

TC-7533 *Bushmaster* Instruction Manual

Stereo Audio Digital-to-Analogue Converter

Overview

The TC-7533 Bushmaster is a reference-quality digital-to-analogue audio converter featuring the latest DAC Audio technology, Direct Coupled output stage, and Class-AB headphone stage. The Bushmaster is designed for maximum transparency and critical playback in professional audiophile applications.

Burn in

Many users report that the sound output develops in quality after a few days of use. The Bushmaster can be left powered on and playing a music stream with the volume turned down for a few days to speed up the burn in process.

Fixed Output Level connection

The Bushmaster Fixed Output is designed to connect to the CD or AUX input of an amplifier.

Front Panel



Digital Inputs

Four digital input connectors (2 x coaxial and 2 x optical).

Input Status Display

Five LED's on the front panel indicate which digital input is selected and when the Bushmaster is in AUTO or MANUAL mode.

Select Switch

The Select switch allows you to select between AUTO input signal detect, Manual input channel selection, and LED sleep mode.

Stereo Headphone Socket

The stereo headphone socket mutes the fixed RCA/PHONO output when a headphone plug is inserted

Headphone Amplifier

The Bushmaster headphone output is driven by a high-end headphone amplifier. It is designed to drive loads between 12 to 600 Ohms.

Volume Control

The front-panel Volume Control sets the output level of the headphone.

Rear Panel



Digital Inputs

Four digital inputs, selected from the front-panel toggle switches.

The *Bushmaster* will not decode DSD, AC3, DTS, or ADAT signals. 176.4kHz sampling rate is not supported.

Input 1 – Optical

The optical input 1 is a TOSLINK connector.

Input 2 – Optical

The optical input 2 is a TOSLINK connector..

Input 3 - SPDIF

The coaxial input uses a RCA connector.

Input 4 – SPDIF

The coaxial input uses a RCA connector.

Analogue Output

The Bushmaster has a Left and Right Fixed Line output, terminated into a pair of RCA/PHONO sockets.

The output is disconnected when a headphone is plugged into the headphone socket. In this condition the Bushmaster can be used as a headphone amplifier.

DC power supply socket

The supplied external AC-DC power supply is 12Volts. The Bushmaster can however work with regulated power supplies up to 15Volts. The Bushmaster also supports the use of 12V rechargeable batteries or battery packs. The centre pin is the Positive power supply terminal.

A country specific AC-DC power cord is included with each Bushmaster converter shipped to most countries. Plug adapters for less well known configurations are otherwise available locally.

The Bushmaster can operate from as little as 200mA, and withstand external DC power drop out conditions for up to 2 seconds..

Ground Terminal

The Bushmaster has a ground terminal. This should be used for connection to your amplifier if you are experiencing ground loop problems.

Important Specification Notes

The audio output on the RCA/PHONO socket is fixed. So it cannot be adjusted with the volume control.

There is no USB input socket

Playback of 176.4kHz is not supported

The first 3mm of travel of the volume control is used to bias the headphone amplifier circuit. So some differences in channel balance might be noticeable within that space.

Installation

1. Connect the DC plug from the Bushmaster power supply to the DC socket on the DAC.
2. Connect the power cord figure of 8 end to the Bushmaster power supply.
3. Connect the DAC input sockets to your audio and video equipment with suitable optical or digital coaxial cables. See our website for our own list of suitable cables and conversion adapters.
4. Connect the DAC FIXED stereo output via RCA/PHONO cables to the CD or AUX input of your amplifier via stereo RCA/PHONO cables of a suitable length.
5. Plug the mains plug end of the Bushmaster power supply power cord into a mains socket.
6. Press the Power button to switch ON the DAC.

NOTICE:

1. The Bushmaster does not have a variable RCA/PHONO output. It should therefore not be used as a preamplifier for a power amplifier.
2. Switch the Bushmaster On before your amplifier, and switch your amplifier OFF before the Bushmaster. This is to prevent the switch off signal pulse from the Bushmaster passing to your speakers.

AUTO MODE

1. Switch the DAC OFF via the front panel Power button.
2. Wait at least ten seconds.
3. Switch the DAC back ON via the Power button.
4. Whilst the LEDs are each lighting up one by one, press and hold down the SELECT button.
5. When all the LEDs are lit up, let go of the SELECT button.

The STATUS LED will light up, and the DAC will scan each input one by one till it finds a valid audio signal. The STATUS LED and the operating input LED will now both light up.

When the input signal is removed, or the external equipment plugged into that input is switched OFF, the DAC will start to scan the inputs again till it finds a new valid input signal.

IMPORTANT:

The Auto function won't operate with incoming digital signals that do not switch OFF when no audio is present. Examples of this are some satellite and cable boxes. In those cases you have to use the Manual Select function.

MANUAL MODE

If the STATUS LED is lit and the DAC is either scanning for a new input signal or playing music, you can switch to manual mode by pressing the SELECT button once. When switching from AUTO to MANUAL MODE the DAC will switch over to the TOSLINK-1 input. If you keep pressing and

releasing the SELECT button, the DAC will switch from TOLSINK-1 to TOSLINK-2, and then Coax-1 to Coax-2.

IMPORTANT:

Please note that the SELECT button has a delay to prevent accidental operation of the DAC input select function. So observe at least two seconds in between pressing the SELECT button.

SLEEP MODE

If you keep the Select button depressed , the input selector will activate the SLEEP MODE function.

I SLEEP MODE each LED will be off when a valid audio stream is detected. The selected input LED will light up again if no audio is detected.

Program Backup

When you switch the DAC OFF your settings will be saved. So next time you switch the DAC back ON your DAC will start using your saved settings.

RESET MODE

The DAC's operating system might get confused on occasions and refuse to operate correctly when the SELECT button is pressed. If that happens you can try to reboot the MCU (Micro Control Unit) and restore the DAC to the factory default mode.

To reset the DAC:

6. Switch the DAC OFF via the Power button.
7. Wait at least ten seconds.
8. Switch the DAC back ON via the Power button.
9. Whilst the LEDs are each lighting up one by one, press and hold down the SELECT button.
10. When all the LEDs are lit up, let go of the SELECT button.

The DAC's operating system is now reset and any previous error condition should now be cleared.

Note that this function is the same as the AUTO select function.

Fuse Holder

The fuse holder is inside the case close to the DC power connector socket. The fuse rating is 2 Amps.

Safety Information

The factory supplied AC/DC adapter is suitable for 90 to 270 Volts AC operation.

Repairs

Do not service or repair this product unless properly qualified.

Fuses

For continued fire hazard protection always replace the internal fuse with the correct size and type.

Modifications

Do not substitute parts or make any modifications that may create safety hazards and void the warranty.

Notes on Warranty Repairs

An RN (Returns Number) is required when sending products back. Goods for repair must be shipped to Beresford ME prepaid and preferably in their original shipping carton with the RN clearly visible on the exterior of the packaging. A note should be included giving detailed reasons for the return.

