D-ATV.com's DVB-S modulator specifications

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Main features:

- Up to 14 selectable symbolrates
- Support for all FEC ratios
- DVB-SI support
- User interface support for keyboard/LCD and Microsoft Windows based software control
- Very fast user interface. No endless waiting for parameter changes.
- Support for 2nd MPEG encoder
- Upgradeable firmware

1 MPEG encoder board

General

Power supply: 8..12V, 2.5 Watt max Size (hxw): 80mm x 100mm

Video input

Input CVBS or Y/C

Level 0.5V..1.4V, 1V nominal

Impedance 75 ohms

Video system PAL (NTSC optional)

Note: video frame rate must be 50 Hz +/- 50ppm (PAL) to obtain encoder lock.

Audio input

Input stereo, unbalanced, spdif optional

Level 2Vpp max

Video compression

Compression MPEG2 MP@ML

Resolution h*v (PAL) 356*288, 356*576, 480*576, 720*576 Bitrate 1.7..15 Mbit/sec (25 Mbit I frame only) GOP length 1..19

GOP structure I, IP, IBP, IBBP

Audio compression

Compression MPEG1 Layer 2
Bitrate 256 or 384 kbit/sec

2 DVB-S I/Q baseband board

General

Power supply: 8..12V, 2.5 Watt max Size (hxw): 80mm x 100mm

Inputs/outputs

- 2x transport stream input for direct connection with MPEG encoder
- input for real-time audio interface
- RS232 control interface
- 2 line LCD display
- front panel keyboard/LEDs
- PLL control
- 10 bit differential I/Q output

Modulator, compliant to ETSI EN 300 421

FEC 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

Supported symbol rates (MSym) 12.5, 8.33, 6.25, 5, 4.167, 3.571, 3.125

2.778, 2.5, 2.273, 2.083, 1.923, 1.786, 1.667

Static SI tables inserted by CPU max. 10 streams, max. 3 kByte

3 RF modulator board

General

Power supply: 12V, 1 Watt max Size (hxw): 45mm x 100mm

Output

Frequency stability +/- 30 ppm (+/-2.5 ppm optional)

Frequency range (23 cm)¹ 1220..1350 MHz Frequency range (13 cm)² 2250..2600 MHz

Output level +2 dBm typical at 23cm, 0dBm typical at 13cm

Spectral regrowth < -60 dBc EVM³ < 1%

¹ Typical frequency range for the 23cm I/Q Modulator with order code 20223

² Typical frequency range for the 13cm I/Q Modulator with order code 20222

³ Measured at 6.25 MSymbols. EVM for 13cm version is typical <2,5%

4 Embedded software

The parameters can be setup using the RS232 interface or with the local keyboard/ LCD⁴. The DVB Config PC setup program can be used, but since all commands are in plain ASCII you can also write your own setup tool or enter commands by hand using a simple terminal.

Video settings

Input (CVBS/S-video), brightness, contrast, color saturation

MPEG settings

Clock mode (lock to video/don't lock), transport stream rate, audio rate, GOP length, GOP type, resolution, scantype, noise filter, PIDs

Modulator settings

RF frequency, PLL reference frequency, FEC, symbol rate

Si tables

SI data is stored in EEPROM. Data for up to 10 tables, max 3kByte, can be uploaded. Independent repeat time setting for each table. The PC setup tools supports PAT, PMT, SDT and EIT. The NIT (Network Information Table) will contain the callsign (which was supplied at ordering) for the amateur version.

Status readback

Software version, MPEG encoder status, PLL lock status

Upgrades

Firmware versions can be easily upgraded with future revisions.

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⁴ Supported by software but Keyboard and LCD will not be shipped with the boards