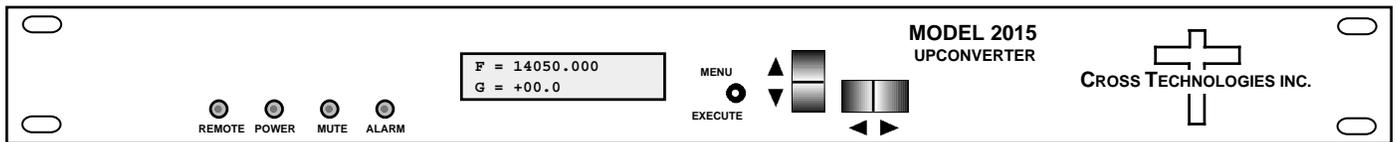


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MODEL 2015-146 Upconverter

1.0 General

1.1 Equipment Description

The Model 2015-146 Upconverter converts 140 ± 36 MHz to 14.0 to 14.5 GHz in 125 kHz steps with low group delay and flat frequency response. Synthesized local oscillators (LO) provide very low phase noise, ± 0.01 ppm stability frequency selection. Push button switches select the RF frequency, gain, and other parameters. Front panel LEDs provide indication of PLL alarm (red), remote operation (yellow) or the TX carrier is Muted (red). Variable attenuators for the IF input and RF output provide a gain range of 0 to +20 dB as adjusted by the front panel pushbutton switches. Remote operation allows selection of frequency and gain. Parameter selection and frequency and gain settings appear on the LCD display. Connectors are BNC (female) for IF, external reference input and 10MHz reference output, and SMA (female) for the RF output. The unit is powered by a 100-240 $\pm 10\%$ VAC power supply, and housed in a 1.75" X 19" X 16" 1RU chassis.

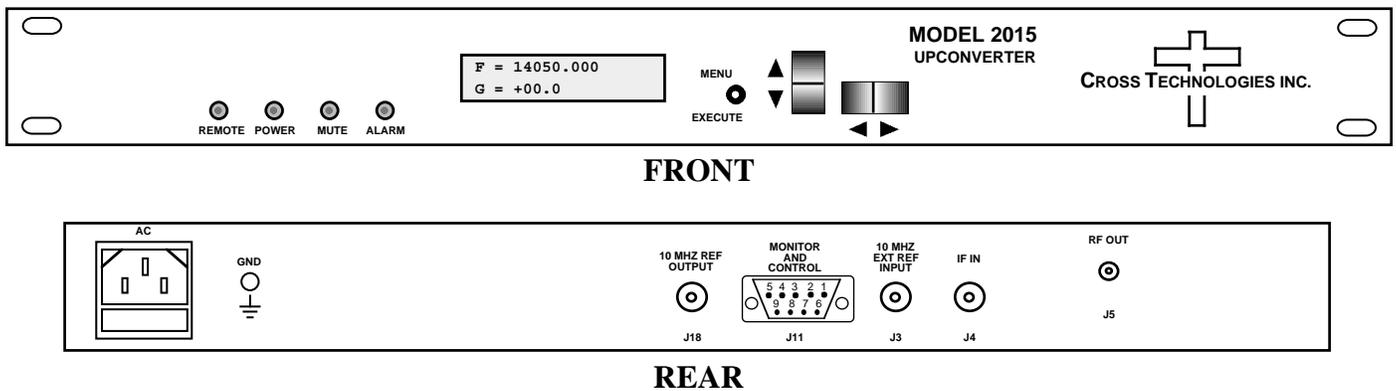


FIGURE 1.1 Model 2015-146 Front and Rear Panels

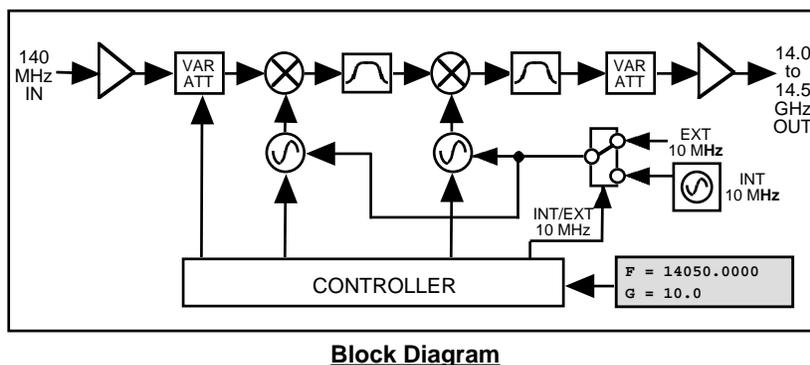


FIGURE 1.2 Model 2015-146 Upconverter Block Diagram

1.2 Technical Characteristics

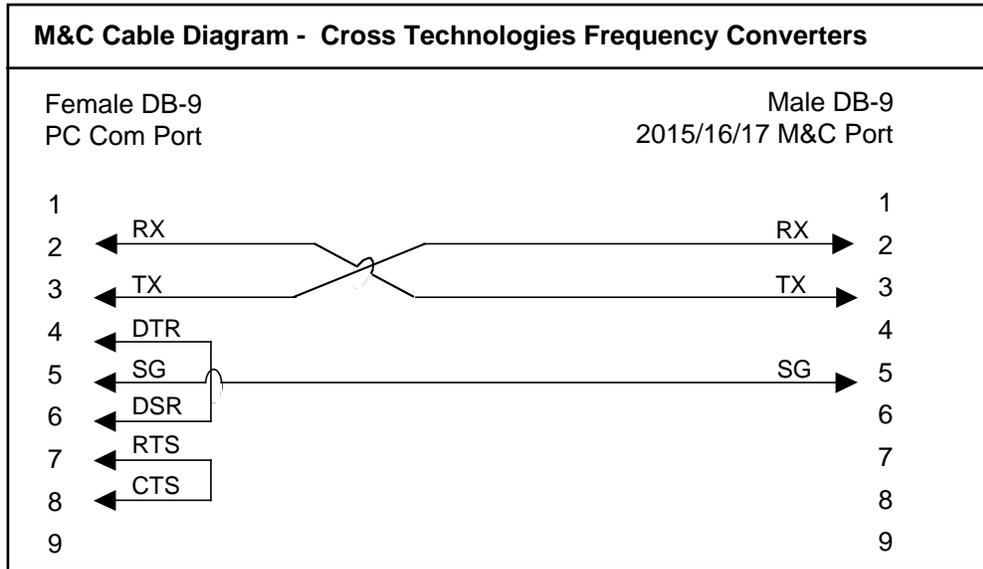
TABLE 1.1 2015-146 Upconverter Specifications*

Input Characteristics					
Impedance / Return Loss	75Ω / 18 dB				
Frequency	140 ± 36 MHz				
Input Level Range	-30 to -10 dBm				
Output Characteristics					
Impedance / Return Loss	50Ω / 15 dB				
Frequency (See Models)	14.0 to 14.5 GHz				
Output Level Range	-30 to -10 dBm				
Output 1 dB Compression	+5 dBm				
Channel Characteristics					
Gain Range (adjustable)	0 to +20 dB				
Spurious Response	< -50 dBC				
Frequency Response	±1.5 dB, 14.0 - 14.5 GHz out; ± 0.5 dB, 72 MHz BW				
Group Delay, Maximum	0.0035 ns/MHz ² , parabolic, 0.025 ns/MHz, Linear, 1 ns ripple				
Frequency Sense	Non-inverting				
Synthesizer Characteristics					
Frequency Accuracy	± 0.01 ppm internal reference; external reference input				
Frequency Step	125 kHz Minimum				
10 MHz In/Out Level	3 dBm, ± 3 dB				
Phase Noise @ F (Hz) >	100 MHz	1kHz	10kHz	100kHz	1MHz
dBC/Hz	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100
Controls, Indicators					
Frequency/Gain Selection	Direct Readout LCD, Pushbutton Swiches or Remote Selection				
Power; Alarm; Remote; Mute	Green LED, Red LED, Yellow LED, Yellow LED				
Remote	RS232C, 9600 baud				
Other					
RF Connector	SMA (female)				
IF Connector	BNC (female)				
10 MHz Connectors	BNC (female), 50Ω / 75Ω				
Alarm/Remote Connectors	DB9 - NO or NC Contact Closure on Alarm				
Size	19 inch, 1 RU Standard Chassis 1.75" high X 16.0" deep				
Power	100-24 ±10% VAC, 47-63 Hz, 45 watts maximum				
Available Options					
- M	50Ω N-Type (RF), 50Ω BNC (IF)				
- N	50Ω N-Type (RF), 75Ω BNC (IF)				
- S	50Ω SMA (RF), 50Ω BNC (IF)				
*10°C to 40°C; Specifications subject to change without notice.					© 2014 Cross Technologies, Inc.

1.3 Monitor and Control Interface

A) Remote Serial Interface

Protocol: RS-232C, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, and 1 stop bit.
(RS-232C, RS-422, or **RS-485 - option -Q**)



Connector - Rear panel, DB-9 female

Pinouts (RS-485/422/232C)

Pin	Description
1	Rx-
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Tx-
5	Ground
6	Alarm Relay - Common
7	Alarm Relay - Normally Open
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay - Normally Closed

B) Status Requests -

Table 1.3 lists the status requests for the 2015-146 and briefly describes them.

* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(00-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

Table 1.3 2015-146 Status Requests		
Command	Syntax	Description
Command Status	{aaS1}*	Returns {aaS1bbbbbbccddMEA} where:
		• bbbbbbbb = Tx frequency
		• cc = Input Level
		• dd = Tx Gain
		• M = Tx RF Status (1 = Normal, 0 = Muted)
		• E = External Ref Status (1 = Ext On, 0 = Ext Off)
		• A = Alarm Status (0 = NO Alarm, 1 = Alarm)

C) Commands - Table 1.2 lists the commands for the 2015-146 and briefly describes them. After a command is sent the 2015-146 sends a return “>” indicating the command has been received and executed.

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

- { = start byte
- aa = Address (**RS-485 only**)
- C = 1 character, either C (command) or S (status)
- N = 1-digit command or status number, 1 through 9
- D = 1 character or more of data (depends on command)
- } = stop byte

* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(00-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

Table 1.2 2015-146 Commands		
Command	Syntax	Description
Set Transmitter Frequency	{aaC1xxxxxxx}* where:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xxxxxxxx = 8 characters • Range: 1400000000 to 1450000000 kHz, 1kHz steps
Set Input Level	{aaClxx}* where:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xx = 2 characters • Range: 10 to 30 (-10 dB to -30 dB, in 1 dB steps)
Set Transmit Gain	{aaC3xx}* where:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xx = 2 characters • Range: 00 to 20 (0 dB to +20 dB, in 1 dB steps)
Enable Tx	{aaCAx}* where x =:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 to disable Tx signal • 1 to enable Tx signal
Enable External 10MHz	{aaCEx}* where x =:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 to disable External 10MHz ref signal • 1 to enable External 10MHz ref signal
Enable Remote	#	Just # sign
Disable Remote	{aaCRO}* where:	{CR and zero}

1.4 Environmental Use Information

- A. **Rack-Mounting** - To mount this equipment in a rack, please refer to the installation instructions located in the user manual furnished by the manufacturer of your equipment rack.
- B. **Mechanical loading** - Mounting of equipment in a rack should be such that a hazardous condition does not exist due to uneven weight distribution.
- C. **Elevated operating ambient temperature** - If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack may be greater than room ambient temperature. Therefore, consideration should be given to Tmra.
- D. **Reduced air flow** - Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised. Additional space between units may be required.
- E. **Circuit Overloading** - Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of circuits could have on over current protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment name plate rating should be used, when addressing this concern.
- F. **Reliable Earthing** - Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connection to the Branch (use of power strips).
- G. **Top Cover** - There are no serviceable parts inside the product so, the Top Cover should not be removed. If the Top Cover is removed the ground strap and associated screw **MUST BE REINSTALLED** prior to Top Cover screw replacement. **FAILURE TO DO** this may cause **INGRESS** and/or **EGRESS** emission problems.

2.0 Installation

2.1 Mechanical

The 2015-146 consists of one RF/Controller PCB which is housed in a 1 RU (1 3/4 inch high) by 16 inch deep chassis. A switching, ± 12 , +24, +5 VDC power supply provides power for the assembly. The 2015-146 can be secured to a rack using the 4 holes on the front panel. Figure 2.1 shows how the 2015-146 is assembled.

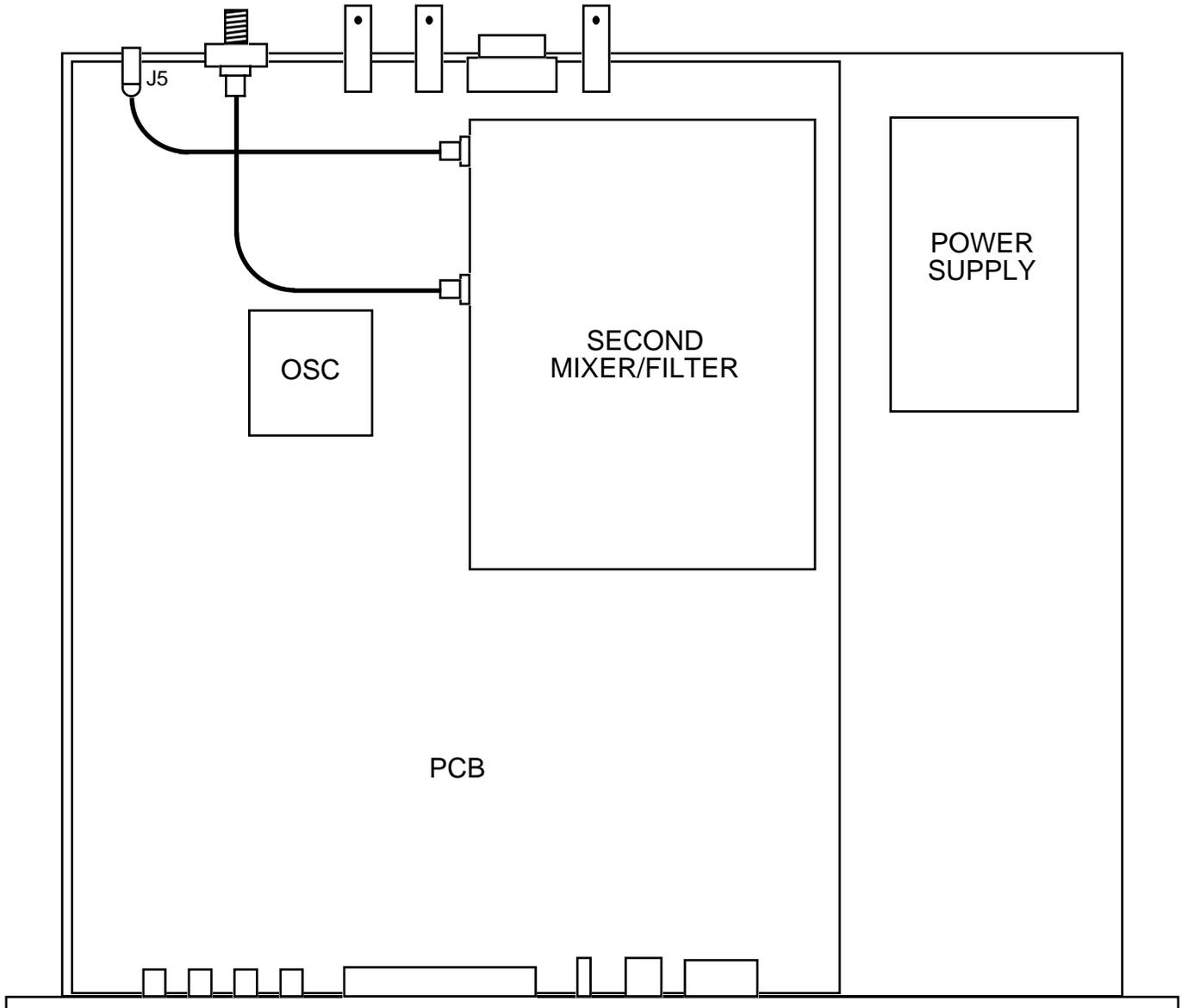


FIGURE 2.1 2015-146 Mechanical Assembly

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

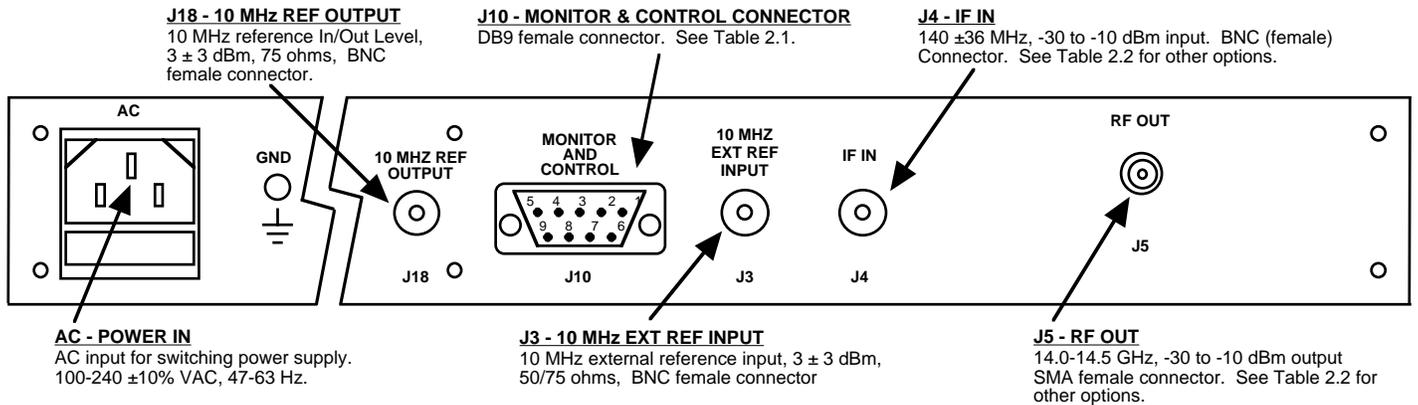


FIGURE 2.2 2015-146 Rear Panel Inputs and Outputs

TABLE 2.1 J10 Pinouts (RS-232C/422/485*)

Pin	Function
1	Rx-
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Tx-
5	GND
6	Alarm Relay: Common
7	Alarm Relay: Normally Open
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay: Normally Closed

TABLE 2.2 IF/RF Connector Options

Option	IF	RF
STD	BNC, 75 Ω	SMA, 50 Ω
-S	BNC, 50 Ω	SMA, 50 Ω
-N	BNC, 75 Ω	N-Type, 50 Ω
-M	BNC, 50 Ω	N-Type, 50 Ω

*Interface: DB-9 Female

Protocol: RS485, RS422, or RS232C (selectable), 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit

2.3 Front Panel Controls and Indicators - Figure 2.3 shows the front panel controls and indicators.

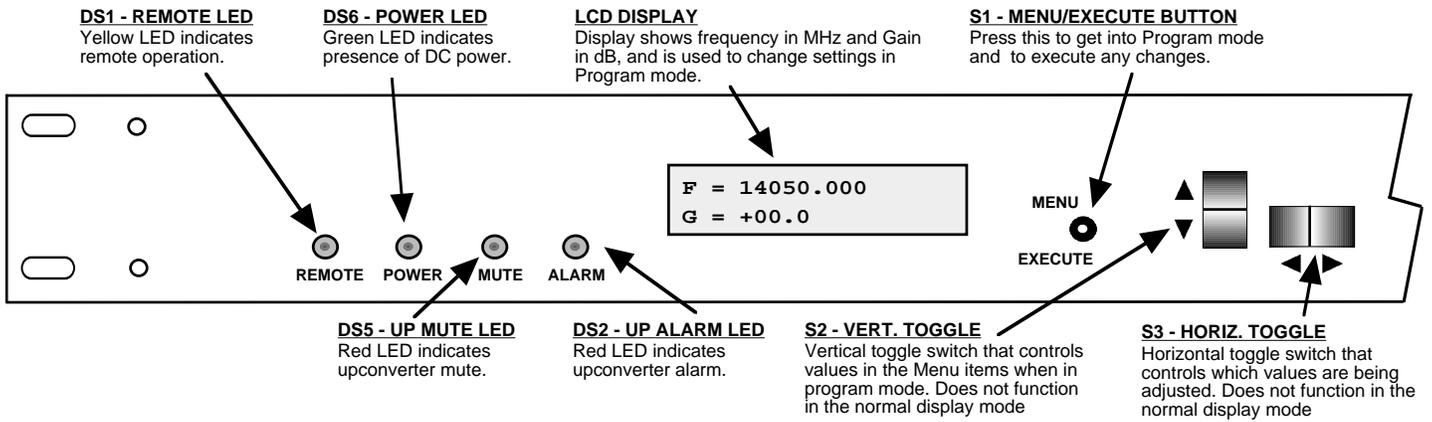


FIGURE 2.3 2015-146 Front Panel Controls and Indicators

2.4 Installation / Operation

2.4.1 Installing and Operating the 2015-146 Upconverter

1. Connect a -30 dBm to -10 dBm, 140 MHz signal to IF IN, J4 (Figure 2.2)
2. Connect RF OUT, J5, to the external equipment.
3. Connect 100- 240 \pm 10% VAC, 47 - 63 Hz to AC input on the back panel.
4. Set the desired output frequency (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
5. Set the input level (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
6. Set the gain for 0 to +20 dB. ***Make sure the output stays within -30 to -10 dBm with the gain selected and the input level provided. The firmware will prevent setting gain and input level outside this range. (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).***
7. Be sure DS6 (green, DC Power) is on and DS2 (red, Alarm) is off (Figure 2.3).
8. **AC Fuse** - The fuse is a 5 mm X 20 mm, 2 amp slow blow (Type T) and is inserted in the far slot in the drawer below the AC input as shown in Figure 2.4. There is a spare fuse in the near slot. If a fuse continues to open, the power supply is most likely defective.

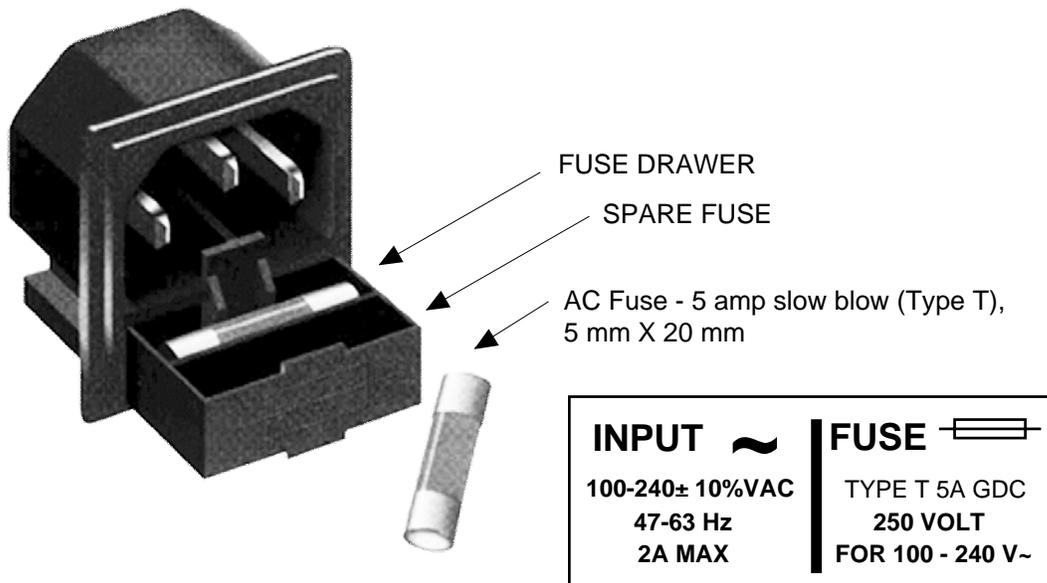


FIGURE 2.4 Fuse Location and Spare Fuse

2.5 Menu Settings

2.5.1 Functions - This section describes operation of the front panel controls. There are three operator switches, the LCD display and alarm indicator LEDs. All functions for the equipment are controlled by these components. The functions are (see Figure 2.5):

Power Up

Normal Display

Menu 1	Frequency in MHz
Menu 2	Input Level in dBm (-30 to -10)
Menu 3	Gain in dB (0 to +20)
Menu 4	Mute TX Signal
Menu 5	Set Unit to Remote Operation
Menu 6	Select External 10 MHz Reference
Menu 7	Select RS232, RS422, or RS485 Remote Operation (option Q)
Menu 8	Select RS485 Remote Address for Unit (option Q)

Save Menu When “R” is selected in any of the above menus or when operator reaches the end

Alarm indications appear on the LEDs (see figure 2.2).

All program changes must start with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch and must also end with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch verified by the “Save Settings?” Menu. If this sequence is not followed, none of the changes will take effect. If programming is initiated and no operator action takes place for approximately 12 seconds (before the final press of the Menu/Execute switch) the display will revert to its previous status and you will need to start over.

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.



REV 1.00

3. The present frequency, gain, and selected RF output of the upconverter is shown.



F = 14050.000
G = +00.0

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

2.5.3 Control Switches

1. Menu/Execute - Any change to the programming of the unit must be initiated by pressing the Menu/Execute switch and completed by pressing the Menu/Execute switch.
2. Horizontal Switch - This switch is mounted so its movement is horizontal and moves the cursor left or right.
3. Vertical Switch - This switch is mounted so its movement is vertical and has two functions:
 - A. During frequency, gain changes, the vertical movement will raise or lower the number in the direction of the arrows.
 - B. For other functions such as Mute on/off, the vertical switch will alternately turn the function on or off regardless of the direction operated.

2.5.4 Frequency Changes

At any time during the modification process, if you have made a mistake and do not wish to save the changes you have made, **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode or scroll to “**R**” and push the menu/Execute switch and select “**NO**” in the “**SAVE SETTINGS?**” window.

To change the FREQUENCY:

Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change see Figure 2.5 for the sequence of menu options. The following display is for changing the upconverter frequency:

```
F = 14050.000      R
```

Pressing the Up/Down switch down will toggle the display to:

```
F = 14150.000      R
```

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

```
F = 14150.000      R
```

NOTE: CHANGES DO NOT TAKE PLACE ON FREQUENCY UNTIL YOU GO TO THE SAVE MENU AND INDICATE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE CHANGES. THE CARRIER IS MUTED WHEN FREQUENCY IS CHANGED.

When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to the next item:

```
INLVL = -20      R
```

OR you can scroll to “R”, push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

```
SAVE SETTINGS?   Y N
```

Selecting **Y** will save the new settings. Selecting **N** will revert to the previous settings.

Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to the default display:

```
F = 14150.000
G = +10.0
```

Figure 2.5 shows all the menu items and how to make changes.

2.5.5 Gain Changes

When you get to this menu note that the gain changes will be made as you make them but if you do not wish to save the changes you have made, scroll to “R” and push the menu/Execute switch and select “NO” in the “SAVE SETTINGS?” window or **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode.

To change the GAIN, first push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the gain setting:

Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change (see Figure 2.5 for the sequence of menu options). The following display is for changing the upconverter input level. This is an important setting to optimize spurious and should be made as accurately as possible:

```
INLVL = -20           R
```

NOTE: CHANGES TAKE PLACE ON LEVEL AND GAIN IMMEDIATELY BUT DO NOT GET SAVED UNTIL YOU GO TO THE SAVE MENU AND INDICATE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE CHANGES.

Press the Up/Down switch to change the level in 1 dB steps and then push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the Gain setting:

```
G = +10.0           R
```

Press the Up/Down switch to change the gain in 1 or 10 dB steps:

```
G = +20.0           R
```

By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right. Pressing the Up/Down switch down will toggle the display digit selected until you have the desired gain.

NOTE: THE GAIN WILL BE CHANGED AS YOU ADJUST THE NUMBERS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE WILL NOT BE STORED UNTIL YOU INDICATE YES IN THE SAVE SETTINGS WINDOW. DO NOT SET A GAIN THAT WOULD EXCEED -10 dBm OR HAVE LESS THAN -30 dBm OUTPUT LEVEL. THE FIRMWARE DOES PREVENT YOU FROM THIS.

When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to the next item OR you can scroll to “R”, push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

```
SAVE SETTINGS?   Y N
```

Selecting Y will save the new settings. Selecting N will revert to the previous settings.

Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to:

```
F = 14150.000
G = +20.0
```

Figure 2.5 gives the menu items and how to make changes

2.5.5 Alarm Indications

An alarm condition will occur if the local oscillator phase lock loop (PLL) comes out of lock. The Mute LED will light if you select to mute the Tx Signal and the Remote LED will light when you select the Remote mode.

ON POWER UP			
Power Up	REV 1.00		
NORMAL DISPLAY			
Normal Display	F = 14050.000 G = +10.0		PUSH BUTTON
PUSHING MENU/EXECUTE SEQUENCE			
Menu 1 Set Frequency	F = 14 <u>0</u> 50.000 R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 2 Set Input Level (from -30 to -10)	INLVL = - <u>2</u> 0 R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 3 Set Gain (0 to +20)	G = + <u>1</u> 0 R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 4 Mute TX signal	MUTE <u>O</u> FF R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 5 Set Unit to Remote Operation	REMOTE <u>O</u> FF R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 6 Select External 10 MHz Reference	EXT REF <u>O</u> FF R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 7 Set Remote Mode (option -Q ONLY)	<u>R</u> S 485 R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 8 Set RS-485 Address (option -Q ONLY)	ADDRESS = <u>0</u> 0 R	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⬇	PUSH BUTTON
Save Settings? At the end or when "R" is selected from any of the above menus	SAVE SETTINGS? <u>Y</u> N	SCROLL <>	PUSH BUTTON

FIGURE 2.5 Menu Display and Sequence



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