panner.

Rear Pos (Rear Position) Controls the current rear X-axis (left-to-right) position of the panner.

LFE (Low Frequency Effects) Controls how much of the current track's signal will be routed to the LFE channel. This control is only available in ".1" surround formats (5.1, 6.1, and 7.1)

Volume Controls the track's volume if the track's Output window is targeted. When any of the track's sends is targeted, the Volume encoder will control the send's volume.

Joystick

The Joystick on the Surround Panner Option is touch-sensitive. There is no visual feedback for positional movement when the panner is not engaged.

 *Enable the Joystick Touch Enable switch to “take over” (and begin using) the Joystick for panner automation.*

Joystick behavior is based on the current Automation mode.

Touch Automation Mode

In Touch Automation mode, you must enable the Joystick Touch Enable switch in order for Pro Tools to respond to your Joystick moves (Touch On and Off messages).

If the Joystick is already being touched when the Joystick Touch Enable switch is pressed, the Surround Panner Option will send a Touch On message immediately and begin writing pan automation moves.

When you release the Joystick, a Touch Off occurs, and Pro Tools will revert back to reading existing automation. You can touch the Joystick again to resume writing panner moves.

To avoid “jumps” in automation data when retouching the Joystick, disable Touch Enable mode, place the Joystick where needed, and then re-enable Touch Enable mode and touch the panner.

Latch Automation Mode

In Latch Automation mode, you must enable the Joystick Touch Enable switch in order for Pro Tools to respond to your Joystick moves (Touch On and Off messages).

If the Joystick is already being touched when the Joystick Touch Enable switch is pressed, the Surround Panner Option will send a Touch On message immediately and begin writing pan automation moves.

When you release the Joystick, a Touch Off occurs, and automation will continue to be written at the Joystick location. You can touch the Joystick again to resume writing panner moves. All automation continues to be written, whether you are touching the Joystick or not.

Write Automation Mode

In Write Automation mode, you must enable the Joystick Touch Enable switch in order for Pro Tools to respond to your Joystick moves (Touch On and Off messages).

If the Joystick is already being touched when the Joystick Touch Enable switch is pressed, the Surround Panner Option will send a Touch On message immediately and begin writing pan automation moves.

When you release the Joystick, a Touch Off occurs, and automation will continue to be written at the Joystick location.

You can touch the Joystick again to resume writing panner moves. All automation continues to be written until the Transport is stopped.

 *The rotary encoders on Surround Panner Option are not touch-sensitive. An encoder will drop out of writing automation if the encoder is stationary for a set amount of time, even if you are still touching it. The set amount of time is defined in the Touch Timeout setting in the Automation Preferences page. See the Pro Tools Reference Guide for more information.*

Chapter 4: Using the Pro Tools Surround Panner

Targeting Panners

To target a track's main output or send panners:

- Press the Target Up or Target Down switch to scroll through the track's currently available main output and send panners.

To focus the previous or next track:

- Press the Prev Track or Next Track switch.



You can also focus a track by clicking on the Output window of the track or send with a mouse.

Display of Targeted Panners

The currently targeted output or send is indicated with a colored outline.

When only one peripheral (such as a Surround Panner Option or a control surface) has targeted a panner, the outline color is based on the position in which the peripheral was declared in the Peripherals dialog.

Display Behavior when One Peripheral Targets a Panner

Outline Color (for Panner Targeted by One Peripheral)	Order Peripheral Was Declared in the Peripherals Dialog
Blue	First declared peripheral
Yellow	Second declared peripheral
Purple	Third declared peripheral
Green	Fourth declared peripheral

When more than one peripheral targets the same Output or Send, its display will be outlined in white.

Working with Stereo Tracks and Panners

When panning stereo tracks, left and right sides can be panned independently (unlinked).

To temporarily unlink stereo panners:

- 1 Release the Joystick.
- 2 Press and hold the Control key and use the Joystick again.

Panning with the Joystick

The Surround Panner Option features a Joystick for 360° surround panning. Once the desired Panner or Output window is targeted, panning can be input using the Joystick (explained below) or the rotary encoders (explained in “Panning with the Rotary Encoders” on page 10).

To pan with the Joystick:

- 1 Target the output you want to pan (see “Targeting Panners” on page 9).
- 2 Press the Joystick Touch Enable switch and begin panning with the Joystick.

Panning with the Rotary Encoders

The Surround Panner Option rotary encoders provide direct control of Front, Rear, and Front/Rear Divergence, Center percentage, LFE level and channel Volume.

 *Each Surround Panner Option encoder is dual-purposed, except for the Volume encoder.*

The Surround Panner Option supports the following Pro Tools panning modes: X/Y mode, 3-Knob mode, and Divergence Editing. The Surround Panner Option does not support AutoGlide mode.

Position/LFE and Divergence/Ctr % Modes

All of the Surround Panner Option encoders (except for the Volume encoder) are dual-functional controls. They can be used for encoder-based panning (Position/LFE mode), or for divergence and parameter editing (Div/Ctr % mode). The desired mode is selected with the Div/Ctr % switch.

Fine-Adjust Mode

The Surround Panner Option supports fine-adjust mode for all encoders, using the standard Pro Tools command.

To pan in fine-adjust mode:

- Press Control (Windows) or Command (Mac) and rotate any encoder.

To pan using the encoders (Position/LFE mode):

- 1 Focus the track that has the output you want to pan (See “Targeting Panners” on page 9).
- 2 Target the output you want to pan (see “Targeting Panners” on page 9).
- 3 Enable Position/LFE mode by pressing the Div/Ctr % switch, so that the Div/Ctr % switch LED is not lit.
- 4 Adjust the Front Pos (Front Position), Rear Pos (Rear Position), or F/R P (Front/Rear Position) encoders as appropriate.

Adjusting Other Parameters

The Surround Panner Option rotary encoders can adjust channel volume, LFE contribution, Divergence parameters, and Center Percentage.

Volume

To adjust volume:

- Use the Volume encoder in either Position/LFE or Div/Ctr % mode.

The Volume encoder controls the track’s volume if the track’s Output window is targeted. When any of the track’s sends is targeted, the Volume encoder will control the send’s volume.

LFE

To adjust the LFE slider:

- Use the LFE encoder while in Position/LFE mode.

Adjusting Divergence and Center Percentage

The Surround Panner Option can adjust a panner’s divergence and center parameters.

To adjust divergence:

- 1 Enable Div/Ctr % mode by pressing the Div/Ctr % switch, so that the Div/Ctr % switch LED is lit.
- 2 Adjust the Front Div (Front Divergence), Rear Div (Rear Divergence), or F/R Div (Front/Rear Divergence) encoders as appropriate.

To adjust Center Percentage:

- 1 Enable Div/Ctr % mode by pressing the Div/Ctr % switch, so that the Div/Ctr % switch LED is lit.
- 2 Rotate the Center % encoder as desired.



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