# ZÄHL AM1

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The best of both worlds.
Consistently analog approach using state-of-the-art technology designed for hands-on, real-time mixing.

#### **Modular Concept:**

Mono-, Stereo- and CV-Channels, Link Modules



### ZÄHL AM1 pure analog audio mixing desk



#### **AM1 DETAILS & FEATURES**

highly musical circuitry, legendary EQ design

fully featured stereo channels (no stripped down EQ!) with MID/SIDE STEREO conversion at INSERT SEND/RETURN, continuously variable STEREO BASE and dual PANORAMA stage

smart functions like INSERT RETURN with continuously variable DRY/WET mixing for parallel compression, parallel EQing etc. and DIRECT AUX for channel-exclusive effect insertion

numerous unique circuit details in order to preserve signal integrity and minimize noise and crosstalk (e.g. solid state audio switching at potentiometer minimum or zero position)

#### **FORMAT**

available in a wide range of formats for musicians studio, PostPro, Mastering or large recording/mixing studio.
8/12/16/24/32/40 mono or stereo channels, CV-Channel occupies 2 slots

#### **DESIGN FEATURES**

optimized for hands-on live mixing/real-time mixing

intuitive, user-friendly, mostly self-explaining layout

super clean, lowest noise and distortion signal paths, no VCAs in mono- and stereo-channels

click-free audio switching using zero cross detection on parameters relevant when mixing live

unique CV-Channel - CV-controllable

built with highest quality electronic and mechanical components

no microprocessors, no clock pulses, no switched power circuitry



The unique CV-Channel is both, stereo channel and musical instrument. It links professional audio with the modular analogue synth world. It is a stereo channel with VCA technology which allows controlling parameters by hand and by control-voltage (CV) at the same time. CV can be sourced from external equipment or from integrated CV-stages. Composing, sound designing and mixing are brought together by this thoroughly musical approach.

#### **DETAILS CV CHANNEL**

- stereo channel with full feature set as conventional stereo channel except for different EQ/FILTER section, but based entirely on VCA technology
- 21 parameters (every parameter except INPUT GAIN and switches) voltage controllable via a combination of a poti for postive/negative MODULATION AMOUNT and a 12-position rotary switch for selecting a MODULATION SOURCE
- 5 external CV INPUTS for outboard sources available on back panel (1/4" jacks)
- 7 internal CV sources designed in cooperation with VERBOS ELECTRONICS
  - FLUCTUATION (randomized LFO)



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- ENVELOPE FOLLOWER with selectable input SOURCE, SENSITIVITY and DECAY time and curve
- GATE with HOLD time control (sharing input SOURCE and SENSITIVITY with ENVELOPE FOLLOWER)
- AR ENVELOPE generator with ATTACK and RELEASE control, selectable trigger
- CV SUM for mixing any two of the other 11 CV sources or filtered noise
- FIXED VOLTAGE adjustable between -5V and +5V
- FIXED VOLTAGE SWITCHED the same voltage, but switchable manually or by external CV INPUT 2
- all internal CV sources available as CV outputs on back panel (1/4" jacks)
- 4 CV busses for sharing selected external CV INPUTS 1-4 between CV-A modules
- VCA-based EQ/FILTER section
  - 1 fully parametric EQ band with GAIN range from -18 dB to +12 dB, extended FREQUENCY range from 200 Hz to 10 kHz and Q control
  - HIGH PASS Filter with cutoff FREQUENCY and DRY/WET RATIO control
  - LOW PASS Filter with cutoff FREQUENCY and DRY/WET RATIO control

