

LPOD C- or Ku-Band Block Up Converter (BUC)/SSPA



LPOD Model PS-1



LPOD Model PS-2

INTRODUCTION

Comtech EF Data's extensive experience in the design of outdoor RF transceivers led to the LPOD family's efficient thermal and mechanical package. Recognizing the evolution of L-Band IF systems, the LPOD is designed to eliminate the traditional requirement for the modem to supply a DC power source and a 10 MHz reference to the BUCs and LNBS. The LPOD's optional internal reference and LNB bias T greatly simplify multi-carrier operation and provide cost-effective redundant solutions. The LPOD offers valuable features not found in other L-band BUC products. The PS2 version can be configured as an integrated BUC/SSPA (L-band in, RF out) or solely as an SSPA (RF in, RF out) at power levels to 250 W. The PS1 is always configured as a BUC/SSPA with available power levels to 50W.

APPLICATIONS

The compact size and weight of the LPOD lends itself to any installation with limited available mounting space. These include ship-borne antenna systems, small "fly-away" systems, and Satellite News Gathering (SNG) installations.

The addition of the optional internal reference and LNB bias T facilitates multi-carrier and redundant operations required of small-to medium-sized hub installations.

OPTIONAL INTERNAL 10 MHZ REFERENCE

With the optional high stability, ovenized reference oscillator (OCXO) installed, one more signal is removed from the TX IF cable. This ensures optimum RF performance of the BUC by eliminating any reference degradation caused by IF combiners, interconnections, or rotary joints.

OPTIONAL LNB SUPPORT

The LPOD was designed with the evolution of L-band systems in mind. No longer relegated to low power single carrier installations, L-band IF topologies are now found in larger multi-carrier installations. A challenge presented by multi-carrier L-band systems is the presence of DC and reference components on the Tx/Rx L-band interfaces. The LPOD design, by default, eliminates the DC component from the Tx IF and can eliminate the reference requirement with the optional internal OCXO. The LNB bias/reference option completes the solution by eliminating DC and reference signal requirements from the Rx L-band interface.

REDUNDANCY

Another challenge addressed by the LPOD topology is the increasing need for redundant L-band RF solutions. With its internal power supply, internal reference, and internal LNB bias capability, the LPOD offers a very cost effective solution for 1:1 redundant Tx and 1:1 redundant Rx requirements.

INTEGRATED POWER SUPPLY

All LPOD BUC/SSPAs have a self-contained power supply. This eliminates the requirement for the modem to supply the BUC voltage on the center conductor of the RF cable, simplifying multi-carrier operation and modem spares maintenance.

DATA LOGGING CAPABILITY

To greatly enhance system maintainability, the LPOD line includes a built in data logging capability. By recording critical operational parameters (such as temperature, output power, mute status, etc.) at time stamped intervals, the user can quickly gather intelligence not only about the unit itself, but also the unit's operational environment.

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CHARACTERISTICS

IF Input Frequency ^{Note 1}	RF Output Frequency
950 – 1525 MHz	5.850 – 6.425 GHz
950 – 1750 MHz	5.850 – 6.650 GHz (optional)
950 – 1825 MHz	5.850 – 6.725 GHz (optional)
950 – 1450 MHz	14.00 – 14.50 GHz
950 – 1750 MHz	13.75 – 14.50 GHz (optional)

Model	Psat (Typical)	P1dB (Guaranteed) ^{Note 2}	Gain Min (Typical)
PS1-20Ku	43 dBm (20W)	42 dBm (16W)	70 (75dB)
PS1-32Ku	45 dBm (32W)	44 dBm (25W)	70 (75dB)
PS1-32C	45 dBm (32W)	44 dBm (25W)	70 (75dB)
PS1-50C	47 dBm (50W)	46 dBm (40W)	70 (75dB)
PS2-125C	51 dBm (125W)	50 dBm (100W)	70 (75dB)
PS2-150C	52 dBm (150W)	51 dBm (125W)	70 (75dB)
PS2-200C	53 dBm (200W)	52.5 dBm (175W)	70 (75dB)
PS2-250C	54 dBm (250W)	53 dBm (200W)	70 (75dB)

Input Power Supply Requirements: 90 – 264 VAC, 47-63 Hz, Power Factor Corrected, .96 (48 VDC optional)

Model	P typical, W	P max, W
PS1-20Ku	200 W	210 W
PS1-32Ku	220 W	260 W
PS1-25C	200 W	220 W
PS1-50C	270 W	300 W
PS2-125C	750 W	950 W
PS2-150C	800 W	1000 W
PS2-200C	950 W	1400 W
PS2-250C	1000 W	1500 W

Max IF Input level (no damage)	+10 dBm
Gain Adjust	20 dB in 0.25 dB steps
Gain Flatness	± 1.5 dB full band (± 1.0 dB PS2 configured as SSPA only) ± 0.30 dB per 40 MHz
Gain variation over temp	±1.5 dB max, -40 to +55 °C
Input Return Loss	15 dB (19.1 dB PS2 configured as SSPA only)
Output Return Loss	19.1 dB (1.25:1 VSWR)
Noise Figure	10-15 dB typ, 20 dB max @ min. attenuation, (8 dB typ, 15 dB max PS2 configured as SSPA only)
RF Mute Isolation	-60 dBc min
AM/PM Conversion	2° typ., 3.5° max. @ Rated P1dB
3rd Order Intermod. Level (2 tones, @ -3 dB Total Back Off from P1 dB (-6 dBc SCL), Δ 1 MHz)	-30 dBc typ., -25 dBc Guaranteed
Spurious Level	
Harmonics	-50 dBc @ Prated - 3dB
Carrier Related In Band	-60 dBc min. @ P1dB
Non-Carrier Related In Band	-60 dBm max. (Input Terminated)
LO Leakage	-25 dBm max. (Input Terminated)
Group delay variation	Linear ± 0.03ns/MHz Parabolic ± .003ns/MHz2 Ripple ± 1.0 ns pk-pk

Notes:

- PS2 Models available as SSPAs only, without internal L-band BUC (Freq RF in = Freq RF out)
- Allow 1 dB degradation from 13.75 to 14.0 GHz and 6425 to 6725 MHz

Data Logging parameters	Non-Volatile RAM : Capacity 30 days @ 90 minute intervals. Includes: RF Output Power Mute Status Heatsink Temperature LNB Bias Current
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Phase Noise (dBc/Hz) (with optional internal or equivalent performance external reference)	Typical (C/Ku) dBc/Hz	Spec (C/Ku) dBc/Hz
Offset = 100 Hz	-79/-76	-72/-69
1 KHz	-91/-89	-84/-82
10 KHz	-105/-98	-97/-90
100 KHz	-120/-115	-107/-102
1 MHz	-132/-132	-115/-115

OPTIONAL INTERNAL REFERENCE

Internal Reference Oscillator Frequency	10 MHz(Can lock to modem supplied reference over a range of -5 dBm to +5 dBm at IF Input)
Frequency Stability	±5 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ / day ±1 x 10 ⁻⁸ (-40° to +55°C)

OPTIONAL LNB BIAS/REFERENCE

LNB Bias Voltage	22 ±1V @ 450mA max
LNB 10 MHz Reference Output Level	0 dBm ±5dB
LNB Input/Output Return Loss	15 dB
LNB Input/Output Gain	10 dB ± 2 dB (950-1750 MHz) -1 dB ± 2 dB (optional)
LNB Input/Output Gain Flatness	± 1 dB (950-1750 MHz)
LNB input/Output Isolation (Mute condition)	55 dB min

ENVIRONMENTAL

Temperature	
Operating	-40° to 122°F (-40° to 55°C) (optional to +60°C)
Storage	-67° to 167°F (-55° to 75°C)
Humidity	100% condensing rain 2" per hour
Altitude	10,000 AMSL
Shock	Normal commercial shipping and handling

PHYSICAL

Weight / Dimensions(inches excluding connectors)	
PS1	17 lbs. Nominal / 12.65 X 6.26 X 7.37
PS2	47 lbs Nominal / 8.80 X 9.78 X 16.81
Connectors	
IF/RF Input	Type N, female
RF Output	PS1/PS2 Ku Band: WR75G PS1, C-band: Type N, female PS2, C-band: CPR137G
LNB Bias	Type N, female
M&C/Ethernet/Redundancy Switches	19 pin MS Style (Single Integrated cable assembly available, dependent upon configuration)