

Hoellstern Remote Network:

Hoellstern amplifiers can be remote-controlled and monitored through a computer via network.

In connection with the Konfigurator2 software two interfaces allow a realtime access to all built-in amplifier functions and parameters:

- Configuration of the DSP technology (DSP Softengine™)
- Configuration of all channels (free and Hoellstern loudspeaker library)
- Additional free delay and filter functions
- Input / output routing
- Level
- Peak and RMS limiter
- Status (general and channel-specific)
- Service and maintenance

The RS-485 and RS-232 interface signals are output at the D-sub socket on the amplifier rear panel.

To establish an RS-485 network will require at least the following hardware components:

- A Hoellstern amplifier
- A D-sub to 2 x XLR-3 splitter
- An RS-485 bus terminating resistor (as XLR-3 plug)
- A Hoellstern USB-RS-485 converter with XLR-3 connector
- A computer (Windows or Mac)

The accessories are available from Hoellstern Amplifiers.

Network layout:

The RS-485 bus is slaved through from amp to amp (ring topology). A correct RS-485 bus termination is achieved with a terminating resistor at the end of the RS-485 bus line.

The Konfigurator2 software can control and monitor several network adapters (COM ports) simultaneously.

Thus multiple RS-485 buses can be operated across several groups within one user interface and project (star topology).

Each RS-485 network hub can address 32 separate amplifier IDs. With 4-channel amplifiers this results in 128 monitored and controlled audio channels.

RS-485 bus lines:

For an RS-485 bus we recommend the use of shielded cables with twisted pairs and a line impedance between 100 and 120 ohms:

- Data line in accordance with CAT5 F/STP or S/STP resp. Or higher category (line impedance 100 ohms)
- Digital audio lines in accordance with AES / EBU standard
- Control lines from lighting technology in accordance with DMX512 specifications (line impedance 110 ohms)
- Special CAN bus lines (STP – Shielded Twisted Pair) with a line impedance of 120 ohms. Note: The CAN bus is electrically based on the RS-485 standard.

Note: Practice has shown that with max. cable lengths of 50 m and maybe more the transmission of RS-485 signals via a terminated standard microphone cable or multicore cable will typically work well. The deterministic Hoellstern bus protocol allows a safe data connection.

D-sub to 2 x XLR3 splitter (RS-485 bus):



USB to 1 x XLR3 RS-485 converter:



1 x XLR3 RS-485 bus terminating resistor:



Notes:

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