Model RTS 2718
LVDS Digital I/O Rackmount Recorder

General Information
The Talon® RTS 2718 is a complete turnkey system for recording and playing back digital data using the Pentek Model 78610 LVDS digital I/O board. Using highly optimized disk storage technology, the system achieves sustained recording rates of up to 1.6 GB/sec.

The RTS 2718 utilizes a 32-bit LVDS interface that can be clocked at speeds up to 250 MHz. It includes Data Valid and Suspend signals and provides the ability to turn these signals on and off as well as control their polarity.

Optional GPS time and position stamping accurately identifies each record in the file header.

SystemFlow Software
The RTS 2718 includes the SystemFlow Recording Software. SystemFlow features a Windows-based GUI (Graphical User Interface) that provides a simple means to configure and control the system.

Custom configurations can be stored as profiles and later loaded when needed, allowing the user to select preconfigured settings with a single click.

Built on a Windows 7 Professional workstation, the RTS 2718 allows the user to install post-processing and analysis tools to operate on the recorded data.

Data can be off-loaded via two gigabit Ethernet ports or eight USB ports. Additionally, data can be copied to optical disk using the 8X double layer DVD±R/RW drive.

Flexible Architecture
The RTS 2718 is configured in a 4U 19" rack-mountable chassis, with hot-swap data drives, front panel USB ports and I/O connectors on the rear panel.

Systems are scalable to accommodate multiple chassis to increase channel counts and aggregate data rates.

All recorder chassis are connected via Ethernet and can be controlled from a single GUI either locally or from a remote PC.

Multiple RAID levels, including 0, 1, 5, 6, 10 and 50, provide a choice for the required level of redundancy. Up to 16 hot-swappable SATA drives are optionally available, allowing up to 20 terabytes of real-time data storage space in a single 4U chassis.

SystemFlow API
SystemFlow includes a complete API (Application Programming Interface) that supports control and status queries of all operations of the RTS 2718 from a custom application.

High-level C-language function calls and the supporting device drivers allow users to incorporate the RTS 2718 as a high-performance server front end to a larger system. This is supported using a socket interface through the Ethernet port, either to a local host or through an internet link for remote, stand-alone acquisition. Recorded NTFS files can be easily retrieved through the same connection.

Contact factory for options, recording rates, and disk capacity.
SystemFlow Graphical User Interface

The RTS 2718 GUI shows a block diagram of the system and provides the user with a control interface for the recording system. It includes Configure, Record, Playback, and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to configure parameters, control and monitor a recording, and play back a recorded stream.

SystemFlow Main Interface

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SystemFlow Hardware Configuration Interface

The Configure screen presents operational system parameters including temperature and voltages. These parameters include data valid and suspend enables, as well as polarity control for both signals. All parameters contain limit-checking and integrated help to provide an easier-to-use out-of-the-box experience.

SystemFlow Record Interface

The SystemFlow Record screen allows you to browse a folder and enter a file name for the recording. The length of the recording for each channel can be specified in megabytes or in seconds. Intuitive buttons for Record, Pause and Stop simplify operation. Status indicators for each channel display the mode, the number of recorded bytes, and the average data rate. A Data Loss indicator alerts the user to any problem, such as a disk full condition.

By checking the Master Record boxes, any combination of channels in the lower screen can be grouped for synchronous recording via the upper Master Record screen. The recording time can be specified, and monitoring functions inform the operator of recording progress.
Specifications

PC Workstation
Operating System: Windows 7 Professional
Processor: Intel Core i7 processor
Clock Speed: 3.0 GHz or higher
SDRAM: 8 GB
RAID
Storage: 2.0–100.0 TB
Drive Type: 3.5” HDD
Supported RAID Levels: 0, 1, 5, 6, 10 and 50

LVDS Interface
Cable: 80-pin ribbon cable
Connector Type: 2x40 pin IDC
Data Lines: 32 LVDS pairs, 2.5 V compliant
Clock: One LVDS pair, 2.5 V compliant
Data Valid: One LVDS pair, 2.5 V compliant
Data Suspend: One LVDS pair, 2.5 V compliant

Physical and Environmental
Dimensions
4U Long Chassis: 19” W x 26” D x 7” H
Size: 19” W x 26” D x 7” H
Weight: 50-80 lb
Operating Temp: +5° to +45° C
Storage Temp: −40° to +85° C
Relative Humidity: 5 to 95%, non-condensing
Power Requirements: 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 500 W max.

Channel Configuration
Option -201 Recording interface
Option -221 Playback interface

Storage Options
Option -406 2.0 TB HDD storage capacity 400 MB/sec
Option -411 4.0 TB HDD storage capacity 400 MB/sec
Option -416 8.0 TB HDD storage capacity 800 MB/sec
Option -421 16.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Option -423 20.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Option -439 30.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Option -450 45.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Option -460 60.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Option -480 100.0 TB HDD storage capacity 1.6 GB/sec
Note: Options -450 and -460 require a 5U Chassis; Option -480 requires a 6U chassis

General Options
Option -261 GPS time & position stamping
Option -264 IRIG-B time stamping

Specifications subject to change without notice

Contact Pentek for compatible Option combinations
Storage and Channel-count Options may change, contact Pentek for the latest information