

3-Pin XLR Pinouts & Pin 2 Hot Wiring

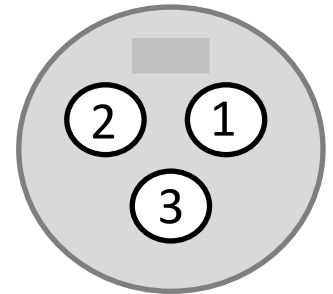


XLR cables are primarily used for professional audio, video, and stage lighting equipment. The most common XLR cable is terminated with 3-Pin XLR connectors.

While there are various configurations, or "pinouts", used in wiring 3-Pin XLR cables, the AES industry standard for balanced audio XLR wiring is what is referred to as Pin 2 Hot.

This means that in most configurations, Pin 2 of the XLR connector, carries the positive or "hot" signal. Pin 1 is the signal ground/shield, and Pin 3 is the negative.

An easy way to remember the "Pin 2 Hot" wiring configuration, is to use the following trick:



PIN 1 Ground

PIN 2 +

PIN 3 -

G	W	B
↓	↓	↓
GROUND	WHITE CABLE	BLUE CABLE
↓	↓	↓
PIN 1	PIN 2	PIN 3

