

Versatile Low-noise Distribution

- Up to 30 channels available from each rack
- Ultra low noise and EMC profile
- Flexible configuration and mounting arrangements
- Auto changeover units for fully redundant switching assures safe, continuous 24/7 operation
- Wide range of modules available including reference frequencies for metrology and telecom, 1-pps timing and a variety of timecodes



The 900-series are distribution amplifiers for local distribution of time code signals, 1-pps timing signals sinewave reference frequency to multiple outputs, up to 30 per cabinet.

900-series Overview

The 900 series is a range of high-reliability modules which are used to build versatile signal distribution systems. The use of ultra-low-noise Power Supplies, enclosed module construction and co-axial cable for interconnections means that the units have excellent noise, emissions and immunity characteristics.

The mainframe is suitable for 19" rack, desktop or wall mounting.

Typical applications are in installations where 'round the clock' reliability is a must. Examples include manufacturing plants for items such as mobile communications equipment and cellular base stations, both military and commercial. More generally the 900 series has applications in development laboratories, support workshops and calibration areas.

The 900 series units can also be found in many satellite ground stations, running up/down links from the Poles to the Tropics.

The 900 series can be widely configured with distribution of a variety of reference frequencies, 2.048 MHz (G.703) clock signals, 1-pps timing and various timecodes

Up to 30 individually buffered outputs at +13 dBm (1V rms in 50 ohm) is available from one 3U high cabinet

Continuous un-interrupted operation is assured via auto-changeover input modules, allowing redundant frequency sources to be used.

A 5 MHz to 10 MHz frequency doubler module provides good quality output signals without the need to use synthesizers or tracking oscillators.

All modules have built in test and can detect faults down to individual output level.

Alarms are consolidated in the rack PSU module and transmitted by relay output. Automatic signal source changeover is provided by some modules. This facility can be controlled manually by a front panel rotary switch, or remotely via Ethernet, by use of the 1873A communications add on option

900-series Technical Specifications

Input Modules

910D - Input conditioning/Splitter module

Input freq. range: 1MHz to 10MHz
Input level: 0 dBm to +13 dBm (adjustable)
Input connector: 1 x Input, N-Type
Output connector: 6 x SMA (Signal split to five output modules, 1 spare for local cascade connection)
Alarm: Input level and Output level fault indicators, with alarm threshold adjustment on front panel

980A - RF auto-changeover module

Input freq. range: 1MHz to 10MHz
Input level: 0 dBm to +13 dBm
Input connector: 2 x BNC (Master and Slave inputs)
Output connector: 3 x BNC (Buffered Master, Buffered Standby, and Source-in-use)
Indicators: Input level fault indicators, with alarm threshold adjustment on front panel + source in use
Remote control: TTL remote control interface and status readout, 'D-sub' connector. Front panel manual override switch

980B - Timecode auto-changeover module

Input connector: 2 x BNC (Master and Slave inputs)
Output connector: 3 x BNC (Buffered Master, Buffered Standby, and Source-in-use)
Indicators: Input level fault indicators, with alarm threshold adjustment on front panel + source in use
Remote control: TTL remote control interface and status readout, 'D-sub' connector. Front panel manual override switch

980C - 1 pps auto-changeover module

Input signal: 1 pps; TTL-levels in 50 ohm
Input connector: 2 x BNC (Master and Slave inputs)
Output connector: 3 x BNC (Buffered Master, Buffered Standby, and Source-in-use)
Indicators: Input level fault indicators, with alarm threshold adjustment on front panel + source in use
Remote control: TTL remote control interface and status readout, 'D-sub' connector. Front panel manual override switch

RF (1 to 10 MHz) Output Modules

Common:

All output modules receive normally their input reference signal from the Input / Splitter module 910D or the 980 Changeover module.

Input signal connector: 1x SMA

909B - Standard sinewave output module

Output level: +13 dBm in 50 ohm
Output connector: 6 x BNC
Indicators: Individual output alarm indicators and user adjustable alarm threshold level

919A - Hi-level sinewave output module

Output level: up to +22.5 dBm in 50 ohm (adjustable)
Output connector: 3 x BNC

903A - 2.048 MHz (G.703) distribution module

Input/output freq.: 2.048 MHz (from input module 910D)
Output level: G.703 compliant in 75 ohm
Output connector: 6x BNC

912A- TTL distribution module

Output level: TTL-levels in 50 ohm
Output connector: 6 x BNC

920B - 5 to 10 MHz frequency doubler sinewave output module

Input freq.: 5 MHz (same as reference signal to input module 910D)
Output freq.: 10 MHz
Output level: +13 dBm in 50 ohm
Output connector: 6x BNC

916A - Synthesiser sinewave output module

Unit supplied pre-programmed with up to 250 user defined output frequencies

Freq. range: 100 kHz to 10MHz
Freq. accuracy: same as frequency reference input to 910D
Freq. resolution: 10 mHz (10 digits), user defined
Output level: +13 dBm in 50 ohm
Output connector: 6x BNC
Indicator: Front-panel lock-status indicator

Timecode Output Modules

909E - Timecode output module

Input: 1x SMA (from input module 910D)
Timecode: modulated codes as presented at input
Output level: up to +13 dBm in 50 ohm (adjustable)
Output connector: 6 x BNC

930A - Universal fiber transceiver module

Two channel copper/fibre transceiver module for timecodes and/or logic signals

Input: 2x BNC (TTL-levels), 2x opto (ST)
Timecode: IRIG-A, IRIG-B, NMEA, or any logic signal to 10 MHz
Output level: TTL-levels in 50 ohm (BNC)
Output connector: 2x Opto (ST-connector)
2x BNC logic outputs
Indicator: Front-panel input/output fault monitor

Phase Comparator Module

908A- Phase comparator module

Freq. range: 1MHz to 10MHz
Inputs: source A, source B, reference
Input connector: 3 x inputs, BNC
Output signal: 2 x dc outputs, 0 to +1V fsd
Output connector: 1x SMA (reference signal output)
1x DIN5 (Phase - dc output)
Control: Rear-panel switch-select input impedance Hi/50 ohm all inputs

For single channel operation:

Relative Phase A input versus Reference input

For dual-channel operation:

Relative Phase, A input versus Reference input and,
Relative Phase B input versus Reference input

Power Supply Module

911 - Power supply module

AC mains: 100/115/230V $\pm 10\%$ (45 to 66 Hz)
DC output: via ribbon connector +/- 14V, 1A nominal, to other modules in cage
Indicators: Low voltage warning for internal DC voltages.
Alarm input: Module alarm signal input via power ribbon cable from all cage modules
Alarm output: Cage alarm relay on isolated BNC connector (normally closed)

General Specifications

Environmental Data

Operating Temp: 0°C to +50°C
Storage Temp: -40°C to +71°C
Safety: EN 61010-1, EN 60950, CE
EMC: EN 50081-1, EN50081-2, CE

Dimensions and Weight

Rack Width x Height x Depth:
483 x 134 x 350 mm (19" x 5.3" x 13.8")
Module Width x Height x Depth:
60 x 130 x 230 mm (2.4" x 5.1" x 9")
Weight: 4.0 kg (mainframe only) to 11.0 kg (fully populated)

Ordering Information

900A: 19" mainframe
903A: 2.048 (G.703) output module
908A: Phase comparator module
909B: Standard sinewave output module
909E: Timecode output module
910D: Input splitter module
911D: 230 V AC mains power module
911E: 115 V AC mains power module
911F: 100 V AC mains power module
912A: TTL distribution module
916A: Synthesiser sinewave output module
919A: Hi-level sinewave output module
920B: 5 to 10 MHz frequency doubler module
930A: Universal fiber transceiver module
980A: RF auto-changeover module
980B: Timecode auto-changeover module
980C: 1-pps auto-changeover module

Included with shipment

Mains cable (to power module 911)
User manual on CD
18 months warranty

Communication options

Model 1873A: RS232 to Ethernet converter + digital input/output

Other options

Option 95/03: Extended warranty to 3 years (instead of 18 months)
Option 95/05: Extended warranty to 5 years (instead of 18 months)

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