

ISDNguard failover switch

The *Junghanns.NET ISDNguard* is an automatic layer 1 failover switch that has been exclusively designed for the Asterisk™ open source PBX. It can be used for various failover scenarios that require a physical reconnection of up to 4 BRI/PRI interfaces (see Application 1 and 2).

The Asterisk™ server provides a heartbeat to the *ISDNguard* over a serial (RS232) interface. If the heartbeat stops the *ISDNguard* will go into failover state, directly connecting the ISDN NET with the ISDN CPE ports indicated by the red failover LED.

In normal operation the heartbeat stops whenever the AsteriskTM server is stopped. A configuration option allows the heartbeat to continue if the AsteriskTM server was cleanly shut down.

Multiple *ISDNguards* can be cascaded so they can be switched by a single Asterisk™ server with a single RS232 interface.

In case of a power failure the *ISDNguard* will automatically fall back to failover state.



Application 1: Integration of an ISDN PBX with failover ISDN (BRI/PRI) ISDNguard Asterisk ISDN PBX

Application 2: Failover of ISDN lines to a backup Asterisk ISDN (BRI/PRI) ISDNguard Asterisk (master) Asterisk (backup)

Target applications

- → Integration of ISDN equipment
- → PBX with redundant BRI/PRI ports
- → Redundant VoIP gateways
- → Layer 1 port switch

Case

- → 19" rack mountable
- 1 unit height
- → brushed stainless steel

Interfaces

- → 1 RS232 (heartbeat)
- → 2 DIN5 (cascading)
- → 4 shielded RJ45 (ISDN CPE)
- → 4 shielded RJ45 (ISDN NET)
- → 4 shielded RJ45 (Asterisk CPE)
- → 4 shielded RJ45 (Asterisk NET)
- → 4 shielded RJ45 (octoBRI ISDN) (for connecting a Junghanns.NET octoBRI PCI ISDN directly)

LED indicators

- → Power ok (green)
- → Heartbeat ok (green)
- → Failover state (red)

Requirements

- → Linux / *BSD operating system
- → RS232 (D-SUB 9) interface

Availability

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