

Blackmagic Design ATEM 4 M/E Constellation HD

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Live HD Production Switcher - 4 M/E

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Features

- Live Production Switcher
- Compact rack mount design
- Advanced features such as DVEs, ATEM advanced chroma keyers, media players, multiviews, and SuperSource processors
- True Broadcast Style Mix Effects Switching
- Full Front Panel Control
- USB Webcam Output for Video Software
- Includes Multiview with Labels, Tally and Meters
- DVE, Stingers and More
- Built in DVE for Video Effects
- Professional Broadcast Talkback
- Internal Media for Stills and Motion Graphics
- Includes New ATEM Advanced Chroma Keyers
- Powerful SuperSource Processing
- Multi Rate 3G-SDI for all HD Video Standards
- Professional Fairlight Audio Mixer
- Get Industry Standard Professional Camera Control

Introducing ATEM Constellation, the world's most powerful HD and 4K live production switchers! These incredibly powerful switchers are available in 4 great models, including a 1 M/E model with 10 inputs, a 2 M/E model with 20 inputs and two massive 4 M/E models with 40 inputs! Plus each SDI input features a full standards converter! ATEM Constellation includes advanced features such as DVEs, ATEM advanced chroma keyers, media players, multiviews, and SuperSource processors! Plus the built in Fairlight audio mixer includes a compressor, limiter, 6 band parametric EQ and expander on each input. The free ATEM Software Control is included, or you can add a 1 M/E, 2 M/E or 4 M/E ATEM Advanced Panel.

Seriously Advanced Broadcast Power

ATEM Constellation switchers feature a compact rack mount design with a built in control panel. This allows operation of the switcher, critical during setup or for emergency use. Also included is a large LCD so you can see program output and change switcher settings via on screen menus. The compact design is perfect for portable live production, with the rear of the switcher including connections for 3G-SDI or 12G-SDI inputs, aux outputs, balanced audio and Ethernet for control. The top 4 M/E models even include RS-422 for serial control and MAD1 digital audio connections. Even with all this power, ATEM Constellation is extremely quiet with its innovative high efficiency thermal system.

4 Powerful Models

- [ATEM 1 M/E Constellation HD](#)

Powerful 1 M/E live production switcher includes 10 standards converted 3G-SDI inputs, 6 x 3G-SDI outputs, DVE, 4 chroma keyers, a 16 way multiview, media players, talkback and USB webcam output.

- [ATEM 2 M/E Constellation HD](#)

The 2 M/E model doubles the features of the 1 M/E model with 20 x 3G-SDI inputs, 12 x 3G-SDI outputs, 2 DVEs, 8 ATEM Advanced Keyers, 2 multiviews and a SuperSource for a total of 6 DVEs.

- [ATEM 4 M/E Constellation HD](#)

The massive 4 M/E model doubles the features of the 2 M/E model with 40 x 3G-SDI inputs, 24 x 3G-SDI outputs, 4 DVEs, 16 ATEM Advanced Keyers, 4 multiviews and 2 SuperSource for 12 x DVEs in total.

- [ATEM 4 M/E Constellation 4K](#)

Massive 4 M/E Ultra HD live production switcher with 40 standards converted 12G-SDI inputs, 24 12G-SDI aux outputs, 16 ATEM Advanced Keyers, 4 multiviews and 2 SuperSource for a total of 12 DVEs.

Designed for Massive Live Events

With 4 powerful models, ATEM Constellation switchers are ideal for concerts and music festivals because you can place cameras on all areas of the stage for amazing coverage. Even live sports benefit from the huge number of inputs and DVEs let you build multi-layer compositions to cover the action. The fastest way to produce programming is live. With powerful internal graphics and lots of ATEM advanced chroma keyers, you get everything you need for complex program production. ATEM Constellation is also perfect for house of worship programming as it's big enough to allow professional results, but it's very simple to learn so it's easy to train a volunteer crew.

True Broadcast Style Mix Effects Switching

ATEM Constellation uses a professional "program/preview" style operation, which is the exact same way large broadcasters use live production switchers. This means you are using the same type of switcher used by the television industry. Both the free ATEM Software Control and the optional hardware ATEM Advanced Panels will allow program/preview style switching. This means you can select a source on the preview bus to ensure it's correct before pushing the CUT or AUTO button to switch it on air. This 2 step program/preview process means far fewer mistakes. Program/preview operation means ATEM Constellation is the best solution for training students for a career in broadcast television.

Full Front Panel Control

With a control panel built into the front panel, you can simply walk up and operate the ATEM Constellation at any time. ATEM Constellation has similar features to ATEM Mini, so it's a fantastic upgrade when you need a bigger switcher. Plus the front panel control buttons are the same premium type used on full sized panels so they are extremely reliable. You can even control keyers, media and fade to black from the front panel. There is an industry standard 5 pin talkback headset connector on the front panel, with controls for talkback control. Plus the front panel LCD and menu buttons also allow almost every single operational feature of the switcher to be accessed.

Up to 40 Standards Converted SDI Inputs.

The ATEM Constellation family features HD models that have up to 40 independent 3G-SDI inputs as well as a 4K model with 12G-SDI inputs, with each input featuring its own dedicated up and cross converter. That means it's possible to convert any 1080p input source to the video standard of the switcher. That means you could have each switcher SDI input running a different television standard and all the inputs will just work. On the ATEM 4 M/E Constellation models, you can even loop out audio channels 1, 2, 3 and 4 from SDI inputs 1 to 30 to the two MAD1 digital audio outputs, so you can hand off the switcher input audio to an external audio engineer for mixing.

Up to 24 Customizable SDI Outputs

The ATEM Constellation family has a massive number of fully independent outputs. Even the small 1 M/E model has 6 x 3G-SDI outputs. The 2 M/E model has 12 x 3G-SDI outputs and the 4 M/E models have either a massive 24 x 3G-SDI or 12G-SDI outputs. These SDI outputs are very powerful because you can independently route any SDI input or any internal source to each SDI output. That's perfect for running independent feeds to stage screens, master recorders and streaming processors. Or use the SDI outputs for ISO recorders, where each deck will get a resynchronized switcher input with matching timecode. All SDI outputs contain program audio, RP-188 timecode, SDI camera control, tally and talkback.

USB Webcam Output for Video Software

For live streaming, the USB-C connection on ATEM Constellation operates as a webcam source. That means you can plug into a computer and get working with any video software. The software is tricked into thinking the ATEM Constellation is a common webcam, but it's really a live production switcher. That guarantees full compatibility with any video software in full resolution 1080HD quality. Choose any software you like, such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams or Skype for a new way to do presentations with a professional multi camera broadcast quality style. The ATEM Constellation webcam output also works with streaming software such as Open Broadcaster, XSplit Broadcaster and more.

Choose from Hardware or Software Control Panels

All ATEM switchers feature a wide range of hardware and software control options, plus it's possible to share control panels between all ATEM models for different events. Included with ATEM Constellation is a free software based control panel for Mac and Windows. The software connects to the switcher via Ethernet or USB and you can control the switcher, upload media, mix audio and control cameras. Then, when you need more power, you can add an ATEM Advanced Panel for professional switching or an ATEM Camera Control Panel for controlling cameras. There's even an ATEM developer SDK so you can build your own custom automation control solution.

Includes Multiview with Labels, Tally and Meters

The built in multiview lets you monitor multiple sources on a single monitor. The 1 M/E model includes 1 multiview, the 2 M/E model has 2 independent multiviews and the 4 M/E models have 4 independent multiviews. All external SDI inputs, plus all internal video sources can be routed to any view. All multiviews are fully customizable and can be independently set to 4, 7, 10, 13 or 16 simultaneous views. That's up to 32 views in total on the 2 M/E model and a massive 64 views across 4 monitors with the 4 M/E

models. You can add the tally border plus source label and VU meters as an overlay on each view. Plus a red and green border will show tally on each view, so you know what sources are on air.

Broadcast Transitions, DVE, Stingers and More.

ATEM Constellation includes a wide range of broadcast quality native transitions such as mix, dip, wipe, and more. All transitions can be customized in the system control menus with adjustments for border color, border width, position, direction and a lot more. The ATEM Constellation switcher includes a powerful digital video effects processor for DVE transitions, which can be used to squeeze the current picture off screen revealing a new video under it. The DVE can even be used to create graphic wipe transitions. To eliminate errors, ATEM Constellation features a preview transition feature so you can setup your transitions before you switch it on air.

Built in DVE for Video Effects

ATEM Constellation features up to 4 independent DVEs, depending on the model, that let you reposition graphics and create picture in picture compositions. You get amazing quality and the DVE supports position, resize and scale, all in real time. The DVE lets you create professional picture in picture effects with customizable 3D borders, shadows and lighting. DVEs can also be used to create amazing DVE transitions with squeeze and swoosh effects for adding excitement to your programming. You can even combine DVE transitions with custom graphics to create your own graphic wipe transitions. Then the 2 and 4 M/E models include SuperSource processors for even more DVEs.

Professional Broadcast Talkback

To keep crews working as a single creative team, ATEM Constellation features built in talkback. Talkback supports a 5 pin XLR headset connector, plus a rear mounted RJ12 connector for interfacing with industry standard talkback systems such as ClearCom or RTS. You get full talkback control including program and engineering loops, sidetone control for hearing the headset mic into the headphones and program mix. ATEM Constellation also supports SDI talkback that uses SDI channels 15 and 16 for 2-way communication with Blackmagic Design cameras. You can even use channels 13 and 14 for engineering talkback. It's even possible to mix the talkback mic into the program audio for voiceovers.

Internal Media for Stills and Motion Graphics

The built in media pool stores broadcast quality RGBA graphics and animations that can be played back instantly by the 2 or 4 media players. Media players simply appear

as additional input sources on the ATEM Constellation, so you don't have to use extra SDI inputs for graphics. The built in media pool holds graphics for use with the media players and the 1 M/E model can hold 20 stills and 200 frame animations, the 2 M/E model can hold 40 stills and 400 frame animations and the 4 M/E models can hold 60 stills and up to 400 frame animations. You can easily manage all of your media using the included ATEM Software Control or download directly from Photoshop using the ATEM Photoshop plug-in.

Includes New ATEM Advanced Chroma Keys

For news or virtual set work, ATEM Constellation is perfect as it features lots of ATEM advanced keyers for high quality chroma or luminance keying. The chroma keyer is incredibly powerful and features a color picker to sample background colors for automatic generation of the key parameters. You get precise controls for edge and flare, and there is even a foreground color corrector so you can match the "look" of the foreground layer to the background layer making seamless compositions possible. The keyer can also be used for pattern and DVE keying. You get 4 ATEM Advanced Keyers on the 1 M/E model, 8 ATEM Advanced Keyers on the 2 M/E model and 16 ATEM Advanced Keyers on the 4 M/E models.

Create Amazing Virtual Sets

With 4 upstream chroma keyers per M/E row, you get the perfect solution for building virtual sets. With so many ATEM advanced chroma keyers, you can use a keyer per camera to create a seamless composition of the camera over the custom background. Even the 1 M/E model has enough keyers to generate a 4 camera virtual set. You can use external image processors for virtual sets, or you can even build a fixed camera virtual set by loading pre rendered still image backgrounds from the media players and media pool. You can setup macros to change cameras and load the correct background into the media players. With so much flexibility, you can experiment to try out different studio setups.

Powerful SuperSource Processing.

In addition to the DVEs in the M/E rows, the 2 M/E and 4 M/E models include powerful SuperSource multi layer processors with 4 extra DVE layers plus a background layer, that all appear to ATEM Constellation as an additional input source. Any switcher video input can be used for each SuperSource DVE, then it's all layered together over a media pool custom background. SuperSource is just like having an extra multi-layer VFX switcher built in. SuperSource is perfect for doing picture in picture displays for interviews because you can set up the effect while keeping the main DVEs free for other tasks. The ATEM 4 M/E Constellation models even have 2 completely independent SuperSource processors.

Multi Rate SDI for HD and Ultra HD Video Standards

With up to 40 multi rate SDI input connections, depending on the model, the ATEM Constellation is compatible with all types of video sources. You can connect equipment in HD or Ultra HD television standards including 720p, 1080i, 1080p and 2160p formats. Only multi rate SDI allows switching between formats so you can instantly adapt to the needs of the job you are doing anywhere in the world. The SDI inputs will also handle embedded audio and mix audio from all video inputs. The program outputs include talkback, tally and camera control information. So you can connect any of the switcher SDI outputs back to the camera for program return, camera control, and talkback.

The First Switcher with Truly Professional Audio

ATEM Constellation is the world's first live production switcher that fully embraces live professional audio production. All SDI inputs are connected to a built in Fairlight audio mixer that features 6 band parametric EQ, compressor, limiter, noise gate and expander on each input. On the ATEM 4 M/E Constellation models there are 2 MADI outputs for breaking out channels 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the first 30 SDI inputs out to an external audio engineer, plus a MADI input for allowing an extra 32 external audio channels in to the audio mixer. The Fairlight audio mixer even has additional inputs for mixing audio from analog inputs, talkback microphones for voice over and more.

Professional Fairlight Audio Mixer

With a built in Fairlight audio mixer, the ATEM Constellation makes it possible to do extremely complex live sound mixing. The internal mixer has up to 156 input channels, for the biggest audio mixer in a live production switcher. Audio is de-embedded from all the SDI video inputs and passed to the audio mixer. Then the 4 M/E models have extra audio mixer input channels for the MADI audio inputs. Each input channel features the highest quality 6 band parametric EQ and compressor, limiter, expander and noise gate as well as full panning. All this audio power can be controlled via the ATEM Software Control or a Mackie compatible panel.

Includes Free Software Control Panel

The ATEM Software Control Panel gives you total control over your switcher and is included free. The ATEM Software Control Panel features a beautifully designed interface with a visual switcher and parameter palettes for making quick adjustments. Multiple users can connect to the switcher via Ethernet and all work on different parts of the event at the same time. The ATEM Software Control also lets you access camera control, audio mixing, media, macro programming and even control of HyperDeck disk recorders. You can even save the full state of the switcher as XML

files, plus all media is backed up from the media pool. Plus you can run the software on Mac or Windows.

Add the Speed and Power of an ATEM Hardware Panel

Only ATEM Constellation has such a wide range of control panel options with 3 models of ATEM Advanced Panels available. ATEM Advanced Panels feature an industry standard, familiar M/E style layout. Each panel has built-in LCDs for menus, high quality buttons with customizable illumination color, a DVE joystick plus T-bar fader. You can even setup and trigger Macros. All rows of M/E buttons include integrated LCDs for dynamic input button labeling. The 1 M/E model features a single M/E row with 10 input buttons. The 2 M/E models feature 2 M/E rows with 20, 30 or 40 input buttons depending on the model. The massive 4 M/E model features 4 M/E rows with 40 input buttons per row and 4 independent system control LCD screens.

Get Industry Standard Professional Camera Control

The new ATEM Camera Control Panel provides 4 industry standard camera controllers for the same workflow as camera chains costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Designed to be portable, ATEM Camera Control Panel can be placed on a desktop or on a slide out rack shelf. All control commands are sent to the cameras using the SDI camera control protocol which is supported by cameras such as Blackmagic URSA Broadcast and Blackmagic Studio Cameras. You get dedicated controls including CCU style joystick and controls for RGB camera color, master gain, black, iris and more. Plus all controls are arranged in a familiar broadcast layout perfect for both experienced or new operators.

Compatible with Blackmagic Cameras, Panels, Decks and More

ATEM switchers are powerful because they can grow and expand with you. Add an ATEM Advanced Panel to get professional industry standard switcher control. Then add an ATEM Camera Control Panel for fast control and color balancing of up to four cameras. For cameras, Blackmagic Studio Cameras make great studio cameras as they have tally, talkback and control all built into the compact and very portable design. For mastering, Blackmagic HyperDeck Studio recorders are perfect because they include popular file formats such as ProRes, H.264 and DNx. You can even live stream using an UltraStudio or Blackmagic Web Presenter. Then add a Micro Converter SDI to HDMI 3G converter for HDMI monitoring.

All Features Included. No Hidden Costs

Unlike other switchers, all features are included in the purchase price. That means you get all features fully enabled and always ready for use. There are no license fees to

allow you to use features and no ongoing monthly costs. This means you'll never experience a license expiring 5 minutes before your program starts. Advanced features such as multiview, SuperSource, DVEs or the ATEM Advanced Keyers are always enabled and always ready to use. Plus, you can use the free ATEM Software Control on an unlimited number of computers. That's important when you divide up the workload with separate people for audio mix, graphics prep, camera control and switcher operation.

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