

M4 QUICK START GUIDE

Figure 1
M4 Front Panel Features



MASTER POWER SWITCH

When pressed in, the M4 permits zones to be turned ON and OFF by keypad or touch panel commands.

BLUE INDICATOR LIGHT

Blue indicates the master power switch is ON and one or more zones are active. Red is OFF.

ZONE STATUS LEDs

LED indicators and labels: Four blue LEDs indicate that one or more zones are currently active.

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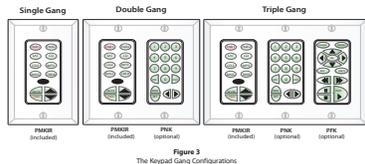
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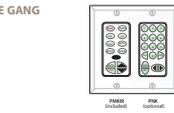


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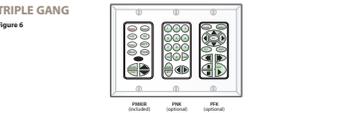


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- Source keys: TNR1, TNR2, SAT, CD, MP3
- Source Function keys: BASS, TREB, MUTE, PWR, VOL UP, VOL DOWN
- The source keys are set as Zone ON keys and are programmed to select the M4 rear panel Audio Source inputs as follows:
TNR1 = Audio Source 1, TNR2 = Audio Source 2, SAT = Audio Source 3, CD = Audio Source 4, MP3 = Audio Source 5, MP3 = Audio Source 6. In addition, a Mute Off command is programmed under each Source key.
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PWR: Set as Zone Power Off. Will NOT turn the zone ON. Press and Hold for two seconds turn all zones OFF (Whole House).

Whole House/Party Mode

All zones are set for Whole House/Party Mode capability. Whole House/Party Mode forces all zones to the same source and allows volume and mute functions to operate in all zones in unison.

- To engage Whole House/Party Mode, press and hold a desired Source button for longer than two seconds. During press and hold, source button blinks rapidly.
- Release button when blinking stops. Source button then turns Amber in color, indicating system is now in Whole House/Party Mode.
- Priority is set to ON for all zones. This means that commands from any keypad in any zone will execute, regardless of previous command executions in other zones.
- When a zone is first turned on, the volume will be at a default medium background level. After that, it will come on at the last volume used prior to zone turn OFF.
- To cancel Whole House/Party Mode, press and hold a Source button from the initiating zone for longer than two seconds (until blinking stops).

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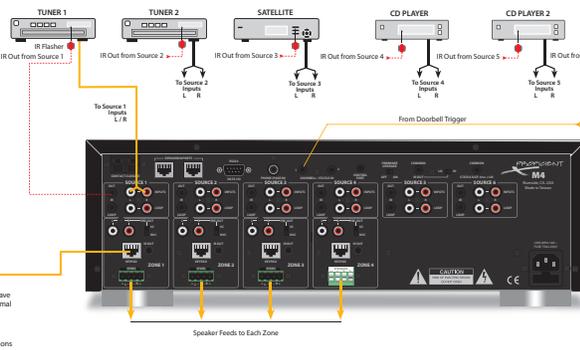


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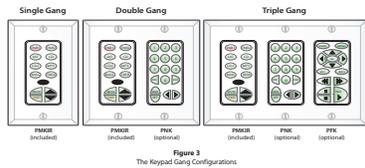
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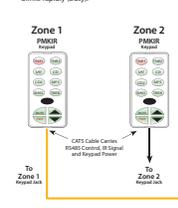
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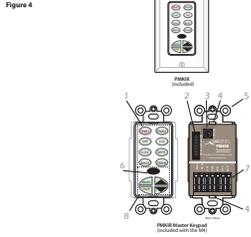
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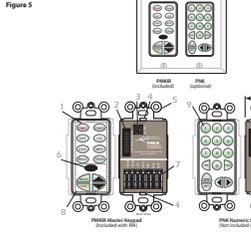
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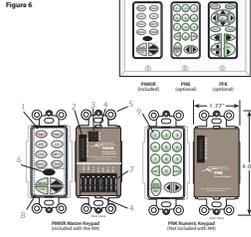
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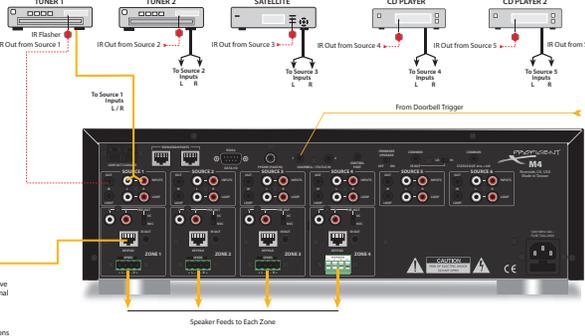


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