



Low Profile  
Form Factor

4K 60p

12-bit  
Processing

8/10/12-bit  
SDI I/O

ÉPOCH | 4K NEUTRON

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TINY STARS RADIATING IMMENSE POWER

**Born from Epoch | 4K Supernova the smallest star is formed.  
Epoch | 4K Neutron a tiny star radiating immense power.**

In an industry that always demands “bigger and better” Bluefish444 have yet again delivered! This time we have gone one step further, the Epoch | Neutron range packs a massive amount of power into a form factor that defies belief.

#### **Bi-Directional I/O's provide unrivalled flexibility**

Like its brethren, the Epoch | Neutrons provide flexibility like no other allowing industry standard BNC video connectors to be 3G/HD/SD SDI inputs or outputs.

#### **World's most accessible video card**

With an all new form factor Bluefish444's Epoch | Neutron range opens a whole new galaxy of options! Bluefish444 have compressed functionality of much bigger cards into a

low profile, half height PCIe video card allowing integration with rack mount, small form factor, PCIe, or Thunderbolt enclosures. A great price point allows unprecedented accessibility for all SDI I/O users from 3rd party SDK developers to video editors.

#### **Unified hardware, drivers and SDK**

The Bluefish444 unified driver extends to the Epoch | Neutron range making it fully compatible with Industry leading 3rd party content creation tools and the extensively developed Bluefish444 SDK. Platform independent hardware alongside unified Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux Drivers/SDK delivers a powerful package in every environment.

# EPOCH | NEUTRON + 4K NEUTRON

## Simply Smarter – Condensing the form factor

Available with a low profile or full height shield, the Epoch | Neutron cards are not only in a low profile form factor but also half the length of a full size PCIe card. Many server products, rack mounted chassis and small form factor computers have little to no room for full sized PCIe Express cards. Epoch | Neutron cards are so compact that some 2 RU servers can install up to 6 low profile Neutrons allowing unprecedented expandability in such a small space.

## Thunderbolt Expansion Chassis Compatibility

Popular PCI Express and Thunderbolt expansion chassis are designed to be light and portable. The Epoch | Neutron range is compatible with them all from the smallest single slot devices right through to much larger multi-slot devices. For the full list of qualified 3rd party chassis visit [www.bluefish444.com](http://www.bluefish444.com).

## It's Smaller, so what did we lose?

Bluefish444 have condensed much of the bigger cards' functionality into a flexible, Low Profile and Half Height video card. But surely we have had to remove some features, or quality to do this, right?

**Wrong!** Bluefish444 have maintained the build quality and the image quality found in our bigger cards and have even added new features!

## Maintaining a 12-bit processing pipeline

A 12-bit image processing pipeline is standard on all Bluefish444 video cards. This allows 8, 10 & 12-bit SDI video signals to be produced from 8, 10, 12 & 16-bit pixel formats providing the highest image quality available from your source material.

A 12-bit image pipe means that 4096 discreet values of red, green & blue are maintained per pixel; that's 64 times the colour precision of a traditional 10-bit processing pipeline!

## Maintaining the highest quality RGB $\Leftrightarrow$ YUV Colour Space Conversions

Image processing includes a fully programmable  $4 \times 4 \times 33$ -bit colour matrix providing the highest quality colour space conversions that are a standard requirement in professional video workflows.

The fully programmable  $4 \times 4 \times 33$ -bit colour matrix reduces colour space conversion errors and ensures the highest quality colour accuracy during capture, monitoring and mastering.

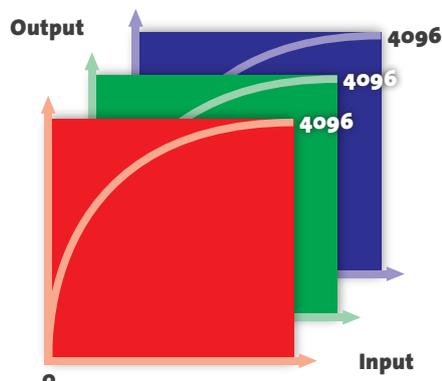
### 12-bit Processing of RGB $\Leftrightarrow$ YUV Colour Space Conversion



## Primary Hardware Colour Corrector

When the Bluefish444 programmable matrix is combined with the onboard 1D LUTs it provides a powerful primary hardware colour corrector.  $4 \times 1D \times 12$ -bit LUTs on all SDI outputs gives maximum control over lift, gamma and gain prior to monitoring or mastering your precious video assets.

### 4 X 1D LUTs for Colour Correction & Monitor Calibration



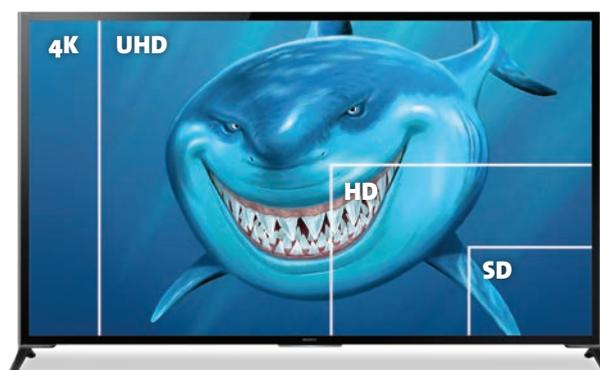
## **NEW** Low Latency Video Keyer

The new low latency hardware video keyer enables video layers to be combined in hardware with microseconds delay. This feature allows animated logo's, captions, ticker tapes, etc. to be keyed over live video feeds at full 12-bit precision and with minimum latency. The hardware keyer can also function as an image pre-multiplier to assist in previewing images with alpha data.



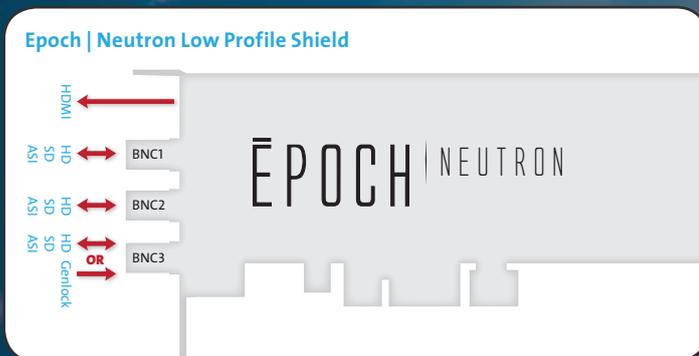
## **NEW** HDMI 1.4 Monitoring

Both Epoch | Neutron cards include a cost effective HDMI 1.4a monitoring solution, with deep colour and can even extend to higher than HD resolution support.



# Options, Options, and more Options

With the Epoch | Neutron range there is a variety of both low profile and full height shield options allowing the same physical hardware to be used in any number of applications and inside any number of enclosures or chassis.



Customized shield configurations provide direct RS422 connection, 8 channel AES/EBU I/O, LTC I/O and analog audio monitoring as alternate configurations allowing your system to achieve the I/O you need on all the right interfaces.

| Feature                         | Epoch   Neutron | Epoch   4K Neutron |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2 out                           | YES             | YES                |
| 2 in                            | YES             | YES                |
| 1 in 1 out (1 fill + 1 key OUT) | YES             | YES                |
| 1.5G SDI                        | YES             | YES                |
| Dual link SDI                   | YES             | YES                |
| 4224 SDI                        | YES             | YES                |
| 4444 SDI                        | YES             | YES                |
| HDMI out to HD/2K               | YES             | YES                |
| Keyer                           | YES             | YES                |
| 16-bit Half Float pixel format  | YES             | YES                |
| Colour Space conversion         | YES             | YES                |
| Interlocking Genlock            | YES             | YES                |
| 3G SDI                          | NO              | YES                |
| 4K SDI support (2 x 3G)         | NO              | YES                |
| HDMI out to 4K                  | NO              | YES*               |
| LUT 1D                          | NO              | YES                |

\*Available with future free firmware update.

**For a full list of the Epoch | Neutron range of optional shields please visit [www.bluefish444.com](http://www.bluefish444.com)**

## Flexible, Cross Platform SDK support

Our Windows, Linux and Mac OS X SDK's share a common API allowing developers to port from one platform to another with greater ease and efficiency. An extensive set of samples and interfaces are provided making integration of Bluefish444 cards with developer applications extremely efficient. Please visit our website for further information or to download our "free" SDK.



## Bluefish444 Symmetry software

Symmetry is Bluefish444's integrated 2K/HD/SD 3D and DI acquisition, review and playback software for Windows included free with the Epoch | Neutron range of video cards.



## Fluid MODULAR WORKFLOW SOLUTIONS

Record 1 or 2 streams of HD/SD to uncompressed or DNxHD media whilst simultaneously editing in Avid Media Composer or Adobe Premiere with the Epoch | Neutron range.



## Cross platform support with Industry leading 3rd party software

**Avid Media Composer** support through the Open IO plug-in architecture.



**Adobe Creative Cloud** support through the Adobe Mercury Transmit plug-in architecture.



**ASSIMILATE SCRATCH®** support through a Bluefish444 plug-in.



## Other compatible software

Other compatible software for the Epoch | Neutron range.



| Feature                                                               | Epoch   Neutron | Epoch   4K Neutron | Feature                                                           | Epoch   Neutron | Epoch   4K Neutron |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>SDI Video</b>                                                      |                 |                    | <b>Supported YUV SDI Video Modes</b>                              |                 |                    |
| SD                                                                    | Yes             | Yes                | 720 x 486i @ 29.97fps NTSC                                        | Yes             | Yes                |
| HD 1.5G                                                               | Yes             | Yes                | 720 x 576i @ 25fps PAL                                            | Yes             | Yes                |
| 3G                                                                    | No              | Yes                | 1280 x 720p @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94, 60fps         | Yes             | Yes                |
| Dual Link 1.5G                                                        | Yes             | Yes                | 1920 x 1080i @ 25, 29.97, 30fps                                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| Dual Link 3G                                                          | No              | Yes                | 1920 x 1080P/PsF @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| Quad Link 1.5G                                                        | No              | No                 | 1920 x 1080P/PsF @ 48, 50, 59.94, 60fps                           | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| Quad Link 3G                                                          | No              | No                 | 1920 x 1080P/PsF @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| Maximum Channels                                                      | 2               | 4                  | 2048 x 1080P/PsF @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| 8/10/12-bit 4:4:4 SDI                                                 | Yes             | Yes                | 2048 x 1080P/PsF @ 48, 50, 59.94, 60fps                           | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| 8/10/12-bit 4:2:2 SDI                                                 | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Supported RGB SDI Video Modes</b>                              |                 |                    |
| <b>HDMI 1.4a</b>                                                      |                 |                    | 720 x 486i @ 29.97fps NTSC                                        | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| SD/HD/2K                                                              | Yes             | Yes                | 720 x 576i @ 25fps PAL                                            | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| ARC                                                                   | No              | No                 | 1920 x 1080i @ 25, 29.97, 30fps                                   | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| UHD (3840 x 2160) @ 24, 25, 29, 30                                    | No              | Yes*               | 1920 x 1080P/PsF @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                   | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| 4K DCI (4096 x 2160) @ 24                                             | No              | Yes*               | 2048 x 1080P/PsF @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                   | Yes (DL only)   | Yes                |
| 3D Frame Packing                                                      | No              | Yes*               | <b>Supported 4K YUV SDI Video Modes SMPTE 2036-1</b>              |                 |                    |
| Deep Color                                                            | Yes             | Yes                | 3840 x 2160p @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                       | No              | Yes                |
| <b>Genlock</b>                                                        |                 |                    | 3840 x 2160p @ 48, 50, 59.94, 60fps                               | No              | Yes**              |
| Bi-Level/Tri-Level Genlock A                                          | Yes             | Yes                | 4096 x 2160p @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                       | No              | Yes                |
| Bi-Level/Tri-Level Genlock B                                          | Yes             | Yes                | 4096 x 2160p @ 48, 50, 59.94, 60fps                               | No              | Yes**              |
| Interlocking Genlock between Neutron cards                            | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Supported 4K RGB SDI Video Modes SMPTE 2036-1</b>              |                 |                    |
| <b>HANC</b>                                                           |                 |                    | 3840 x 2160p @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                       | No              | Yes**              |
| RP188 timecode                                                        | Yes             | Yes                | 4096 x 2160p @ 23.976, 24, 25, 29.97, 30fps                       | No              | Yes**              |
| 16 Channels of Embedded Audio per SDI                                 | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Supported Pixel Formats</b>                                    |                 |                    |
| Video Payload ID                                                      | Yes             | Yes                | 2UY, YUVS, BV8, V210, AYUV_4224, AYUV_4444, YV12                  | Yes             | Yes                |
| Custom Packets                                                        | Yes             | Yes                | ARGB, BGRA, RGB24, Cineon, DPX, RGB48                             | Yes             | Yes                |
| <b>VANC</b>                                                           |                 |                    | Custom using flexible hardware pixel format engine                | Yes             | Yes                |
| Closed captioning                                                     | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Supported API'S</b>                                            |                 |                    |
| 3 Line VITC                                                           | Yes             | Yes                | Windows API C++                                                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| Custom Packets                                                        | Yes             | Yes                | DirectShow Filters API Yes                                        | Yes             | Yes                |
| <b>Audio Signals</b>                                                  |                 |                    | Mac OS X API C++                                                  | Yes             | Yes                |
| 16 channels of Embedded Audio Input per SDI                           | Yes             | Yes                | Linux API                                                         | Yes             | Yes                |
| 8 Channels of AES ID3 Input(unbalanced, BNC)                          | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Compatible With Popular Retail Apps</b>                        |                 |                    |
| 16 channels of Embedded Audio Output per SDI                          | Yes             | Yes                | Bluefish444 Symmetry®                                             | Yes             | Yes                |
| 8 Channels of AES ID3 Output(unbalanced, BNC)                         | Yes             | Yes                | Bluefish444 Fluid® Modules                                        | Yes             | Yes                |
| 2 channels -10DBU Output (Unbalanced, RCA)                            | Yes             | Yes                | Adobe Creative Cloud®                                             | Yes             | Yes                |
| Dolby Digital Pass-through SDI                                        | Yes             | Yes                | Avid Media Composer®                                              | Yes             | Yes                |
| <b>Major Hardware Features</b>                                        |                 |                    | Assimilate Scratch®                                               | Yes             | Yes                |
| High Performance, 3G Bypass Relays                                    | Yes             | Yes                | Drastic Technologies Quick Clip Pro®                              | Yes             | Yes                |
| Fully Programmable 4 x 4 x 32-bit Colour Matrix                       | Yes             | Yes                | Drastic Technologies Media NXS®                                   | Yes             | Yes                |
| 12-bit video signal path throughout                                   | Yes             | Yes                | Drastic Technologies Preview Pro®                                 | Yes             | Yes                |
| Automatic Cross-Locking and intelligent output phasing across formats | Yes             | Yes                | Drastic Technologies 4K Scope®                                    | Yes             | Yes                |
| LTC I/O (optional)                                                    | Yes             | Yes                | Telestream Wirecast® - Direct Show (windows)                      | Yes             | Yes                |
| Audio sample rate converters                                          | Yes             | Yes                | The Foundry Nuke® - Monitor out support                           | Yes             | Yes                |
| (MR2) Master Routing Resource                                         | Yes             | Yes                | *Available with future free firmware update.                      |                 |                    |
| ISIM (Input Stream integrity management)                              | Yes             | Yes                | **Requires 2 x Epoch   4K Neutron synchronised.                   |                 |                    |
| RS 422 Serial Port                                                    | Yes             | Yes                | <b>Epoch   Neutron + 4K Neutron come with a two year warranty</b> |                 |                    |
| 4-lane PCI-Express (8 and 16 lane compatible)                         | Yes             | Yes                |                                                                   |                 |                    |
| Full Duplex DMA data transfer bandwidth 1.1GB/s                       | Yes             | Yes                |                                                                   |                 |                    |
| 256MB On Board Memory                                                 | Yes             | Yes                |                                                                   |                 |                    |

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