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1. OVERVIEW

1.1. 7780M4-ASI OVERVIEW

The 7780M4-ASI is a single card, single slot time division multiplexer for transporting up to four DVB-ASI transport streams in a single 270Mb/s signal compatible with SMPTE 259M-C transport.

7780M4-ASI Features:

- Adjacent outputs of 7780D4-ASI unaffected by the loss of any DVB-ASI input feed at the 7780M4-ASI TDM Mux
- Single card TDM multiplexer for four DVB-ASI transport streams
- Inputs may be MPTS or SPTS with a combined bandwidth of up to 210Mb/s
- Signal transport uninterrupted by loss of any/all DVB-ASI input feeds
- Comprehensive signal and card status monitoring via four digit card edge display or remotely through SNMP and VistaLINK®
- VistaLINK® capability is available when modules are used with the 3RU 7700FR-C frame and a 7700FC VistaLINK® Frame Controller module in slot 1 of the frame
- Fully hot-swappable from front of frame
- Output is a single 270Mb/s signal compatible with SMPTE 259M-C transport
- Monitor port output is user-selectable from the four inputs

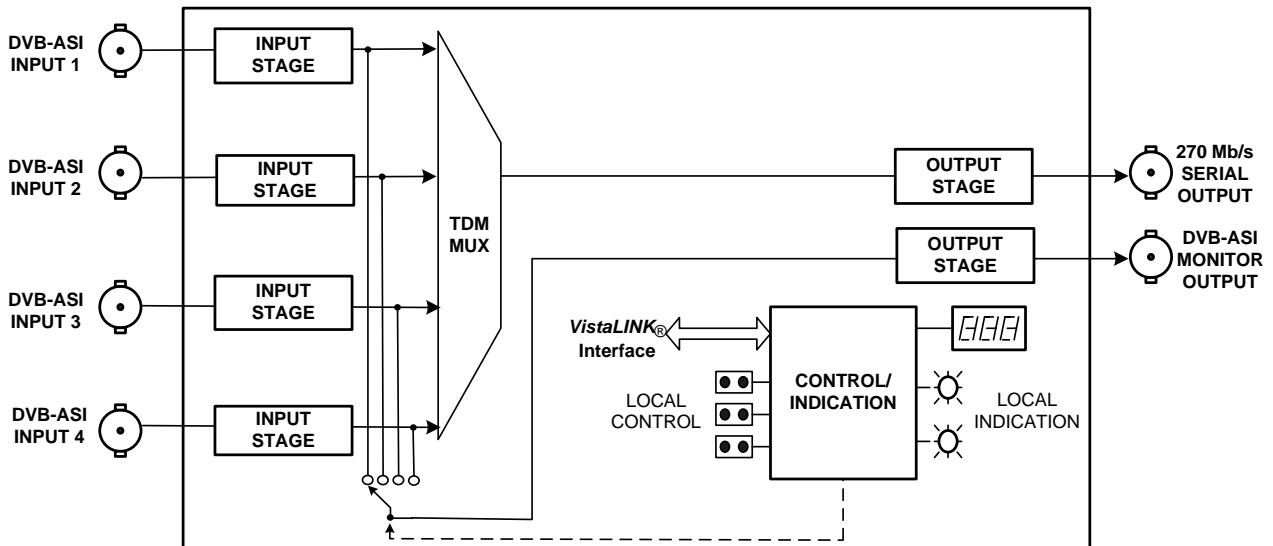


Figure 1-1: 7780M4-ASI Block Diagram

1.2. 7780D4-ASI OVERVIEW

The 7780D4-ASI is a single card, single slot time division de-multiplexing a single 7780M4-ASI 270Mb/s signal compatible with SMPTE 259M-C transport, used for transporting up to four DVB-ASI transport streams.

7780D4-ASI Features:

- Single card TDM demultiplexer for four DVB-ASI transport streams
- Adjacent outputs unaffected by loss of any DVB-ASI input feed at the 7780M4-ASI TDM Mux
- Fully hot-swappable from front of frame
- Monitor port output is user-selectable from the four ASI outputs
- Comprehensive signal and card status monitoring via four digit card edge display or remotely through SNMP and VistaLINK®
- VistaLINK® capability is available when modules are used with the 3RU 7700FR-C frame and a 7700FC VistaLINK® Frame Controller module in slot 1 of the frame
- Occupies one card slot & can be housed in a standalone frame, a 1RU frame holding up to 3 modules or a 3RU frame holding up to 15 modules

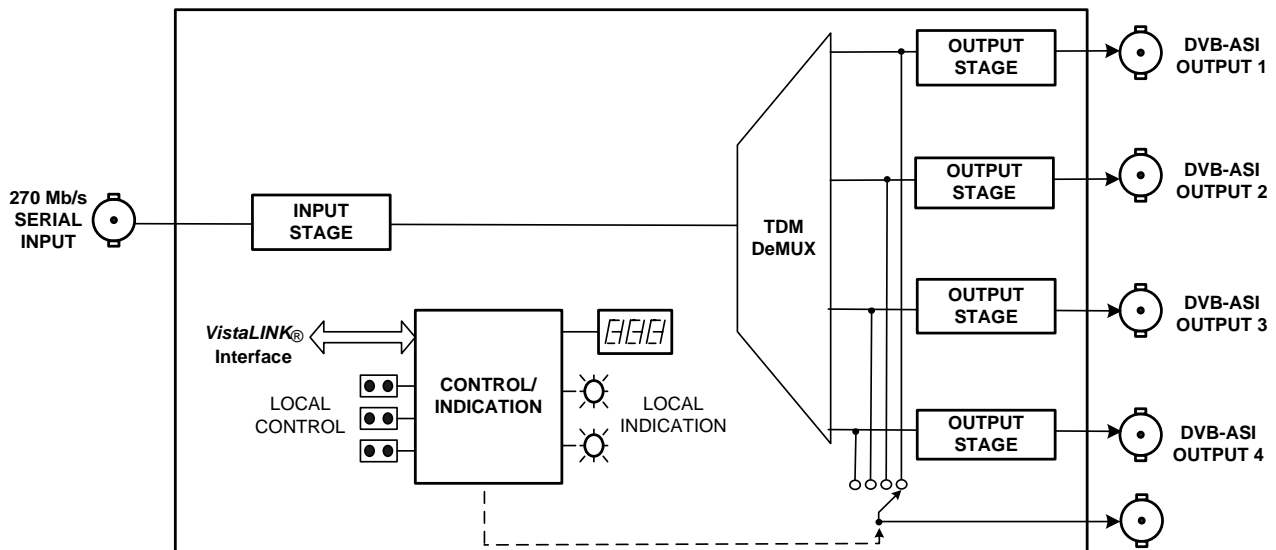


Figure 1-2: 7780D4-ASI Block Diagram

2. INSTALLATION

2.1. REAR PLATE DESCRIPTION

The 7780M4-ASI and 7780D4-ASI modules occupy one card slot each and can be housed in a standalone frame, a 1RU frame holding up to three modules or a 3RU frame holding up to 14 modules. Figure 2-1 provides an illustration of the 7780M4-ASI and 7780D4-ASI rear plates.

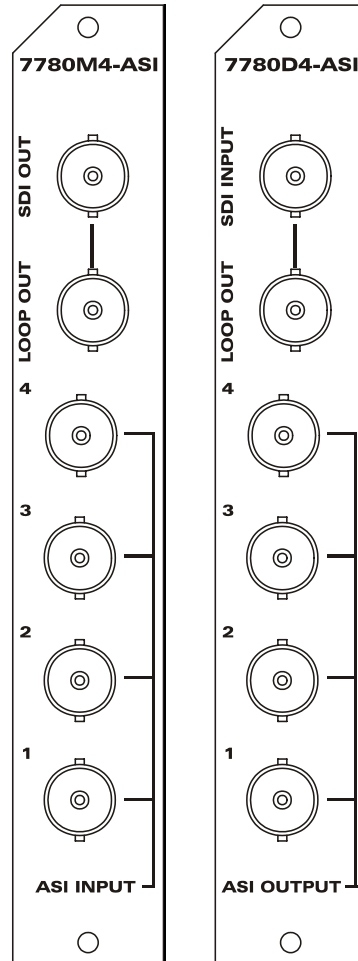


Figure 2-1: 7780D4-ASI and 7780M4-ASI Rear Plates

2.1.1. 7780M4-ASI Connectors

SDI Out: This BNC connector with serial digital video output is compatible with SMPTE 259M. This BNC carries out the compressed multiplexed content from outputs 1, 2, 3 and 4. The content from the SDI Output can only be demultiplexed using the 7780D4-ASI.

Loop Out: This BNC can be used to loop out any of the 4 ASI inputs. It is mainly used for troubleshooting purposes.

ASI Input 1, 2, 3, 4: These four BNC connectors are compatible with DVB/ATSC-ASI standards. The maximum input bandwidth of each input cannot exceed 205 Mb/s. ASI Inputs 1, 2, 3, and 4 correspond to ASI Outputs 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the 7780D4-ASI module.

2.1.2. 7780D4-ASI Connectors

SDI Input: This BNC connector with serial digital video input is compatible with SMPTE 259M; compliant TDM streams as provided by the companion 7780M4-ASI. The SDI Input connector receives a signal from the multiplexer (7780M4-ASI), which is to be demultiplexed by the demultiplexor (7780D4-ASI).

Loop Out: This BNC can be used to loop out any of the 4 ASI inputs. It is mainly used for troubleshooting purposes.

ASI Output 1, 2, 3, 4: These four BNC connectors with serial digital video inputs are compatible with DVB/ATSC-ASI standards. ASI Outputs 1, 2, 3, and 4 corresponds to ASI Inputs 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the 7780M4-ASI module.

2.2. HARDWARE INSTALLATION

The following materials are required to successfully install the 7780M4-ASI and 7780D4-ASI modules:

1. 1 Spare slot in an Evertz 7700 frame with Frame Controller
2. Evertz serial cable
3. VLPro Server IP address

Before handling the card it is important to minimize the potential effects of static electricity. It is therefore recommended that an ESD strap be worn.

Unpack your 7780M4-ASI and/or 7780D4-ASI and separate the rear card from the main card. Locate the blank plates on the rear of the rack and remove a single blanking panel. Insert the rear plate into the back of the chassis and secure using the two screws provided.

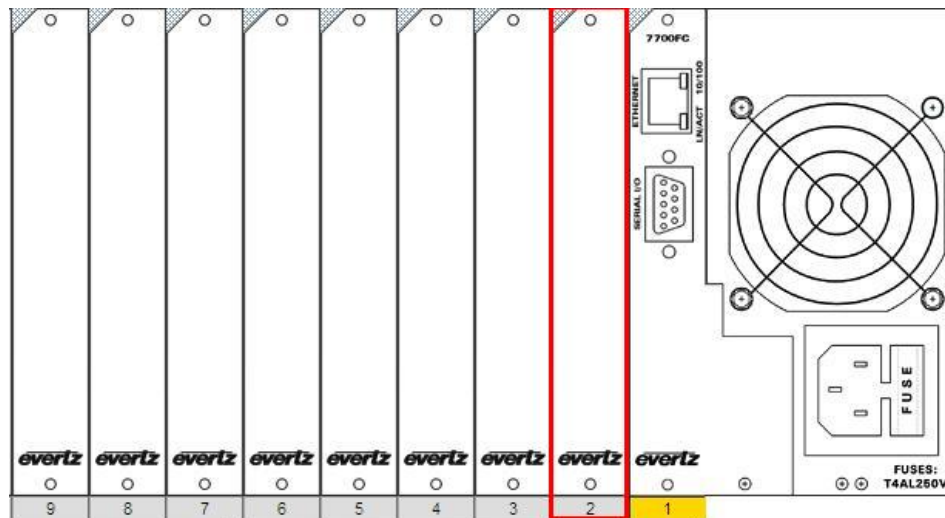


Figure 2-2: Rear View of 7700FR Frame

Before inserting the front card, connect the serial cable to the board using the serial cable provided. Now insert the 7780M4-ASI and/or 7780D4-ASI card into the corresponding front slots ensuring the card lines up with the slot runners on the bottom and the top of the chassis. Push the card into the slot ensuring that when it mates with the rear card that it has been firmly pushed into a seated position.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – 7780M4-ASI

3.1. ASI INPUT

Standard: DVB-ASI: DVB TR 101 891-270
Number of inputs: 4 independent DVB-ASI 270Mb/s signals
Max Input Bitrate: 210Mb/s
Connector: 4 BNC per IEC 61169-8 Annex A
Return Loss: > 15dB up to 270Mb/s

3.2. OUTPUT

Standards:
Output: SMPTE 259M-C framing compatible
Monitor: DVB-ASI output
Total Active Bitrate: 210Mb/s
Number: 1 + 1 monitor
Connector: BNC per IEC 61169-8 Annex A
Signal Level: 800mV nominal
DC Offset: 0V \pm 0.5V
Rise and Fall Time: 900ps nominal
Overshoot: < 10% of amplitude
Return Loss: > 15dB up to 270Mb/s
Wide Band Jitter: < 0.2UI

3.3. ELECTRICAL

Voltage: +12VDC
Power: 10W

3.4. PHYSICAL

Number of slots: 1

3.5. COMPLIANCE

Electrical Safety: CSA Listed to UL 60065-03, IEC 60065
Complies with CE Low voltage Directive
EMI/RFI: Complies with FCC Part 15, Class A
EU EMC Directive

4. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – 7780D4-ASI

4.1. ASI INPUT

Standard:	SMPTE 259M-C compliant TDM stream as provided by companion 7780M4-ASI
Number of inputs:	1
Connector:	1 BNC per IEC 61169-8 Annex 2
Equalization:	Automatic to 250M @ 270Mb/s with Belden 8281 or equivalent cable
Return Loss:	>15dB up to 270Mb/s

4.2. OUTPUT

Standard:	DVB-ASI: DVB TR 101 891-270
Number of Outputs:	4 independent DVB-ASI
Monitor Output:	1 output, selectable from outputs 1-4
Connector:	BNC per IEC 61169-8 Annex A
Signal Level:	800mV nominal
DC Offset:	0V ± 0.5V
Rise and Fall Time:	900ps nominal
Overshoot:	< 10% of amplitude
Return Loss:	> 15dB up to 270Mb/s
Wide Band Jitter:	<0.2UI

4.3. ELECTRICAL

Voltage:	+12VDC
Power:	10W
EMI/RFI:	Complies with FCC Part 15, Class A EU EMC directive

4.4. PHYSICAL

Number of slots:	1
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5. VISTALINK[®] REMOTE MONITORING/CONTROL

5.1. WHAT IS VISTALINK[®]?

VistaLINK[®] is Evertz's remote monitoring and configuration platform which operates over an Ethernet network using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). SNMP is a standard computer network protocol that enables different devices sharing the same network to communicate with each other. VistaLINK[®] provides centralized alarm management, which monitors, reports, and logs all incoming alarm events and dispatches alerts to all the VLPro Clients connected to the server. Card configuration through VistaLINK[®] PRO can be performed on an individual or multi-card basis using simple copy and paste routines, which reduces the time to configure each module separately. Finally, VistaLINK[®] enables the user to configure devices in the network from a central station and receive feedback that the configuration has been carried out.

There are 3 components of SNMP:

1. An SNMP manager, also known as a Network Management System (NMS), is a computer running special software that communicates with the devices in the network. Evertz VistaLINK-C Configuration Utility graphical user interface (GUI), third party or custom manager software may be used to monitor and control Evertz VistaLINK[®] enabled products.
2. Managed devices, (such as 7780M4-ASI and 7780D4-ASI cards), each with a unique address (OID), communicate with the NMS through an SNMP Agent. Evertz VistaLINK[®] enabled 7700 series modules reside in the 3RU 7700FR-C MultiFrame and communicate with the manager via the 7700FC VistaLINK[®] frame controller module, which serves as the Agent.
3. A virtual database, known as the Management Information Base (MIB), lists all the variables being monitored, which both the Manager and Agent understand. Please contact Evertz for further information about obtaining a copy of the MIB for interfacing to a third party Manager/NMS.

For more information on connecting and configuring the VistaLINK[®] network, see the 7700FC Frame Controller chapter.

5.2. CONNECTING TO VLPRO

This chapter assumes that the VLPro server and VLPro client are already configured for your network and you have basic knowledge of the VLPro interface. It also assumes that the user or network administrator has already added the 7780M4-ASI and/or 7780D4-ASI jar file to the server and both the client and server applications have been restarted. If you are the network administrator refer to section 8.2 for information on updating the VLPro Server Jar File.

Open VLPro and click on the refresh tree icon. Expand the hardware tree by clicking on the "+". Your 7780M4-ASI and/or 7780D4-ASI should appear as a newly listed device under the frame you selected as shown in Figure 5-1.

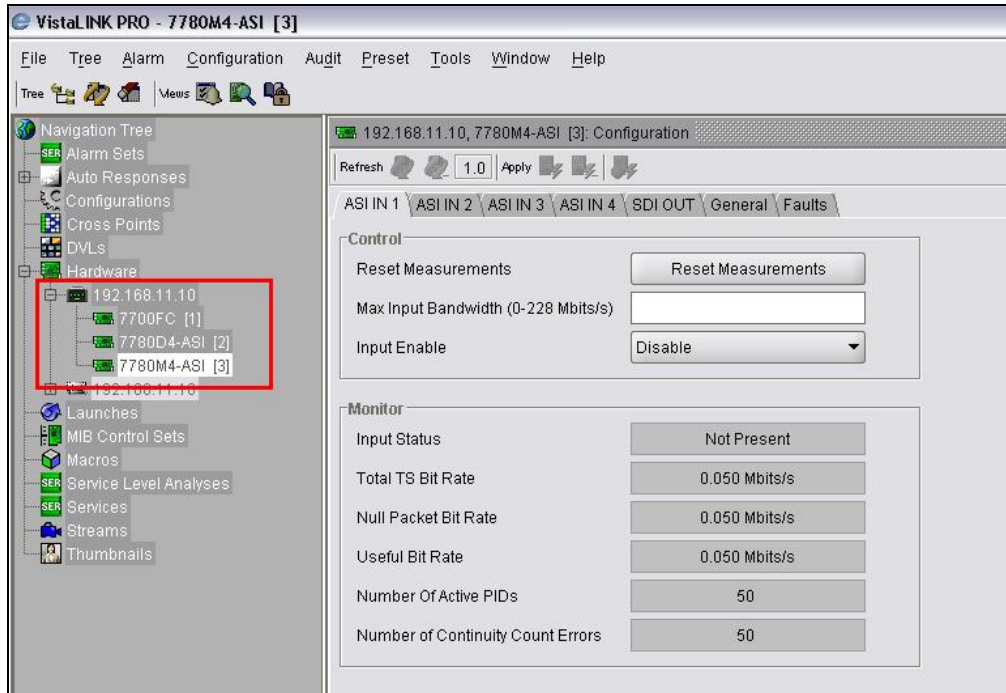


Figure 5-1: VistaLINK® PRO Hardware Configuration

Please consult your network administrator if you have problems connecting the card with VLPro, alternatively contact Evertz Microsystems Ltd. or your authorized reseller for technical support.

Consult the VistaLINK® Pro manual for instruction on how to use VistaLINK® software.

6. CARD CONFIGURATION – 7780M4-ASI

6.1. CONFIGURING THE 7780M4-ASI USING VISTALINK®

Expand the Hardware tree from the VLPro window. Locate the IP address of the frame controller in which the card(s) has been installed. Click the “+” button to expand the frame. The card you have installed should be displayed as a sub component of this frame, and should be named appropriately, 7780M4-ASI, followed by square brackets to indicate the slot number used.

6.2. ASI IN 1/2/3/4 TABS

Right-click the card and select *View Configuration* from the context sensitive menu. You will be presented first with the “ASI IN 1” tab. The following three tabs labeled ASI IN 2 / ASI IN 3 / ASI IN 4 have identical controls and layout but refer to each of the separate inputs. For the sake of brevity, only ASI IN 1 will be described.

The configuration screen shown in Figure 6-1 will appear on the right-hand side of the screen:

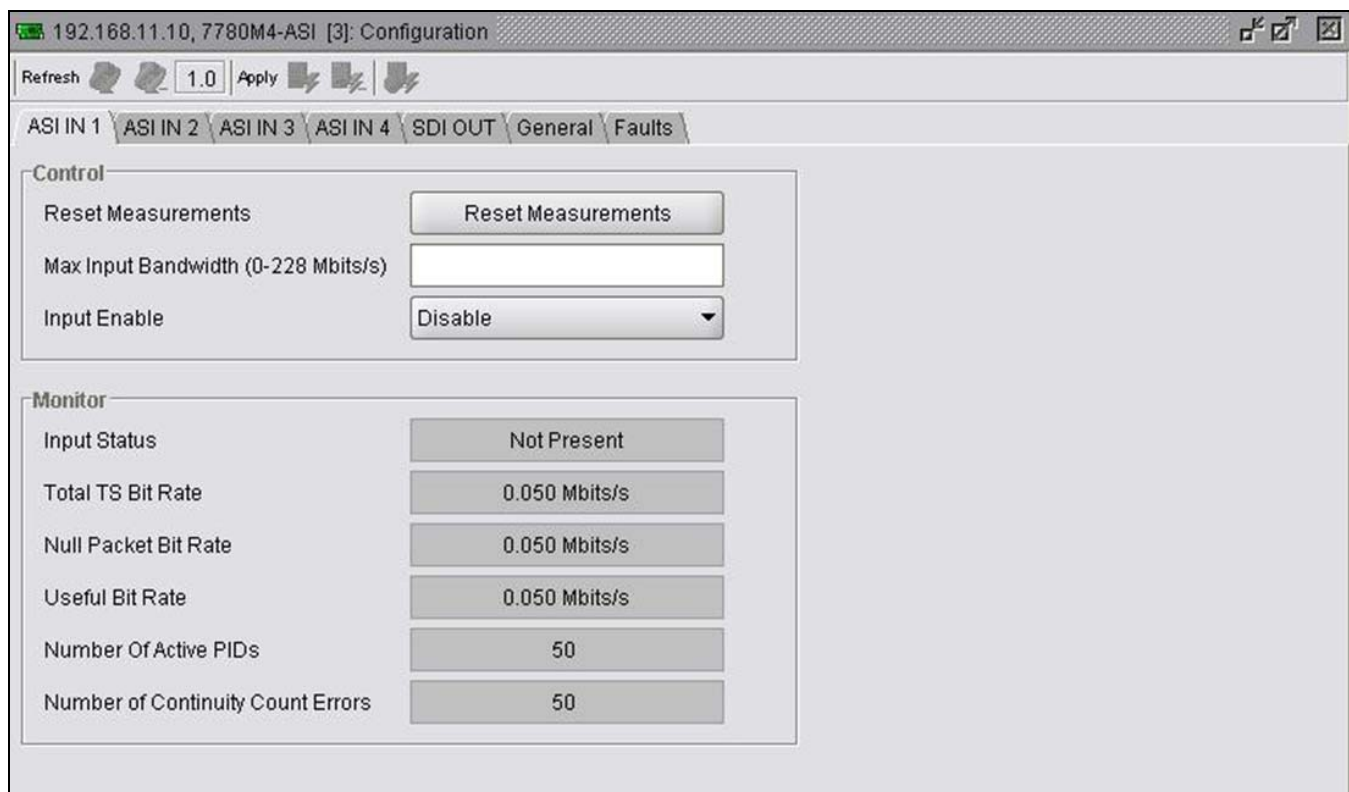


Figure 6-1: ASI IN 1 – 7780M4-ASI

6.2.1. Control

The *Control* section of the ASI IN 1 tab, enables the user to adjust the ASI IN controls. The following items provide descriptions of the controls.

- **Reset Measurements:** The *Reset Measurements* button allows the user to reset the Monitor window.
- **Max Input Bandwidth (0-209 Mbits/s):** This field requires a decimal value entry between 0 and 209. Setting this control caps the maximum bitrate that will be accepted on this input. ASI streams which exceed this rate will be removed completely from the output. You can either increase the value or reduce the ASI stream rate to avoid this problem.



Note: It is important to first consider the gross rate of all four inputs before making any adjustments in a production environment. The maximum transportable aggregate value of SDI compatible stream cannot exceed 270 Mbits/s. The maximum input of the four streams is 209Mb/s.

- **Input Enable:** It may be necessary to totally disable an input in some situations, use this drop-down box to select if the input should be enabled or disabled.



Note: ASI IN 1 should typically be enabled at all times. Input 1 will auto detect the type of input as it can accept either ASI or SDI (the other three ports only accept ASI). When SDI is detected the other inputs are automatically disabled and the SDI bypasses onto the SDI line.

6.2.2. Monitor

- **Input Status:** The status of the input is displayed in this field.
- **Total TS Bit Rate:** This field displays the total bit rate for the entire stream (including NULL packets).
- **Null Packet Bit Rate:** This field displays the current bitrate of the NULL packets.
- **Useful Bit Rate:** This field displays the actual bitrate in use (Total TS Bit Rate – Null Packet Bit Rate) and reflects the actual bit rate currently being used by this input.
- **Number of Active PIDs:** This field displays the number of PIDs detected in the stream.
- **Number of Continuity Count Errors:** This field displays the number of continuity counts that have been detected since the last “Reset Measurements” or reboot.



Note: This is particularly useful during troubleshooting to determine if the packets are being dropped on the input.

6.3. SDI OUT TAB

The *SDI OUT* tab controls the operation of the card and determines how the SMPTE 259M-C compliant stream is characterized.

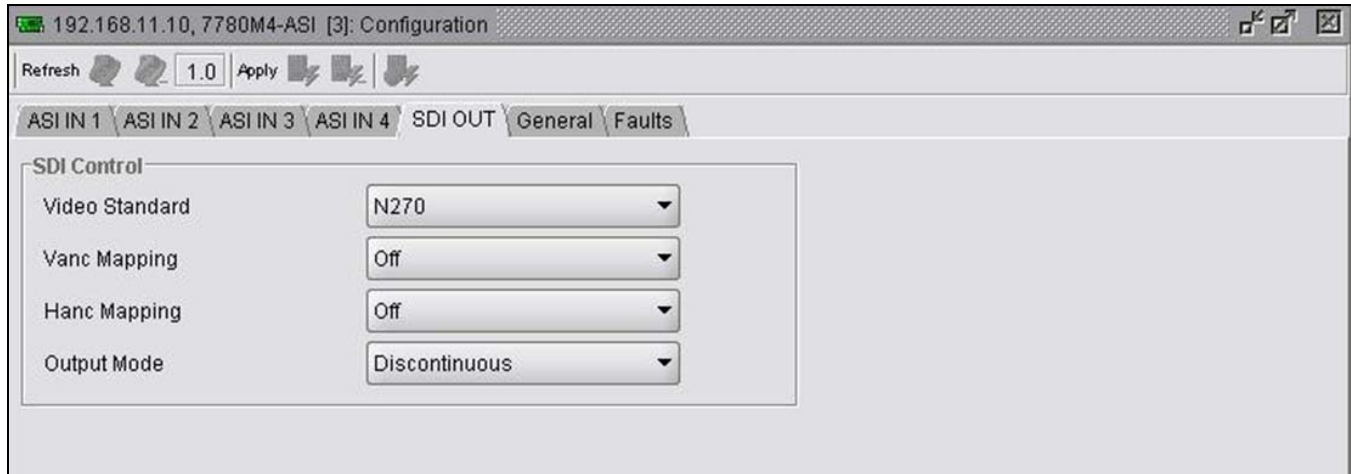


Figure 6-2: SDI OUT – 7780M4-ASI

6.3.1. SDI Control

The *SDI OUT* tab enables the user to set the parameters for the SDI Outputs.

- **Video Standard:** Options are **N270** if you are running in an NTSC facility and **P270** if you are running in a PAL facility.
- **Vanc Mapping:** The *Vanc Mapping* control allows the user to enable or disable the Vanc Mapping function. The drop down menu options are **Off** or **On**.
- **Hanc Mapping:** The *Hanc Mapping* control allows the user to enable or disable the Hanc Mapping function. The drop down menu options are **Off** or **ON**.
- **Output Mode:** The *Output Mode* control enables the user to set the output mode to **Discontinuous** or **Continuous** mode.

6.4. GENERAL TAB

The *General* tab permits the user to set a password to protect the control and display monitored aspects of the board.

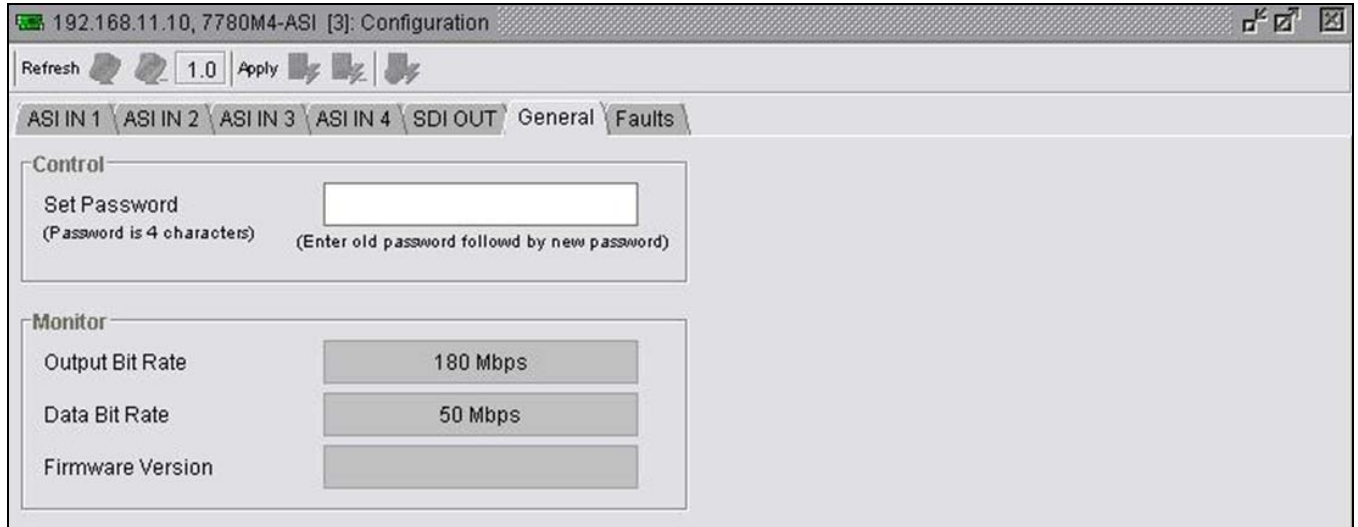


Figure 6-3: General – 7780M4-ASI

6.4.1. Control

- **Set Password:** Setting a password protects the configuration from being changed. Without the password it is not possible to amend the configuration.
 - This can be useful where inputs are used by separate entities or organizations and over-bandwidth usage could cause transmission problems.



By default the password is set to 7154. In order to change your password, type in the old 4 digit password followed by the new 4 digit password and then click on the *Apply* button.

6.4.2. Monitor

- **Output Bit Rate:** This shows the current maximum bitrate that the M4 is able to pass. The maximum is dependant upon the settings on the SDI OUT tab as detailed below:

VANC	HANC	MAX Mb/s
OFF	OFF	160
OFF	ON	180
ON	OFF	180
ON	ON	209

- **Data Bit Rate:** This field displays the actual bitrate being used by the four inputs. The maximum useable rate is 209 Mb/s as shown above.
- **Firmware Version:** This field displays the current firmware version on the board. This information will be useful for the user when contacting Evertz technical support.

6.5. FAULTS

The *Fault* tab allows custom configuration of the traps and displays the trap status. Use the auto-refresh option in VLPro to see the status dynamically updating. In order to enable a trap simply click on the check box associated with the trap you wish to enable.

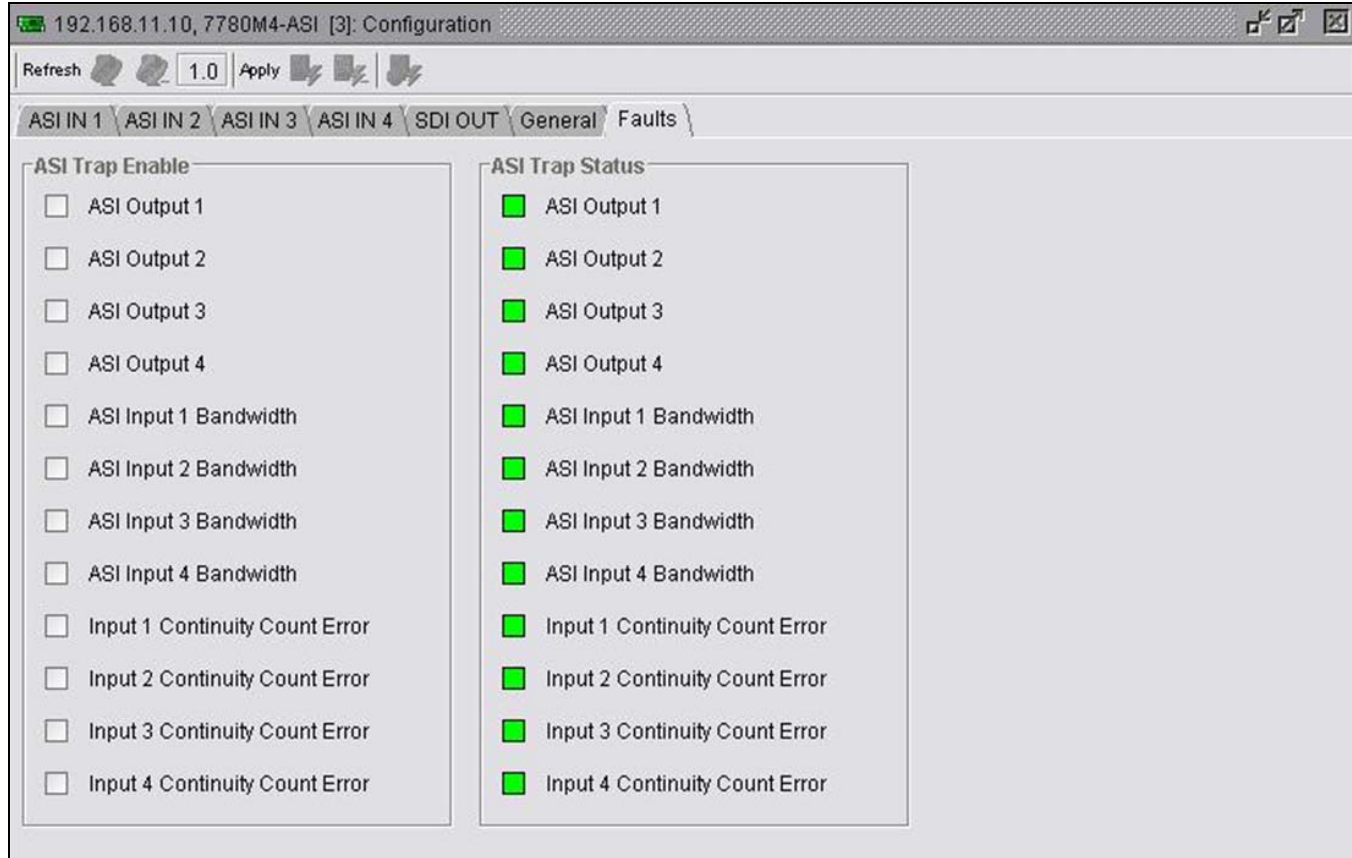


Figure 6-4: Faults – 7780M4-ASI

6.5.1. ASI Trap Enable / ASI Trap Status

The *ASI Trap Enable* section allows the user to set which *ASI Trap Enable* controls are enabled. The *ASI Trap Status* allows the user to monitor the status of the faults.

- **ASI Output 1/2/3/4:** This status indicator will remain red unless a valid ASI output is present.
- **ASI Input Bandwidth 1/2/3/4:** This trap status will change to red if the ASI input bandwidth exceeds the limit set by the user.
- **Input 1/2/3/4 Continuity Count Error:** This trap status will change to red every time the continuity count counter is incremented indicating a missing or lost packet.

7. CARD CONFIGURATION – 7780D4-ASI

7.1. CONFIGURING THE 7780D4-ASI USING VISTALINK®

Expand the Hardware tree from the VLPro window. Locate the IP address of the frame controller in which the card(s) have been installed. Click the “+” button to expand the frame. The card you have installed should be displayed as a sub component of this frame, and should be named appropriately, 7780D4-ASI, followed by square brackets to indicate the slot number used.

7.2. ASI OUT 1/2/3/4

Right-click the card and select *View Configuration* from the context sensitive menu. You will be presented at first with the “ASI OUT 1” tab. The following three tabs labeled ASI OUT 2 / ASI OUT 3 / ASI OUT 4 have identical controls and layout but refer to each of the separate outputs. For the sake of brevity, only ASI OUT 1 will be described in detail.

The configuration window in Figure 7-1 will appear in the right-hand side of the screen:

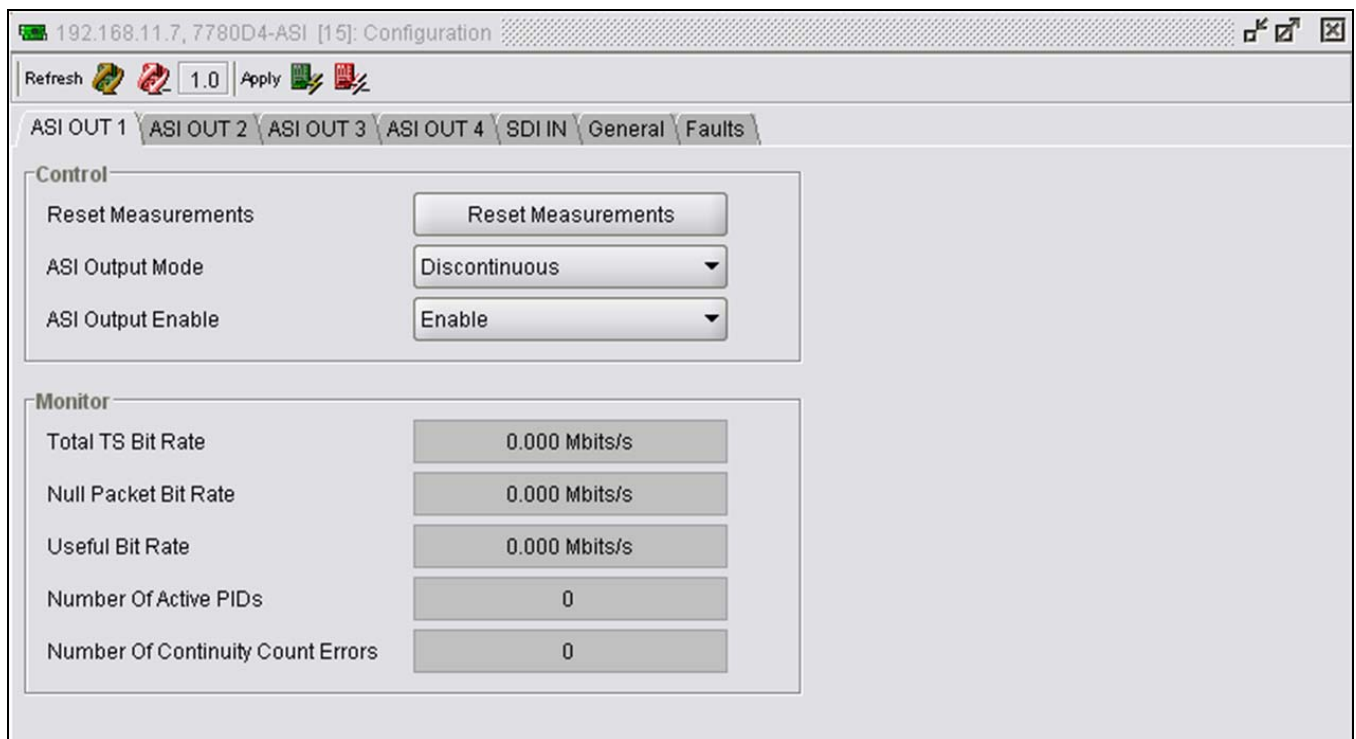


Figure 7-1: ASI OUT 1 – 7780D4-ASI

7.2.1. Control

- **Reset Measurements:** The *Reset Measurements* button allows the user to reset the Monitor window.
- **ASI Output Mode:** The *ASI Output Mode* control enables the user to set the output mode to **Discontinuous** or **Continuous** mode.

- **ASI Output Enable:** Use the *ASI Output Enable* drop-down box to select if the ASI output should be enabled or disabled.

7.2.2. Monitor

- **Total TS Bit Rate:** This field displays the total bit rate for the entire stream (including NULL packets).
- **Null Packet Bit Rate:** This field displays the current bitrate of the NULL packets.
- **Useful Bit Rate:** This field displays the actual bitrate in use (Total TS Bit Rate – Null Packet Bit Rate) and reflects the actual bit rate currently being used by this input.
- **Number of Active PIDs:** This field displays the number of PIDs detected in the stream.
- **Number of Continuity Count Errors:** This field displays the number of continuity counts that have been detected since the last “Reset Measurements” or reboot.



Note: This is particularly useful during troubleshooting to determine if the packets are being dropped on the input.

7.3. SDI IN TAB

The *SDI IN* tab enables the user to monitor and set the SDI input information.

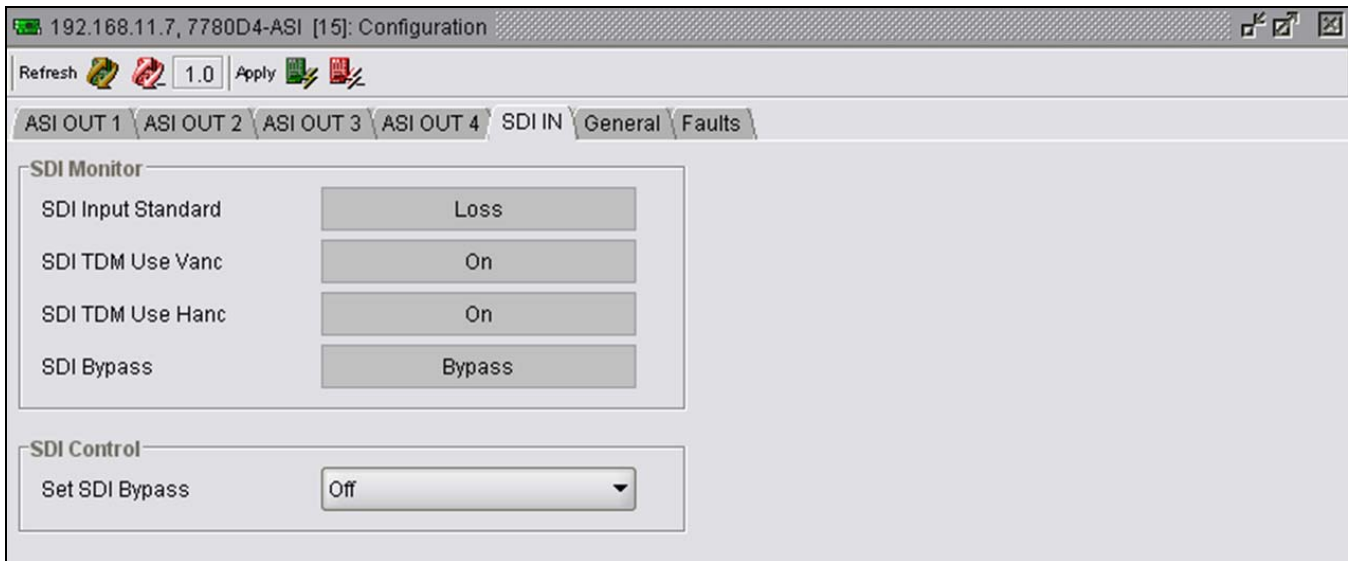


Figure 7-2: SDI IN – 7780D4-ASI

7.3.1. SDI Monitor

- **SDI Input Standard:** This field displays the detected SDI input standard.
- **SDI TDM Use Vanc:** This field displays the status of the SDI TDM Use Vanc control. The options for this parameter are ON and OFF.
- **SDI TDM Use Hanc:** This field displays the status of the SDI TDM Use Hanc. The options for this parameter are ON and OFF.
- **SDI Bypass:** This field displays whether the SDI Bypass is on or off. If it is on, “Bypass” will be displayed in the field.

7.3.2. SDI Control

Set SDI Bypass: The *Set SDI Bypass* drop down menu enables the user to select the SDI Bypass mode.

- In **ON** mode the module will operate like a DA where any stream present at the SDI input will be distributed to all four ASI outputs.
- In **OFF** mode the SDI input will not be distributed to any of the ASI outputs, the module will only operate as a demultiplexer.
- In **Auto** mode if the content present at the SDI input is a valid SDI video, the signal will be distributed to all four ASI outputs, however if the signal contains TDM content the module will operate as a demultiplexer.

7.4. GENERAL

The *General* tab permits the user to set a password to protect the control and display monitored aspects of the board.

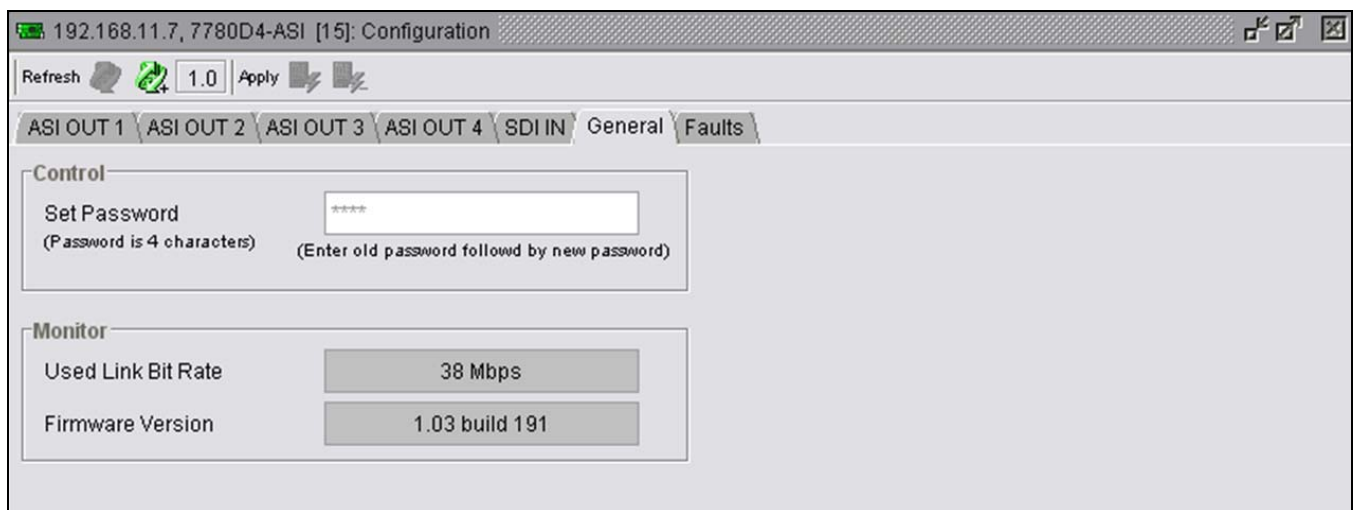


Figure 7-3: General – 7780D4-ASI

7.4.1. Control

- **Set Password:** Setting a password protects the configuration from being changed. Without the password it is not possible to amend the configuration.
 - This can be useful where inputs are used by separate entities or organizations and over-bandwidth usage could cause transmission problems.



NOTE: By default the password is set to 7154. In order to change your password, type in the old 4 digit password followed by the new 4 digit password then click on the *Apply* button.

7.4.2. Monitor

- **Used Link Bit Rate:** This field displays the actual incoming data bitrate.
- **Firmware Version:** This field displays the current firmware version on the board. The firmware version information will be useful if contacting Evertz technical support.

7.5. FAULTS

The *Faults* tab allows custom configuration of the traps and displays the trap status. Use the auto-refresh option in VLPro to see the status dynamically updating. In order to enable a trap simply click on the check box associated with the trap you wish to enable.

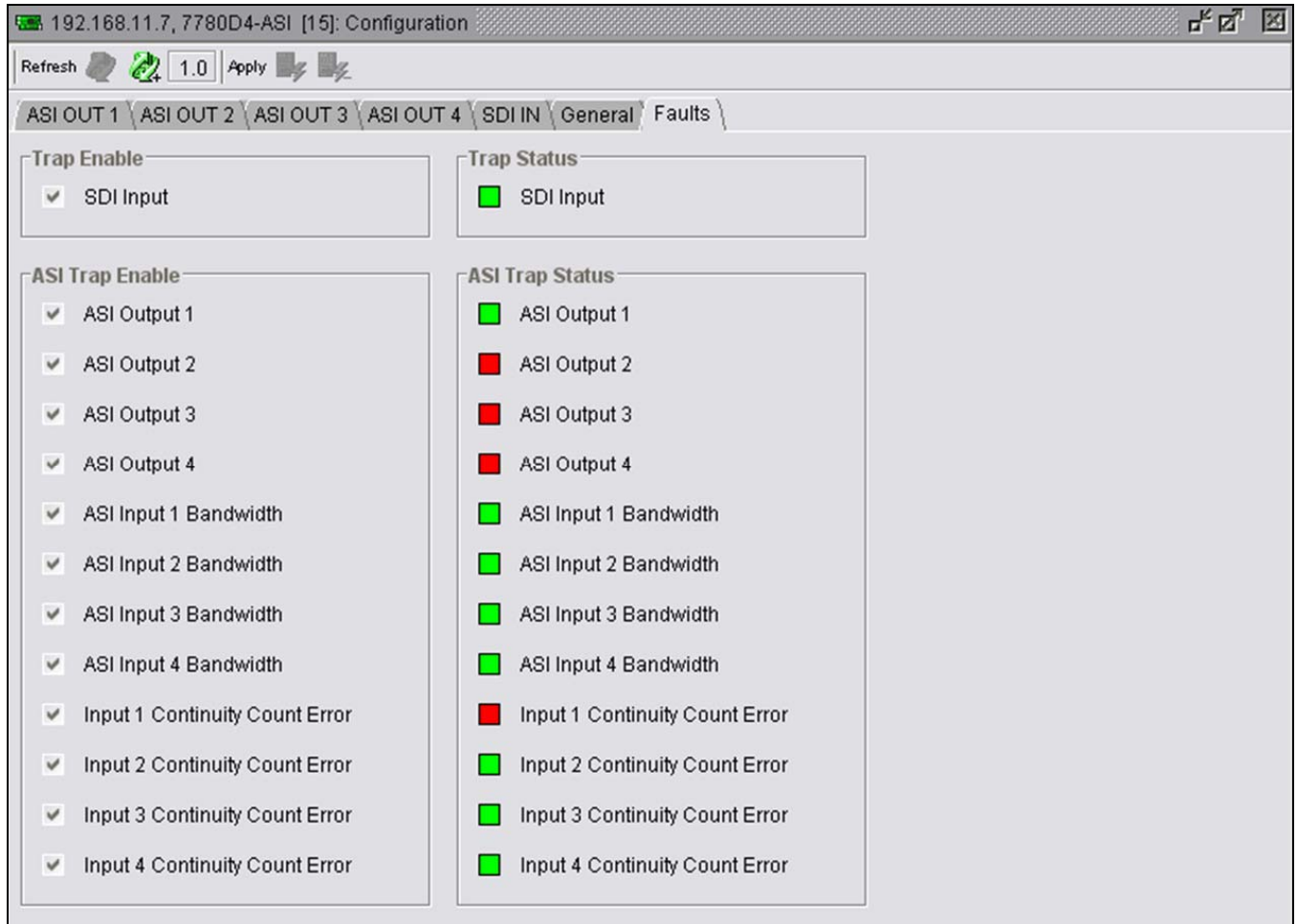


Figure 7-4: Faults Tab – 7780D4-ASI

- **SDI Input:** This status indicator will remain green as long as a valid SDI input is detected.
- **ASI Output 1/2/3/4:** This status indicator will remain red unless a valid ASI Output is present.
- **ASI Input Bandwidth 1/2/3/4:** This trap status will change to red if the ASI input bandwidth exceeds the limit set by the user.
- **Input 1/2/3/4 Continuity Count Error:** This trap status will change to red every time the continuity count counter is incremented indicating a missing or lost packet.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

8.1. VLPRO DOES NOT DISPLAY THE 7780R2X1-ASI-CS ALARMS

Refer to section 1 to connect directly to the board via the serial port. Once a connection has been established check and/or configure the SNMP settings with the correct VLPro Server IP address and ensure the community strings are correctly set. Refer to the network administrator if you are in doubt as to what these should be set to.

8.2. UPDATING VLPRO SERVER JAR FILE

Products from Evertz are constantly evolving and new features are often added. It is therefore important to update the JAR files in use to provide access to all the latest features or enhancements. It will also be necessary to add JAR files for new products. If your new product has not appeared even after waiting a few minutes for the Ethernet switch negotiation to complete then it is possible that your JAR file may be old or missing.

To perform a JAR update, ensure that all VLPro clients are closed (those clients which are not closed will automatically be disconnected as soon as the VLPro Server is restarted). Maximize the VLPro Server window from the Windows task bar, select *Help> Apply Update> Product* from the menu.

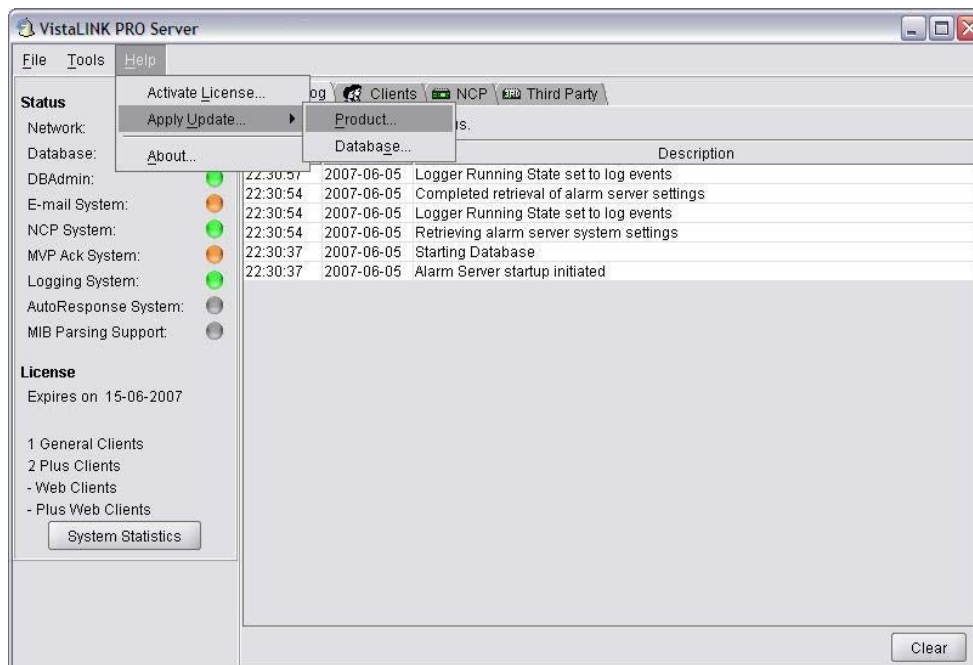


Figure 8-1: VistaLINK® PRO Server

A window will appear, as shown in Figure 8-2. Simply navigate to the location of the new JAR file and select the file by double clicking. The window will automatically close and the update will be applied in the background.

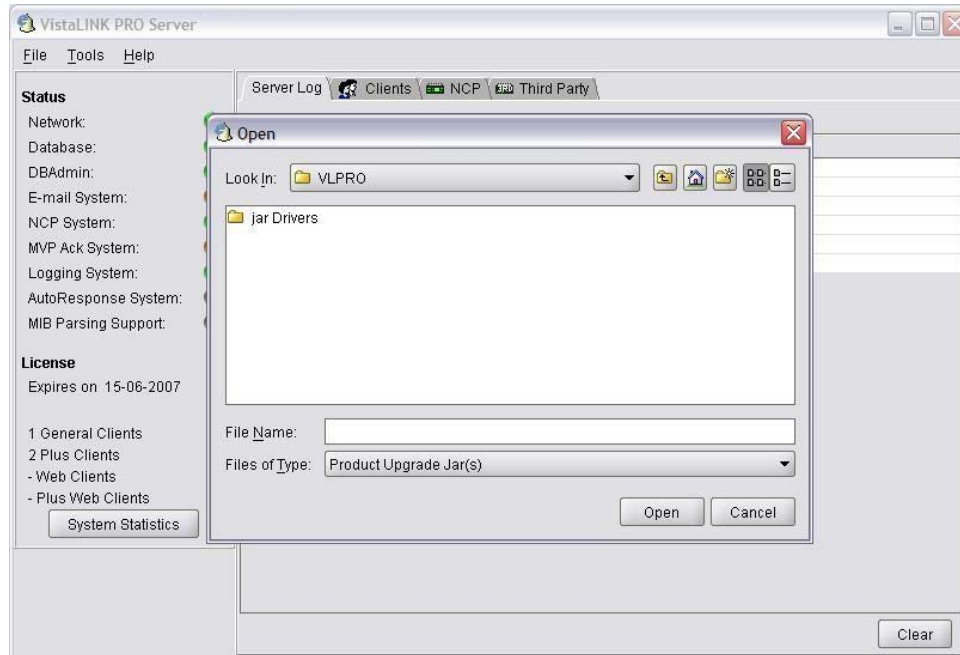


Figure 8-2: VistaLINK® PRO – Applying JAR Updates

You will be prompted to restart the server to enable the change to take effect. Apply as many JAR updates as required before restarting the server.



Figure 8-3: Restart Alarm Server Message



NOTE: You may confirm that all updates have been successfully applied by selecting from the menu *Tools>View>Show/Hide Product update log*.

Shutdown the server by selecting from the menu: *File>Shutdown Server*. Now re-open the server, it is normal for the start-up to take marginally longer while each individual update is being applied. Once complete, you may restart the VLPro Clients. As the Client restarts you will experience a short delay while the update is applied. A prompt will appear confirming that the updates have been applied.

9. ABBREVIATIONS

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

BAT	Bouquet Association Table
BER	Bit Error Rate
BW	Band Width
CA	Conditional Access
CAT	Conditional Access Table
CPE	Common Phase Error
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
DC	Direct Current
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting
DVB-C	Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital cable television (EN 300 429 [6])
DVB-CS	Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for SMATV distribution systems (EN 300 473 [13])
DVB-S	Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital satellite television (EN 300 421 [5])
DVB-T	Digital Video Broadcasting baseline system for digital terrestrial television (EN 300 744 [9])
EIT	Event Information Table
ETR	ETSI Technical Report
ETS	European Telecommunication Standard
FEC	Forward Error Correction
GOP	Group of Pictures
HEX	Hexadecimal
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
MGT	Master Guide Table
MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group
NIT	Network Information Table
PAT	Program Association Table
PCR	Program Clock Reference
PID	Packet Identifier
PMT	Program Map Table
PSI	MPEG-2 Program Specific Information (as defined in ISO/IEC 13818-1 [1])
PSIP	Program and System Information Protocol
PTS	Presentation Time Stamps
RS	Reed-Solomon
RST	Running Status Table (see EN 300 468 [7])
RTE	Residual Target Error
SDT	Service Description Table
SI	Service Information
TDT	Time and Date Table
TOT	Time Offset Table
TS	Transport Stream
UTC	Universal Time Co-ordinated