

Taurus Series Multimedia Players

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1 Overview

1.1 Introduction

Taurus series products are NovaStar's second generation of multimedia players dedicated to full-color LED displays.

This document introduces TB6.

Features

- Synchronization mechanism for multi-screen playing
- Powerful processing capability
- Comprehensive control plans
- Synchronous and asynchronous dual-mode
- Dual-Wi-Fi mode
- Redundant backup

If the user has a high demand on synchronization, the time synchronization module is recommended. For details, please consult our technical staff.

In addition to solution publishing and screen control via PC, mobile phones and LAN, the comprehensive control plans also support remote centralized publishing and monitoring.

For Ethernet port redundancy, 2 master and 2 backup Ethernet ports are provided.

Other Hardware Features

- Loading capacity up to 1,300,000 pixels, with the maximum width of 4096 pixels and maximum height of 1920 pixels
- Wired Gigabit Ethernet
- Stereo audio output
- HDMI Loop
- HDMI input and auto full-screen display
- 2 USB ports allowing for USB playback
- Onboard light sensor connector allowing for automatic and scheduled brightness adjustment

1.2 Application

Taurus series products can be widely used in LED commercial display field, such as bar screen, chain store screen, advertising machine, mirror screen, retail store screen, door head screen, on board screen and the screen requiring no PC.

Classification of Taurus' application cases is shown in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Application

Classification	Description
Market type	 Advertising media: To be used for advertising and information promotion including bar screen and advertising machine. Digital signage: To be used for signage display in retail stores including retail store screens and door head screens. Commercial display: To display commercial information of hotel, cinema and shopping mall, such as chain store screens.
Networking mode	 Independent screen: Use a PC or mobile client software to enable single-point connection and management of a screen. Cluster screen: Use the cluster solution developed by NovaStar to realize centralized management and monitor of multiple screens.
Connection type	 Wired connection: A PC connects to Taurus through the Ethernet cable or LAN. Wi-Fi connection: PC, Pad and mobile phone can connect to Taunus through Wi-Fi, which can be enabled in the case without PC in conjunction with ViPlex software.

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2.1 Synchronization mechanism for multi-screen playing

The TB6 support switching on/off function of synchronous display.

When synchronous display is enabled, the same content can be played on different displays synchronously if the time of different TB6 units are synchronous with one another and the same solution is being played.

2.2 Powerful Processing Capability

- 1.5 GHz eight-core processor
- Support for H.265 4K high-definition video hardware decoding playback
- Support for 1080P video hardware decoding
- 2 GB operating memory
- 8 GB on-board internal storage space with 4 GB available for users

2.3 Comprehensive Control Plans

- Solution publishing and screen control via PC
- Solution publishing and screen control via LAN
- Solution publishing and screen control via mobile phone
- Clustered remote solution publishing and screen control
- Clustered remote monitoring

2.4 Synchronous and Asynchronous Dual-Mode

The TB6 supports synchronous and asynchronous dual-mode, allowing more application cases and being user-friendly.

When internal video source is applied, the TB6 is in asynchronous mode; when HDMI-input video source is used, the TB6 is in synchronous mode. Content can be scaled and displayed to fit the screen size automatically in synchronous mode.

Requirements of full screen zoom in synchronous mode:

- 64 pixels ≤ Video source width ≤ 2048 pixels
- Allows images to be zoomed in only

Users can manually and timely switch between synchronous and asynchronous modes, as well as set HDMI priority.

2.5 Dual-Wi-Fi Mode

The TB6 has permanent Wi-Fi AP and supports the Wi-Fi Sta mode. The TB6 requires no wiring and users can manage the displays at any time by connecting to the TB6 via mobile phone, Pad or PC.

Wi-Fi AP signal strength is related to the transmit distance and environment. Users can change the Wi-Fi antenna as required.

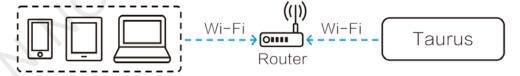
2.5.1 Wi-Fi AP Mode

Users connect the Wi-Fi AP of a TB6 to directly access the TB6. The default SSID is "AP + the last 8 digits of the SN", for example, "AP10000033", and the default password is "12345678".



2.5.2 Wi-Fi Sta Mode

Configure an external router for a TB6 and users can access the TB6 by connecting the external router. If an external router is configured for multiple TB6 units, a WLAN can be created. Users can access any of the TB6 via the WLAN.



2.5.3 Wi-Fi AP+Sta Mode

In Wi-Fi AP+ Sta connection mode, users can either directly access the TB6 or access internet through bridging connection.



2.6 Redundant Backup

TB6 support network redundant backup and Ethernet port redundant backup.

- Network redundant backup: The TB6 automatically selects internet connection mode among wired network or Wi-Fi network according to the priority.
- Ethernet port redundant backup: The TB6 enhances connection reliability through active and standby redundant mechanism for the Ethernet port used to connect with the receiving card.

3 Hardware Structure

3.1 Appearance

3.1.1 Front Panel

Figure 3-1 Front panel of the TB6



Note: All product pictures shown in this document are for illustration purpose only. Actual product may vary.

Table 3-1 Description of TB6 front panel

Name	Description						
PWR	Power status indicator						
	Always on: Power input is normal.						
SYS	System status indicator						
	On for 2s and off for 2s: The system is operating normally.						
7	On for 1s and off for 1s: The system is installing the upgrade package.						
>	On for 0.5s and off for 0.5s: The system is downloading data from the Internet or copying the upgrade package.						
	Always on/off: The system is operating abnormally.						
CLOUD	Internet connection status indicator						
	Always on: The unit is connected to the Internet and the connection status is normal.						
	 On for 2s and off for 2s: The unit is connected to VNNO and the connection status is normal. 						
RUN	FPGA status indicator						
	Same as the signal indicator status of the sending card: FPGA is operating normally.						

Name	Description
SWITCH	Button for switching between synchronous and asynchronous modes
	Always on: Synchronous mode
	Off: Asynchronous mode

3.1.2 Rear Panel

Figure 3-2 Rear panel of the TB6



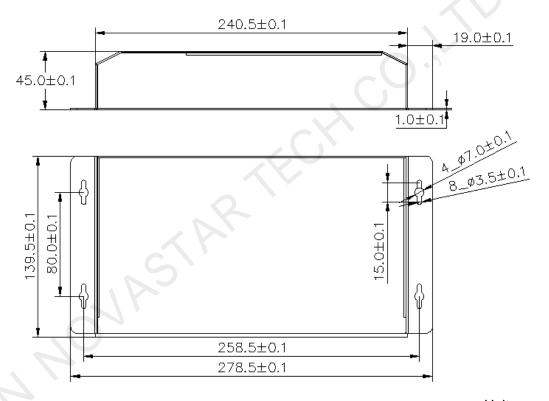
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Table 3-2 Description of TB6 rear panel

Name	Description				
TEMP	Temperature sensor port				
LIGHT	Light sensor port				
WiFi-AP	Wi-Fi AP antenna port				
WiFi-STA	Wi-Fi Sta antenna port				
COM1	Reserved				
COM2	Reserved				
ETHERNET	Gigabit Ethernet port				
	Indicator status:				
	 Yellow indicator always on: The unit is connected to 100M Ethernet cable and the status is normal. 				
	Green and yellow indicators always on at the same time: The unit is connected to Gigabit Ethernet cable and the status is normal.				
USB	USB 2.0 port				
	The file system supports NTFS (file size up to 2 TB) and FAT32 (file size up to 4 GB), but do not support exFAT.				
HDMI	IN: HDMI 1.3 input				
	OUT: HDMI 1.3 output				
AUDIO OUT	Audio output				
RESET	Factory reset button				

Name	Description
	Press and hold the button for 5 seconds to reset the unit to factory settings.
LED OUT	Output Ethernet port
ON/OFF	Power switch
100-240V~,50/60Hz	Power input

3.2 Dimensions



Unit: mm

4 Software Structure

4.1 System Software

- Android operating system software
- Android terminal application software
- FPGA program

Note: The third-party applications are not supported.

4.2 Configuration Software

Table 4-1 Related configuration software

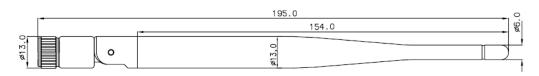
Name	Туре	Description
ViPlex Handy	Mobile client	LAN-based screen management software for Android and iOS, which is mainly used for screen management, solution editing and publishing.
ViPlex Express	PC client	LAN-based screen management software for Windows, which is mainly used for screen management, solution editing and publishing.
NovaLCT	PC client	Screen configuration software for Windows and OS X, mainly used to adjust the screen to the optimal display condition.

5 Product Specifications

Specifications

Electrical	Input power supply	100 V-240 V AC			
Parameters	Maximum power consumption	18 W			
Storage Space	Operating memory	2 GB			
	Internal storage space	8 GB on-board with 4 GB available for users			
Storage	Temperature	-40°C-80°C			
Environment	Humidity	0% RH–80% RH, non-condensing			
Operating	Temperature	-20°C-60°C			
Environment	Humidity	0% RH–80% RH, non-condensing			
Packing	Dimensions (HxWxD)	375 mm × 280 mm × 108 mm			
Information	List	 1 x TB6 2 x Wi-Fi omnidirectional antenna 1 x AC power cord 1 x Quick Start Guide 			
Dimensions (H × W × D)	278.5 mm × 139.5 mm × 45.0 mm				
Net Weight	1352.3 g				
IP Rating	IP20 Please prevent the product from water intrusion and do not work wash the product				

Antenna



Unit: mm

6 Audio and Video Decoder Specifications

6.1 Image

Туре	Codec	Supported Image Size	Container	Remarks
JPEG	JFIF file format 1.02	48×48 pixels~8176×8176 pixels	JPG, JPEG	Not Support Non-interleaved Scan
				Software support SRGB JPEG
		1 DK		Software support Adobe RGB JPEG
BMP	ВМР	No Restriction	ВМР	N/A
GIF	GIF	No Restriction	GIF	N/A
PNG	PNG	No Restriction	PNG	N/A
WEBP	WEBP	No Restriction	WEBP	N/A

6.2 Audio

Туре	Codec	Channel	Bit rate	Sampling rate	File Format	Remarks
MPEG	MPEG1/2/2.5 Audio Layer1/2/3	2	8kbps~320Kb ps, CBR and VBR	8KHZ~48 KHz	MP1, MP2, MP3	N/A
Windows Media Audio	WMA Version 4, 4.1, 7, 8, 9, wmapro	2	8kbps~320Kb ps	8KHZ~48 KHz	WMA	Non-support WMA Pro, lossless and MBR
WAV	MS-ADPCM, IMA-ADPCM,	2	N/A	8KHZ~48 KHz	WAV	Support 4bit MS-ADPCM,

Туре	Codec	Channel	Bit rate	Sampling rate	File Format	Remarks
	PCM					IMA-ADPCM
OGG	Q1~Q10	2	N/A	8KHZ~48 KHz	OGG, OGA	N/A
FLAC	Compress Level 0~8	2	N/A	8KHZ~48 KHz	FLAC	N/A
AAC	ADIF, ATDS Header AAC-LC and AAC-HE, AAC-ELD	5.1	N/A	8KHZ~48 KHz	AAC, M4A	N/A
AMR	AMR-NB, AMR-WB	1	AMR-NB 4.75~12.2kbp s@8kHz AMR-WB 6.60~23.85kb ps@16kHz	8KHZ, 16KHz	3GP	N/A
MIDI	MIDI Type 0 and 1, DLS version 1 and 2, XMF and Mobile XMF, RTTTL/RTX, OTA, iMelody	2	N/A	N/A	XMF, MXMF, RTTTL, RTX, OTA, IMY	N/A

6.3 Video

Туре	Codec	Supported Image Size	Maximum Frame Rate	Maximum Bit Rate (Ideal Case)	File Format	Remarks
MPEG -1/2	MPEG -1/2	48×48 pixels~1920×108 0 pixels	30fps	80Mbps	DAT, MPG, VOB, TS	Support Field Coding
MPEG -4	MPEG 4	48×48 pixels~1920×108 0 pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP	Not support MS MPEG4 v1/v2/v3 Not support GMC
H.264/ AVC	H.264	48×48 pixels~4096×230 4 pixels	4K@25fps, 1080P@60fps	100Mbps	AVI, MKV, MP4, MOV, 3GP, TS, FLV	Support Field Coding Support MBAFF
MVC	H.264 MVC	48×48 pixels~1920×108	60fps	38.4Mbps	MKV, TS	Support Stereo High

Туре	Codec	Supported Image Size	Maximum Frame Rate	Maximum Bit Rate (Ideal Case)	File Format	Remarks
		0 pixels				Profile only
H.265/ HEVC	H.265/ HEVC	64×64 pixels~4096×230 4 pixels	4K@60fps, 1080P@60fps	100Mbps	MKV, MP4, MOV, TS	Support Main Profile Support Tile & Slice
GOO GLE VP8	VP8	48×48 pixels~1920×108 0 pixels	30fps	38.4 Mbps	WEBM, MKV	N/A
H.263	H.263	SQCIF(128×96), QCIF(176×144), CIF(352×288), 4CIF(704×576)	30fps	38.4Mbps	3GP, MOV, MP4	Not support H.263+
VC-1	VC-1	48×48 pixels~1920×108 0 pixels	30fps	45Mbps	WMV, ASF, TS, MKV, AVI	N/A
MOTI ON JPEG	MJPE G	48×48 pixels~1920×108 0 pixels	30fps	38.4Mbps	AVI	N/A

Note: Output data format is YUV420 semi-planar, and YUV400(monochrome) is also supported for H.264.

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