

i This protocol is for use with Avantis systems loaded with firmware version V1.10 and later.

TCP/IP control is available via the **Network** port on the Avantis mixer. Messages are sent using the MIDI format, as described in this document.

All MIDI message **numbers** shown in this specification are hexadecimal. Refer to the end of this document for a table of values for each of the parameters listed here.

Clients should be configured to use TCP port **51325**.

MIDI Controllable Functions and Parameters:

- Fader levels **NRPN** *Input, Mix master, FX send, FX return, DCA*
- Mutes **Note On** *Input, Mix master, FX send, FX return, DCA, Mute Groups*
- Send levels **SysEx** *Aux, FX and Matrix sends*
- DCA assign **NRPN**
- Input to Main assign **NRPN**
- Name & Colour **SysEx**
- Scene Recall **Program Change**
- MIDI transport **MIDI Machine Control (MMC)**
- MIDI Strips **Custom Messages** *DAW and remote equipment control*
- SoftKeys **Custom Messages** *Press and release messages*

MIDI Running Status

Avantis uses MIDI running status. This maximises MIDI transmission efficiency by allowing a MIDI message to be sent without its Status byte if the previous transmitted message had the same Status.

For example, turning Mute on for Inputs 1, 2 and 3 on MIDI channel 12:

Without running status – Full message string **9B, 00, 7F, 9B, 01, 7F, 9B, 02, 7F**

With running status – Shorter message string **9B, 00, 7F, 01, 7F, 02, 7F**

MIDI Channel Number

MIDI channel 1 to 16 = **0** to **F**

To extend the range of audio channels that can be controlled by MIDI messages the Avantis MIDI protocol uses a range of five MIDI channels to select between audio channel types.

The base MIDI channel **N** is the lowest channel of the range selected in **Utility / Control / MIDI** and cannot exceed 12 (**B**). The default is MIDI Channel 12 to 16.

The audio channel type is selected by offsetting the MIDI channel used in the message and the audio channel number is selected using the note number, as detailed in ‘Channel Selection’ below.

Scene Recall and MIDI transport use the base MIDI channel **N**.

Channel Selection

N = Base MIDI channel

CH = Channel Note number (refer to table)

Channels are selected using the MIDI channel number and Note number as follows:

- Inputs 1 to 64: **N = N, CH = 00 to 3F**
- Mono Groups 1 to 40: **N = N + 1, CH = 00 to 27**
- Stereo Groups 1 to 20: **N = N + 1, CH = 40 to 53**
- Mono Aux 1 to 40: **N = N + 2, CH = 00 to 27**
- Stereo Aux 1 to 20: **N = N + 2, CH = 40 to 53**
- Mono Matrix 1 to 40: **N = N + 3, CH = 00 to 27**
- Stereo Matrix 1 to 20: **N = N + 3, CH = 40 to 53**
- Mono FX Send 1 to 12: **N = N + 4, CH = 00 to 0B**
- Stereo FX Send 1 to 12: **N = N + 4, CH = 10 to 1B**
- FX Return 1 to 12: **N = N + 4, CH = 20 to 2B**
- Mains 1 to 3: **N = N + 4, CH = 30 to 32**
- DCA 1 to 16: **N = N + 4, CH = 36 to 45**
- Mute Group 1 to 8: **N = N + 4, CH = 46 to 4D**

SysEx Header

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This applies to all SysEx messages described later in this specification.

F0, 00, 00, 1A, 50, 10, 01, 00

Mute ON

NOTE ON with velocity > 40 followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 7F, 9N, CH, 00

Mute OFF

NOTE ON with velocity < 40 followed by NOTE OFF

9N, CH, 3F, 9N, CH, 00

Received Mute Messages

Velocity 00 and NOTE OFF messages are ignored

Velocity 01 to 3F = Mute OFF

Velocity 40 to 7F = Mute ON

Fader Level

NRPN with parameter ID 17

Fader value LV -inf to +10dB = 00 to 7F (refer to table)

Select channel	Parameter	Set fader value
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 17,	BN, 06, LV

Channel Assignment to Main Mix ON

NRPN with parameter ID 18

ON value = 40 to 7F

Select channel	Parameter	Set ON
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 18,	BN, 06, 7F

Channel Assignment to Main Mix OFF

NRPN with parameter ID 18

OFF value = 00 to 3F

Select channel	Parameter	Set OFF
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 18,	BN, 06, 3F

AUX / FX / Matrix Send Level

SysEx message

Where **SndN** and **SndCH** are the MIDI channel and Note number for the Mix to be sent to.

Send value LV -inf to +10dB = 00 to 7F (refer to table)

Message:

SysEx Header, 0N, 0D, CH, SndN, SndCH, LV, F7

DCA Assignment ON

NRPN with parameter ID 40

ON value DB for DCA 1 to 16 = 40 to 4F (refer to table)

Select channel	Parameter	Set ON
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 40,	BN, 06, DB

DCA Assignment OFF

NRPN with parameter ID 40

OFF value DA for DCA 1 to 16 = 00 to 0F (refer to table)

Select channel	Parameter	Set OFF
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 40,	BN, 06, DA

Mute Group Assignment ON

NRPN with parameter ID 40

ON value DB for Mute Group 1 to 8 = 50 to 57 (refer to table)

Select channel	Parameter	Set ON
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 40,	BN, 06, DB

Mute Group Assignment OFF

NRPN with parameter ID 40

OFF value DA for Mute Group 1 to 8 = 10 to 17 (refer to table)

Select channel	Parameter	Set OFF
BN, 63, CH,	BN, 62, 40,	BN, 06, DA

Channel Name

SysEx message

Gets or sets the Name with up to 8 characters (up to 8 can be displayed on the Avantis strip LCD)

To get Name from Avantis

Send... **SysEx Header**, 0N, 01, CH, F7

Reply... **SysEx Header**, 0N, 02, CH, Name, F7 where **Name** = Hex ASCII String

To set Name

(refer to table)

SysEx Header, 0N, 03, CH, Name, F7 where **Name** = Hex ASCII String

Channel Colour

SysEx message

Gets or sets the Colour with a choice of 7 colours or no colour

To get Colour from Avantis

Send... **SysEx Header**, 0N, 04, CH, F7

Reply... **SysEx Header**, 0N, 05, CH, Col, F7 where **Col** = 00 to 07 (refer to table)

To set Colour

SysEx Header, 0N, 06, CH, Col, F7 where **Col** = 00 to 07 (refer to table)

Scene Recall

Bank and **Program Change** message

To recall one of the 500 Scenes using 4 banks

Also transmits this message when a Scene is recalled from the Avantis screen

SS = Scene number within bank = 00 to 7F (refer to table)

Bank = Bank of scenes

Bank 1 - Scene 1 to 128 **Bank** = 00

Bank 2 - Scene 129 to 256 **Bank** = 01

Bank 3 - Scene 257 to 384 **Bank** = 02

Bank 4 - Scene 385 to 500 **Bank** = 03

Select bank **Recall Scene**

BN, 00, Bank, CN, SS

MIDI Strips

Custom MIDI messages

Fader strips can be assigned as MIDI Strips. There are 32 MIDI Strips available.

Each fader strip control can be assigned to transmit a custom MIDI message. This is used for controlling audio within a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW), a slave mixer, or parameters on external equipment such as effects devices. MIDI Strips can be named and coloured. They are stored within Scenes and can be made Safe from Scene recall.

The Template Shows load the following factory default messages for the MIDI Strip controls. These can be edited to suit your application. If required, they can be restored to default from within Scene 1 'Reset Settings' in the Template Show.

- Fader **B1, 00, <VAR>** to **B1, 1F, <VAR>** *DAW track Level*
- Gain Rotary **B2, 00, <VAR>** to **B2, 1F, <VAR>**
- Pan Rotary **B2, 20, <VAR>** to **B2, 3F, <VAR>**
- Sends Rotary **B2, 40, <VAR>** to **B2, 5F, <VAR>**
- Rotary Custom 1 **B2, 60, <VAR>** to **B2, 7F, <VAR>**
- Rotary Custom 2 **B2, 60, <VAR>** to **B2, 7F, <VAR>**
- Rotary Custom 3 **B2, 60, <VAR>** to **B2, 7F, <VAR>**
- Mute switch = **91, 00, <VAR>** to **91, 1F, <VAR>** *DAW track Mute*
- Mix switch = **91, 20, <VAR>** to **91, 3F, <VAR>** *DAW track Select*
- PAFL switch = **91, 40, <VAR>** to **91, 5F, <VAR>** *DAW track Solo*

Where **<VAR>** is the value determined by the position of the control.

i Sel is not included as this is required to select the Processing screen for configuring the MIDI Strip.

i By default, Rotary Custom 2 and 3 use the same values as Rotary Custom 1.

MMC (Transport Control)

SysEx message **F0, 7F, 7F 06, TC, F7**

Where **TC** transport control is:

- 01** = Stop
- 02** = Play
- 04** = Fast Forward
- 05** = Rewind
- 06** = Record
- 09** = Pause

