

4Caster™ – Broadcast Series

Real-Time MPEG-4/H.264 Encoder for Media Transport and IPTV Solutions



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- **Broadcast-quality, real-time MPEG-4/H.264 (AVC) encoder (SD resolution)**
- **Greatly reduced transmission costs compared to MPEG-2**
- **Variety of transport protocols, including MPEG-2 TS with DVB or IP interface**
- **Optimized for IP transport (ISMA compatible)**
- **Mobile broadcast (DVB-H and ARIB) ready**
- **High Efficiency AAC audio**
- **Store and forward**

Applications

- DSNG
- Video contribution over IP and ATM networks
- Broadband IPTV
- Cable TV
- Direct broadcast satellite

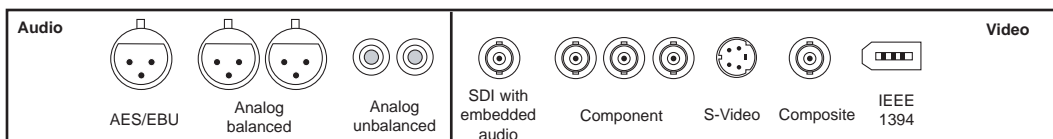
The 4Caster™ encoder from Envivio provides real-time MPEG-4/H.264 (AVC) encoding for full resolution, full frame rate video. It has been designed to meet the needs of all fixed and mobile professional video contribution and distribution applications over a variety of transport protocols, including MPEG-2 TS with DVB or IP interface, DVB-H, and ARIB. 4Caster is a key component of Envivio's carrier-grade solutions for deployment of IPTV.

Features

- Supports MPEG-4 Advanced Video Coding (AVC/H.264) Main and Baseline Profiles, and MPEG-4, Part 2, Simple Profile (SP) and Advanced Simple Profile (ASP) video encoding.
- Supports High Efficiency Advanced Audio Coding (HE-AAC).
- Front panel and web-based remote management with SNMP support.
- Integrated with network management system (4Manager™).
- Ability to perform store and forward operations (option).
- DVB-ASI output (4Caster Broadcast 3550 and 4550).
- IP outputs.
- Accurate rate control, variety of I/O, and simple and advanced mode settings.

Benefits

- Broadcast-quality video.
- Significant reduction in network bandwidth (satellite, ATM, broadband IP) compared to MPEG-2 encoding.
- Great efficiency over IP networks.
- One encoding scheme for all playback devices (TV, PC, PDA, mobile phone).
- Compact rack-mount design.
- MPEG-4 encoder upgradeability.
- Ability to record files locally.



Input connectors (breakout cable) - 3500 Series

	4Caster Broadcast 3500 (ASP-SD + AVC-2CIF/IP Out)	4Caster Broadcast 3550 (ASP-SD + AVC-2CIF/DVB-ASI)	4Caster Broadcast 4500 / 4550 (AVC-SD/IP or DVB-ASI Out)
Inputs	<p><i>Video</i> SDI - Serial Digital Interface (625/525) IEEE 1394 DV S-Video, composite, component, analog composite (PAL, NTSC)</p> <p><i>Audio</i> 2 channels (1 x stereo, 2 x mono), digital AES/EBU Analog balanced (XLR), analog unbalanced (RCA)</p>		<p><i>Video</i> SDI - Serial Digital Interface (625/525)</p> <p><i>Audio</i> Digital AES/EBU SDI embedded</p>
Outputs	<p>IP output: 1 x 10/100/1000 BaseT Ethernet ISMA-compliant multicast/unicast IP stream, SAP announcement, SDP file download</p>	<p>DVB-ASI DVB-ASI output parameters: configure PIDs, packet size, interbyte stuffing mode, external sync IP output: 1 x 10/100/1000 BaseT Ethernet ISMA-compliant multicast/unicast IP stream, SAP announcement, SDP file download</p>	<p>DVB-ASI (model 4550) DVB-ASI output parameters: configure PIDs, packet size, interbyte stuffing mode, external sync IP output: 1 x 10/100 BaseT Ethernet ISMA-compliant multicast/unicast IP stream, SAP announcement, SDP file download</p>
Video Encoder	<p>MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 MPEG-4 ASP levels 0-5 MPEG-4 SP levels 0-3</p> <p><i>Resolutions:</i> SIF (352 x 240/288) to 2CIF (352 x 480/576 pixels) for AVC/H.264 and to CCIR-601 (720 x 480/576 pixels) for ASP</p> <p><i>Data rate:</i> 20 kbps to 6 Mbps (ASP); 20 kbps to 2 Mbps (AVC/H.264)</p>		<p>MPEG-4 AVC/H.264</p> <p><i>Resolutions:</i> SIF (352 x 240/288) to CCIR-601 (720 x 480/576 pixels) for AVC/H.264</p> <p><i>Data rate:</i> 20 kbps to 4 Mbps AVC/H.264</p>
Audio Encoder	<p>MPEG-4 Advanced Audio Coding (AAC)</p> <p>8 to 128 kbps</p>		<p>MPEG-4 Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) and High Efficiency Advanced Audio Coding (HE-AAC)</p> <p>8 to 128 kbps</p>
Transport	<p>ISMA Profile 0 and Profile 1 MPEG-2 TS</p>		<p>ISMA Profile 2 and Profile 3 (upcoming) MPEG-2 TS</p>
Advanced Processing	<p>Low delay mode Motion-compensated temporal filtering and deinterlacing Scene change detection with key frame (I-Frame) insertion</p>		<p>Low delay mode Noise filtering, deinterlacing Scene change detection with key frame (I-Frame) insertion</p>
Control	<p><i>Local:</i> Front-panel LCD control <i>Remote:</i> Web-based remote management; SNMP alarms; pre-programmable setups (presets); network management system interface with 4Manager</p>		
Physical and Power	<p>1RU 25" 483 mm (W) x 635 mm (D) x 45 mm (H) 19" (W) x 25" (D) x 1.75" (H) <i>Weight:</i> 12 kg (26 lb) <i>Power in:</i> 100-240 VAC auto-ranging <i>Power consumption:</i> 150 W maximum</p>	<p>2RU 25" 483 mm (W) x 635 mm (D) x 90 mm (H) 19" (W) x 25" (D) x 3.5" (H) <i>Weight:</i> 23 kg (50 lb) <i>Power in:</i> 100-240 VAC auto-ranging <i>Power consumption:</i> 150 W maximum</p>	<p>1RU 17" 483 mm (W) x 432 mm (D) x 45 mm (H) 19" (W) x 17" (D) x 1.75" (H) <i>Weight:</i> 7 kg (15 lb) <i>Power in:</i> 100-240 VAC auto-ranging <i>Power consumption:</i> 150 W maximum</p>
Environmental Conditions	<p>Ambient temperature <i>Operating:</i> 5 to 35° C (41 to 95° F) <i>Non-operating/storage:</i> -40 to 70° C (-40 to 158° F) Relative humidity <i>Non-operating:</i> 95% at 30° C (86° F) non-condensing</p>		