

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

MODEL 1586-06 RF Attenuator

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1.0 General

1.1 Equipment Description - The 1586-06 RF contains six General Microwave Model 3496H-64-4 11 Bit Digital PIN Attenuators and Local/Remote control circuitry to independently adjust each attenuator. Multi-function push button switches select the attenuator locally. Local operation starts when the Execute button is pushed. The upper left first digit of the first attenuator value is underlined and the Left/Right pushbutton switch is used to select the digit to be adjusted by using the Up/Down pushbutton switch. On completion of the attenuator value adjustments, the Execute button is pushed again to restore the operating mode to Remote (please note that all attenuator values are stored in real time as they are changed). When in Local control a time-out returns the mode to Remote if no activity is noted on any of the switches for 20 seconds. The attenuator values are stored in nonvolatile memory so these values remain when power is cycled off and on. Front panel LEDs provide indication of DC power (red/green). Each General Microwave Attenuator provides an attenuation range of 64 dB from 4 to 68 dB. Remote operation also controls each attenuator and allows status monitoring of attenuator settings and power supply alarms. Attenuator settings appear on the LCD display. Connectors are SMA, female for inputs and outputs and DB9 female for the RS422 remote control. The unit is powered by redundant 90-260 VAC power supplies, and mounted in a 1 3/4" X 19" X 19" rack mount chassis.

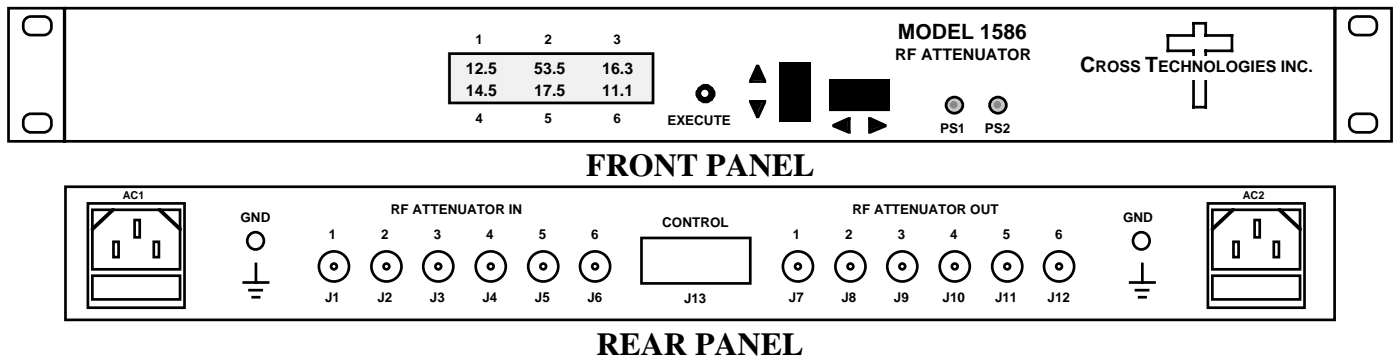


FIGURE 1.1 Model 1586-06 Front and Rear Panels

1.2 Technical Characteristics

TABLE 1.0 1586-06 RF Attenuator Specifications*

Input/Output Characteristics	
Impedance/Return Loss	50 Ω /10 dB
Frequency	6 to 12 GHz
Level, maximum	+20 dBm
1dB compression	+10 dBm
Channel Characteristics	
Attenuator range	4 to 68 dB
Frequency Response	
4 to 24 dB atten	± 1.5 dB
25 to 44 dB atten	± 2.0 dB
45 to 68 dB atten	± 2.0 dB
Attenuator Accuracy	
4 to 24 dB atten	± 0.5 dB
25 to 44 dB atten	± 1.0 dB
45 to 68 dB atten	± 1.5 dB
Temp Coefficient	± 0.025 dB/ $^{\circ}$ C
Controls, Indicators	
Attenuator Selection	direct readout LCD; pushbutton switches or remote selection
Power Indicators	Red/Green LED (Alarm/Normal)
Remote	RS422, 9600 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start and stop bit
Other	
RF Connectors	SMA (female)
Remote Connector	DB9 (female)
Size	19 inch, 1RU standard chassis 1.75" high X 19.0" deep
Power, Redundant	90-260 VAC, 47-63 Hz, 45 watts max

*-20 $^{\circ}$ C to +55 $^{\circ}$ C; 0% to 100% humidity (all based on Model 3496H-64 specifications); Specifications subject to change without notice

1.3 Monitor and Control Interface

A) Remote serial interface

Protocol - RS422, Asynchronous, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, and 1 stop bit.

Connector - Rear panel, DB9 female

Pinouts (RS422)

Pin #	Function
1	TX Data +
2	Rx Data +
3	No Connection
4	No Connection
5	GND
6	TX Data -
7	Rx Data -
8	PS1 Alarm Relay: Closure to GND when Power Supply 1 Alarm
9	PS2 Alarm Relay: Closure to GND when Power Supply 2 Alarm

B) Commands - Table 1.1 lists the commands to Set Attenuation and Request Status for the 1586 and briefly describes them.

General Command Format - The general command format is {aCD...}#, where:

{ = start byte

a = address, one byte within the range 0X40 - 0X5F

C = 1 character, either C (command) or S (status)

D = 1 character or more of data (depends on command)

} = stop byte

= Check Sum (Checksum = Mod[(char value - 32), 95] +32)

Table 1.1 1586 Commands/Status Request		
Command	Syntax	Description
Set Attenuation	{aCyxxx}#	where: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• y = attenuator number, 1-6• xxx = 3 characters• Range: 040 to 680 (4.0 to 68.0 dB, 0.1 dB steps)
Command Status	{aS}#	Returns {aSbbbccdddeefffgggHJ} where: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• bbb...ggg = Attenuator 1-6 setting (123=12.3dB)• HJ = Power Supply1, Power Supply2 Alarm bits (0=normal, 1=alarm)

C) Acknowledgement

After a command is sent the 1586 sends a return {aCy}# indicating the command has been received and executed and which attenuator was adjusted. If an invalid command is sent or an incorrect checksum is detected, no response is given.

2.0 Installation

2.1 Mechanical - The 1586-06 consists of one Controller PCB and six General Microwave Model 3496H-64-4 11 Bit Digital PIN Attenuators housed in a 1 RU (1 3/4 inch high by 19 inch deep) chassis. Two switching, ± 15 , +5 VDC power supplies provide redundant power for the assemblies. The 1586-06 can be secured to a rack using the 4 holes on the front panel. Figure 2.0 shows how the 1586-06 is assembled.

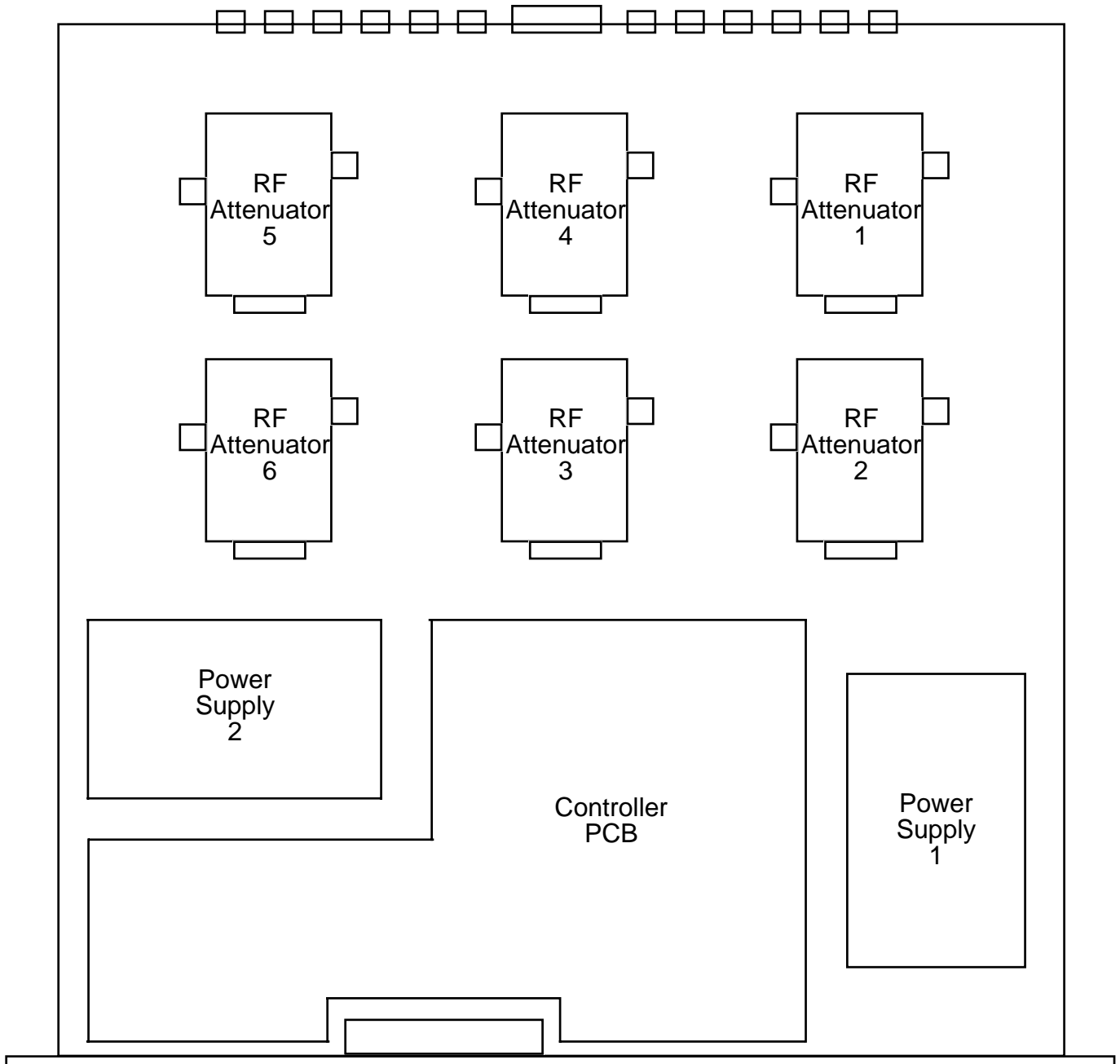


FIGURE 2.0 1586-06 Mechanical Assembly

2.2 Rear Panel Input/Output Signals - Figure 2.1 shows the input and output connectors on the rear panel.

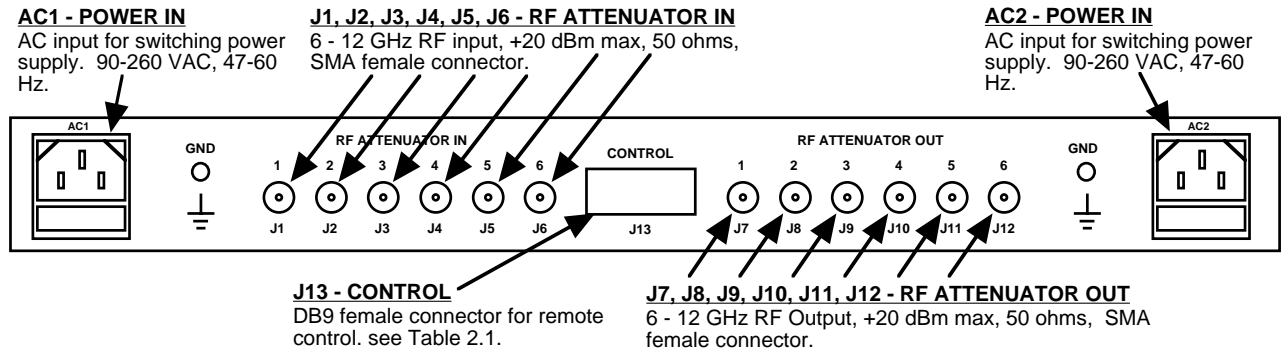


FIGURE 2.1 1586-06 Rear Panel I/O's

Pin	Function
1	TX Data +
2	RX Data +
3	No Connection
4	No Connection
5	GND
6	TX Data -
7	RX Data -
8	PS1 Alarm: closure to GND on Alarm
9	PS2 Alarm: closure to GND on Alarm

***Remote Serial Interface**

Interface: DB-9 Male

Protocol: RS-422, Asynchronous, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit

2.3 Front Panel Controls and Indicators -The following are the front panel controls and indicators.

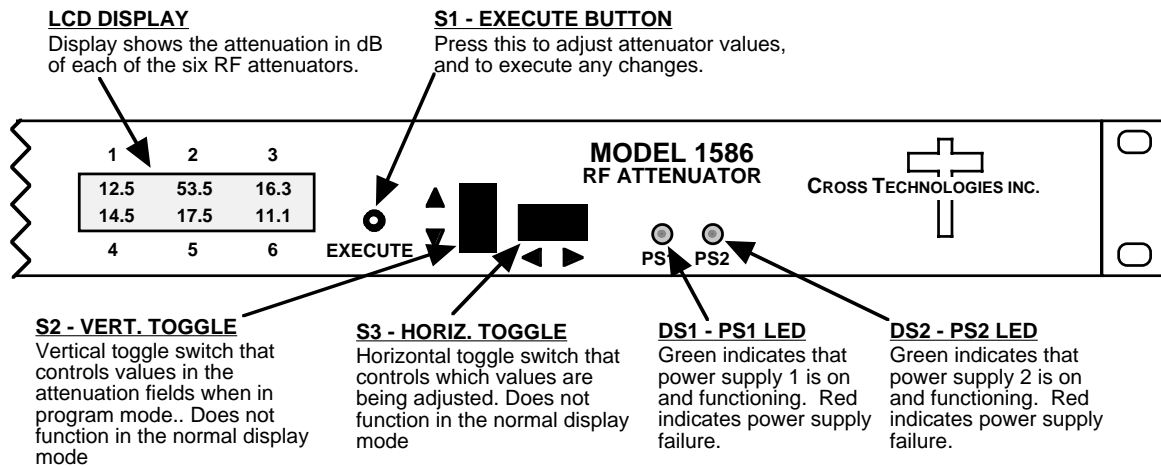


FIGURE 2.2 1586-06 Front Panel Controls and Indicators

2.4 Installation / Operation

2.4.1 Installing and Operating the 1586-06 RF Attenuator

- 1.) Connect +20 dBm max signal(s) to any or all of the six RF Attenuator Inputs, J1 - J6 (Figure 2.1).
- 2.) Connect the desired RF Attenuator Outputs, J7 - J12, to the external equipment (Figure 2.1).
- 3.) Connect 90- 260 VAC, 47 - 63 Hz to AC1 and/or AC2 on the back panel.
- 4.) Set the desired attenuation for each attenuator (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
- 5.) Be sure DS1 and/or DS2 (DC Power) is green (Figure 2.2).
- 6.) **AC Fuses** - The fuses are 5 mm X 20 mm, 2 amp slow blow (Type T) and are inserted in the far slot in the drawer below the AC inputs as shown in Figure 2.3. There is a spare fuse in the near slot. If a fuse continues to open, the power supply is most likely defective.

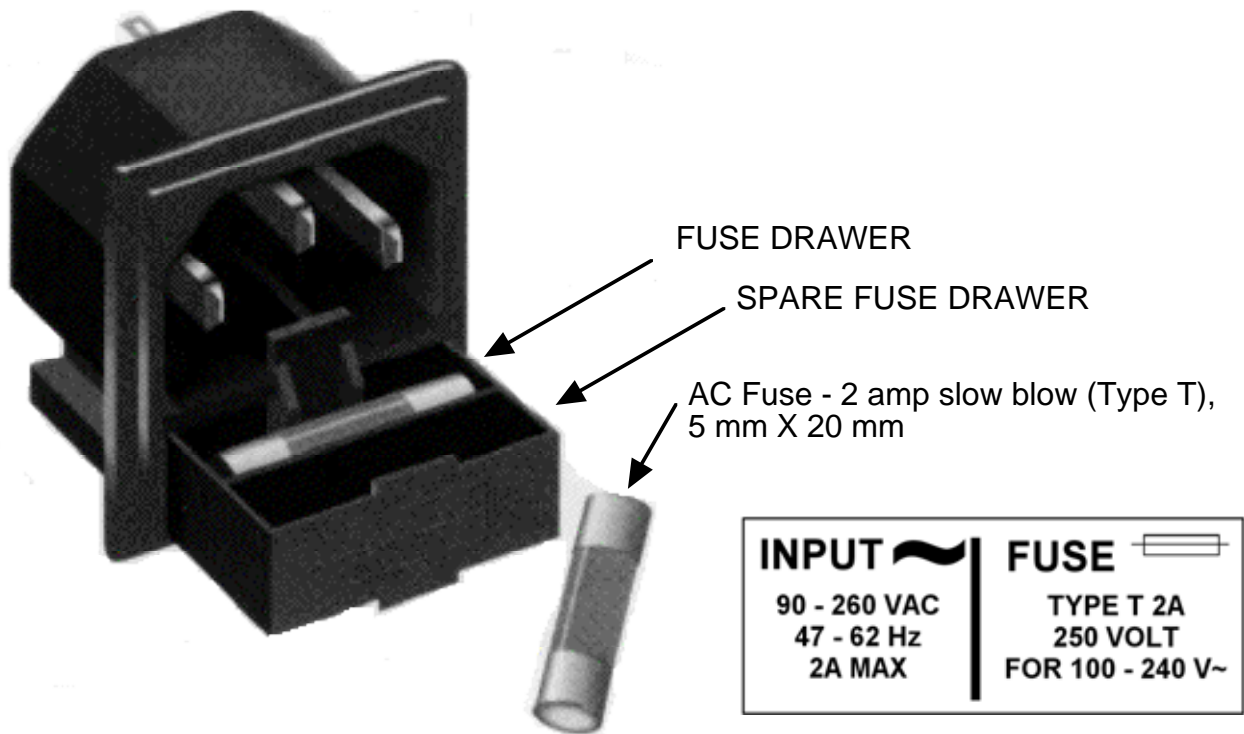


FIGURE 2.3 Fuse Location and Spare Fuse

2.5 Menu Settings

2.5.1 Functions

This section describes operation of the front panel controls. There are three operator switches and the LCD display. All adjustments for the equipment are controlled by these components. Alarm indications appear on the LEDs (see figure 2.2).

All program changes must start with the operation of the Execute switch and will end either with the operation of the Execute switch or when the unit times out after approximately 20 seconds. Either way, all changes made to the RF attenuator values occur in real time and are stored immediately.

2.5.2. Power On Settings

NOTE:The last status of a unit is retained even when power is removed. When power is restored, the unit will return to its previous settings.

When power is first applied, the LCD display goes through three steps.

- 1.The LCD goes black to show all segments are functioning.
- 2.The software version will be displayed.

1	2	3
REV 1.00		
4	5	6

- 3.The present attenuation of each RF attenuator is shown.

1	2	3
12.5	53.5	16.3
14.5	17.5	11.1
4	5	6

The unit is now operational and ready for any changes the operator may desire.

2.5.3 Control Switches

1.Execute. Any change to the programming of the unit must be initiated by pressing the Execute switch. All changes made while in this mode occur in real time.

2.Cursor Movement - Horizontal Switch. This switch is mounted so its movement is horizontal and moves the cursor left or right.

3.Adjustment - Vertical Switch. This switch is mounted so its movement is vertical and will raise or lower the selected digit in the direction of the arrows.

2.5.4 Attenuation Changes

All changes made to the attenuations of the six RF attenuators occur in real time. If you change an attenuator's value, it changes immediately and is saved at the same time.

To change the attenuation:

1. Press the Execute switch to edit the RF attenuator values. The cursor will be placed at the first digit of the first attenuator as shown:

1	2	3
<u>1</u> 2.5	53.5	16.3
14.5	17.5	11.1
4	5	6

Pressing the Up/Down switch up will change the selected attenuator digit and toggle the display to:

1	2	3
<u>2</u> 2.5	53.5	16.3
14.5	17.5	11.1
4	5	6

By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right .

1	2	3
22. <u>5</u>	53.5	16.3
14.5	17.5	11.1
4	5	6

NOTE: ANY ATTENUATION CHANGES THAT ARE MADE TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

When the display indicates the value desired either push the Execute switch or simply wait for the unit to time out to exit Execute mode.

2.5.5 Alarm Indications

An alarm condition will occur if either power supply fails to supply DC voltage to the controller circuit board. The corresponding power supply LED will turn red on alarm.

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