

SCT Programming Guide

History

V1.0	Initial Release
V1.1	Added RC-EDA supported commands
V1.2	Added RC-SDA+ Gen2 and RC-SDA Gen3. Added v5.0 for RC-SDA+
V1.3	Added unsolicited mic mute messages for RC-SDA+ Gen2
V1.4	Added RC-SDA4+ and RC-SDA5+
V1.4.1	Corrected typo
V1.5	Added RTK-AM1

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SCT RS232 Protocol

Supported SCT devices include an SCT RS232 protocol that is independent of VISCA/Poly commands. This section describes how to issue these commands, and the expected results.

RS232 3-Pin Terminal Block Pinout:

TX: Sends data out from SCT

RX: Receives data to SCT

GND: Ground



Parameters (DIP switch 2 selectable): 9600 baud, No parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit **or**
9600 baud, Even parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit

Every command must start with ASCII ## and must end with a carriage return and line feed (hex 0D 0A).

Basic Format

#	#	set <or> get	:	Command	Space	Parameter	Carriage Return	Line Feed
(23h)	(23h)	3 bytes	(3Ah)	Varies	(20h)	Optional	(0Dh)	(0Ah)
Start bytes			1 byte		1 byte		End bytes	

Minimum firmware versions required – For details on determining firmware version, refer to the Support -> Tech Tips section of www.soundcontrol.net and select your device.

RC-SDA (2021 or newer hardware)¹: v6.0

RC-SDA Gen3: v1.0

RC-SDA+: v5.0

RC-SDA+ Gen2: v4.0

RC-SDA4+: v1.0

RC-SDA5+: v1.0

RC-EDA: v3.0

RTK-AM1: v1.0

SCT Command List:

Command	Parameter	Direction	Function	Supported Devices
camera_power	on/off	set	off: send camera power off command to camera or codec on: send camera power on command to camera or codec	RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
camera_power	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If camera power is on <off> If camera power is off	RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
camera_tracking	enable/disable	set	Enable: Tracking is enabled ³ Disable: Tracking is disabled ³	RC-SDA Gen3 RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+

camera_tracking	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <enabled> If tracking is enabled <disabled> If tracking is disabled	RC-SDA Gen3 RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+
hdmi_cec_out1_pwr	on/off	set	On: CEC active source (on) command is sent to HDMI Output 1 Off: CEC standby (off) command is sent to HDMI Output 1	RC-EDA
hdmi_cec_out2_pwr	on/off	set	On: CEC active source (on) command is sent to HDMI Output 2 Off: CEC standby (off) command is sent to HDMI Output 2	RC-EDA
img_flip	on/off	set	Off: Video image will be in standard upright mode On: Video image will be inverted vertically, for ceiling mounting (upside-down)	RC-SDA (2021) RC-SDA Gen3 RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
img_flip	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If video image is in standard upright mode. <off> If video image is flipped vertically	RC-SDA (2021) RC-SDA Gen3 RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
mfc_pwr	on/off/reset	set	Off: Disables power to the 60-pin Multi-Function Connector (MFC) ² On: Enables power to the 60-pin MFC connector Reset: Disables power to the 60-pin MFC connector for 2 seconds, then re-enables power	RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2
mfc_pwr	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If 60-pin MFC power is enabled <off> If 60-pin MFC power is disabled	RC-SDA+ RC-SDA+ Gen2
poe_reset	mic1/mic2/mic3/ethernet	set	Disables PoE power on indicated port for 2 seconds, then re-enables power	RTK-AM1
rx_signal	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If HDMI input has an active signal <off> If HDMI input has no active signal	RC-EDA
sct_link_pwr	on/off/reset	set	Off: Disables power to the SCTLINK connector, effectivity powering down the attached camera end module and camera On: Enables power to the SCTLINK connector Reset: Disables power to the SCTLINK connector for 2 seconds, then re-enables power	RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
sct_link_pwr	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value>	RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+

			<on> If SCTLINK power is on <off> If SCTLINK power is off	
unsol_msg	enable/disable	set	When enabled, unsolicited messages are sent when the video input changes (for example pressing the front pushbutton). Message format is "video_input 1" 0D 0A "video_input 2" 0D 0A "video_input 3" 0D 0A "video_input usb-c" 0D 0A When disabled, unsolicited messages are not sent when video input changes. *Default is enabled	RTK-AM1
unsol_msg	n/a	get	Replies with current state (enabled or disabled)	RTK-AM1
usb_audio_mic_mute	on/off/toggle	set	On: USB Audio port microphone is muted Off: USB Audio port microphone is unmuted Toggle: USB Audio port microphone state is toggled	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
usb_audio_mic_mute	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If USB Audio port mic is muted <off> If USB Audio port mic is unmuted.	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
usb_unified_mic_mute	on/off/toggle	set	On: USB Unified port microphone is muted Off: USB Unified port microphone is unmuted Toggle: USB Unified port microphone state is toggled	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
usb_unified_mic_mute	n/a	get	Replies with current state <value> <on> If USB Unified port mic is muted <off> If USB Unified port mic is unmuted.	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
video_input	1/2/3/4	set	Switches the video input to the specified port. ⁴	RTK-AM1

¹ See appendix 1 for identifying RC-SDA hardware versions.

² Cuts power only to camera that is directly connected to the MFC, not through an extension kit.

³ RC-SDA Gen3, RC-SDA+ and RC-SDA+ Gen2: When "Poly Director-II mode" is enabled and "Multi-Function Connector (MFC) (RS232) mode" is Poly.

RC-SDA4+: When "Poly Director-II (D2) mode" is enabled and "Attached RC4-CE (RS232) mode" is Poly or when "camera supports auto-tracking" is enabled (Yes) and "Attached RC4-CE (RS232) mode" is VISCA.

⁴ This command does not trigger unsolicited messages.

All commands without return values will reply:

(Without quotes. ACK followed by a carriage return and line feed. Characters between quotes are ASCII):

- If command is recognized: "ACK" 0Dh 0Ah

- If command is not recognized: "NACK" 0Dh 0Ah

All commands with return values will return the following pattern:

(Without quotes. Without brackets. A space character, 20h, is between <value> and ACK. Characters between quotes are ASCII. End of reply is a carriage return and line feed):

- If command is recognized: "<value> ACK" 0Dh 0Ah
- If command is not recognized: "NACK" 0Dh 0Ah

SCT Unsolicited Commands – The following messages will be sent out of the RS232 3-Pin Terminal Block port, including a terminating carriage return and line feed. Unsolicited commands are enabled by default but can be disabled in the Config File settings.

SCT Unsolicited Command List:

Command	Parameter	Function	Supported Devices
usb_audio_mic_mute	on/off	On: Sent when USB audio mic changes state from unmute to mute Off: Sent when USB audio mic changes state from mute to unmute when “mic_mute_msg” is set to be enabled	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+
usb_unified_mic_mute	on/off	On: Sent when USB unified mic changes state from unmute to mute Off: Sent when USB unified mic changes state from mute to unmute when “mic_mute_msg” is set to be enabled	RC-SDA+ Gen2 RC-SDA4+ RC-SDA5+

VISCA to Poly Translation

Supported SCT devices have the ability to translate VISCA to Poly commands in real-time. This simplifies systems with Poly cameras that integrate VISCA joystick controllers or third-party control systems.

Supported SCT Devices – For details on determining firmware version, refer to the Support -> Tech Tips section of www.soundcontrol.net and select your device.

Device	Minimum Firmware Version
RC-SDA (2021 or newer hardware) ¹	v5.0
RC-SDA Gen3	V1.0
RC-SDA+	v1.0
RC-SDA+ Gen2	v3.0
RC-SDA4+	v1.0

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Refer to the Sony VISCA specification for details on the full command structure.

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The following table identifies which commands are translated to Poly:

Command Set	Command	VISCA Packet	Notes
Pan/Tilt	Left	81 01 06 01 vv ww 01 03 FF	vv: Pan Speed 01 (Slow) to 18 (Fast) ww: Tilt Speed 01 (Slow) to 14 (Fast)
	Right	81 01 06 01 vv ww 02 03 FF	
	Up	81 01 06 01 vv ww 03 01 FF	
	Down	81 01 06 01 vv ww 03 02 FF	
	Stop	81 01 06 01 vv ww 03 03 FF	
Zoom	Tele	81 01 04 07 2p FF	p: Zoom Speed. 0=Low, 7=High
	Wide	81 01 04 07 3p FF	
	Stop	81 01 04 07 00 FF	
Preset ²	Set	81 01 04 3F 01 0p FF	p: Preset number (=0 to 4)
	Recall	81 01 04 3F 02 0p FF	
Image Flip	On/Off	81 01 04 66 0p FF	p: 2=On, 3=Off
Power	On/Standby	81 01 04 00 0p FF	p: 2=On, 3=Standby
Tracking	On/Off	81 01 04 7D 0p FF	p: 2=On, 3=Off (AVer TR3xxV2)
		81 01 04 7D 0p 00 FF	p: 2=On, 1=Off (AVer CAM520Pro2)

¹ See appendix 1 for identifying RC-SDA hardware versions.

² Presets not supported on RC-SDA or RC-SDA Gen3.

Appendix 1 – Identifying RC-SDA Hardware Versions

The RC-SDA has had three major hardware versions since initially released in 2018. Version 2018-2020 is identified by a 4 position DIP switch and lack of microSD card slot. Version 2021-2022 is identified by an 8 position DIP switch and includes a microSD card slot. RC-SDA Gen3 is identified by “Gen3” indicated on the silkscreen.



RC-SDA 2018-2020



RC-SDA 2021-2022



RC-SDA Gen3