Tascam Sonicview Firmware Version 1.5



After only two months, Tascam’s Sonicview 16 and Sonicview 24 mixing consoles have received yet another major upgrade. The latest firmware, version 1.5, is said to improve overall functionality and offer greater creative possibilities, particularly for broadcast professionals involved in studio, relay or live programming. The update adds a second monitor section for greater flexibility. The monitor sections 1 and 2 now also offer direct output to the output router with level control. This provides greater flexibility and control over how monitor signals can be managed. There’s also a new option to select any input source as talkback signal. The talkback signal can be output to the mix buses 1–22, the main L/R output and the EXT 1/2 direct output.

Firmware version 1.5 adds level reduction (dimmer) features for talkback, both monitor outputs and the output bus which is assigned as the talkback target. Equally noteworthy, there’s now a direct output for the solo signal, which can be assigned via an output router. Sonicview’s eighteen user-definable keys can now be assigned to monitor and talkback functions. As part of this, a switchable oscillator has also been added.

A new feature helps in studio and broadcast applications: A monitor speaker can now be automatically muted when a microphone input signal is sensed. As an example of how this can improve the mixing environment, imagine a small radio station: when the moderator’s mic is used, the monitor speaker is muted automatically. When loading snapshots from memory, the load time is now shorter, allowing faster access to predefined configurations.

With version 1.5 firmware, sync clock accuracy can be selected between High and Normal for the internal Dante input and the expansion card input. Users will also appreciate the new option for Solo/Mute Fader transition time, which can be set to Default, Mid or Slow. According to Tascam, the enhancements to the Sonicview operating system result in a significant overall refinement of an already exceptional mixing environment. Complimentary to these enhancements is the Sonicview Control app for macOS, Windows, and iPadOS which will also be updated for better remote capability. The Sonicview v1.5 firmware update can be downloaded from the Tascam Europe website.

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