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MO-180 DVB-T/H Modulator for SFN & MFN Broadcasting



• 10 MHz GPS reference input.

• 6 dBm output power (option)

The **MO-180** is an SFN/MFN DVB-T/H modulator fully compliant with the DVB-T/H specifications ETSI EN 300 744 v1.5.1 (including annex F referring to DVB-H), ETSI TS 101 191 v1.4.1 (SFN synchronisation) and ETSI EN 300 468 v1.6.1 (DVB-SI). The unit is contained in an standard 19" 1U chassis.

The modulator has two DVB-ASI Transport Stream (TS) inputs and one DVB-SPI TS input. It also has a 1 pps and a 10 MHz input which, together with the MIP packet embedded in the transport stream, are used for SFN synchronisation purposes. A loop-through 10 MHz output is available as well.

In MFNs we can operate the modulator in master and slave modes. In slave mode the modulator is locked to the incoming TS data rate, which is defined in document ETSI EN 300 744 for each choice of DVB-T/H transmission parameters. In master mode the modulator is locked to either the internal 10 MHz TCXO or to an external 10 MHz reference. The input bit rate has to be strictly smaller than the value given in the DVB-T/H specification. The MO-180 drops or inserts NULL TS packets as required to adapt the bit rate to the required value.

PCR re-stamping is implemented to minimise the impact of the bit rate adaptation process on the timing jitter of the MPEG-2 TS multiplex.

In SFN mode, the modulator can be synchronised with the external 10 MHz GPS reference or with the incoming TS data rate. A loss of

sync with the external 10 MHz reference can be used to make the modulator lock to the input TS rate, and vice versa. This means that disruptions to the output IF/RF COFDM signals are minimised. Periodic or aperiodic MIP packets are constantly monitored so as to dynamically adjust the delay of the modulator. In non-hierarchical transmissions the modulator seamlessly switches between ASI inputs when it detects a sync loss on the currently selected TS input. An additional test TS can be generated internally. This allows to generate compliant. DVB-T/H signals even in the absence of a valid TS input.

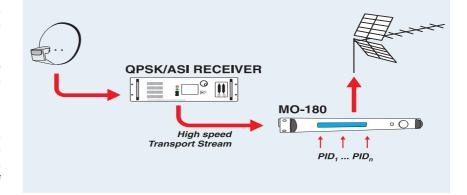
The channel bandwidth can be set to 5, 6, 7 and 8 MHz with no variation in performance. The DVB-T/H signal is output in both IF (36 MHz, 0 dBm) and RF (45 MHz to 875 MHz, at -27 dBm with the option of going up to 6 dBm) with a resolution of 1 Hz. The polarity of the spectrum may be set to normal or inverted.

The **MO-180** supports 2k, 4k and 8k modes and non-hierarchical and hierarchical transmissions. Several test modes are available (blanking of carriers, single tone output, test TS generation, CBER and VBER injection). The MER typically measured in IF is above 41 dB. In RF we measure MERs greater than 35 dB.

PID Filtering

Transport streams coming from satellite receivers (QPSK) contain normally a high number of services and have too high bit rate to be connected to a COFDM modulator directly.

MO-180 has a PID FILTERING function. This allows to enter a high speed transport stream, coming from a satellite receiver for instance, to the modulator ASI input at once. It is possible then to select a certain number of services from the original transport stream by entering their PID's on the **MO-180** dedicated menu. The selected services are filtered and will not be modulated.





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SPECIFICATIONS	MO-180	HP & LP code rates	1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
INPUTS		In-depth DVB-H	
MPEG-2 Transport Stream	Two DVB-ASI inputs, 75 Ω female BNC	symbol interleavers	In 2k and 4k
	One DVB-SPI input, LVDS DB-25	Constellations	QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
	TS packets of length 188 or 204 bytes (automatic detection)	Hierarchical modes	16QAM and 64QAM constellations
	Support for burst and continuous packet		with $\alpha = 1$, 2 or 4
	modes	SFN and MFN operation	Yes
Operating modes		Pre-corrector	Non-linear, Crest Factor
Clock synchronisation		TPS signalling Channel bandwidths	Cell ID, DVB-H's time slicing and MPE-FEC 5, 6, 7 and 8 MHz
Master MFN	Internal TCXO or external 10 MHz GPS	Modulation parameters	May be extracted from the MIP packet
	reference. Input TS bit rate strictly below the value given in the DVB-T/H specification.	Processing delays	way be extracted from the twill packet
	Packet stuffing for bit rate adaptation and	MFN	The static delay may be adjusted between
	PCR re-stamping carried out automatically		0 and 1 second with a resolution given by
Slave MFN	TS data rate equal to the value given in the		the DVB-T/H elementary clock period
	DVB-T/H specification ± 0.1‰	SFN	Dynamic delay automatically calculated
SFN	External 10 MHz reference or input TS data		from the 10 MHz GPS reference, the 1 pps
Additional factures	rate		signal and the MIP packet embedded in the HP TS multiplex. The resolution is 100
Additional features	Automatic seamless switching between ASI inputs in the event of a sync loss. DVB-SI		ns
	NIT table may be updated (network ID,		± 838.8 ms local delay offset may be
	transmitter ID and transmitter centre fre-		added as long as the total delay is never
	quency)		greater than 1 s or lower than the inherent
GPS inputs	50 Ω BNC female connector		latency of the modulator. Synchronisation accuracy better than ±200 ns.
10 MHz input	Selectable input impedance (50 Ω / High), 50 mV min to 3.3 V max		Estimate of the network delay from the
1 pps input	Active high or low, selectable impedance (50		SFN adapter output to the modulator TS
i ppo input	Ω /High), 2 V min to 5 V max		inputs.
IF Output		Test Modes Carrier blanking	Blank a number of carriers (start index to
Туре	50 Ω BNC female connector	Carrier blanking	stop index) within the COFDM ensemble.
Spectrum polarity	Normal or inverted		This allows to measure in-band intermodulation and quantisation noise
Power level (average) In-band amplitude ripple	0 dBm average power < 0.2 dB	Pilot carriers	Generate the pilot carriers only (continual
In-band group delay ripple	< 10 ns		and TPS)
IQ amplitude imbalance	< 0.02%	Single carrier	Generate a single carrier at the channel central frequency whose level equals the
IQ quadrature error	< 0.02%		average COFDM output power or is set to
Central carrier suppression	< -55 dBc		the maximum available. This is intended for signal level alignment
Harmonics and spurious	< -60 dBc-	TS packet generation	Internal generation of test TS using PRBS
MER ²	> 41 dB		sequences of length 15 or 23 embedded
Out-of-band spectral			within NULL packets as specified in docu- ment ETSI TR 101 290
Frequency stability	20 ppm	PRBS generation	Map a PRBS sequence into constellation
characteristics ¹ @ ± 3.805 MHz	0 dBc		points following the guidelines of document ETSI TR 101 290
@ ± 4.25 MHz	-46 dBc (2k), -56 dBc (8k)	Bit error injection	Inject bit errors at the input to the constella-
@ ± 5.25 MHz	-56 dBc		tion mapper (results in a non-zero CBER
RF Outputs	50 Ω N-Type female connector F-BNC		before the Viterbi decoder) or at the input to the convolutional encoder (results in a
Frequency	45 to 875 MHz, adjustable (1 Hz steps)		non-zero VBER after the Viterbi decoder).
Spectrum polarity	Selectable via the front panel controls	Control interface	Ethernet RJ-45 connector (SNMP compatible)
Avg. power level	From -27 dBm to -87 dBm (1 dB steps)	Power supply	(CIAIVII COMPAUDIE)
Harmonics and spurious	< -50 dBc	Voltage	90 - 250 VAC
MER	> 38 dB	Frequency	50-60 Hz
Phase noise	< -85 dBc/Hz @ 1 kHz typical	Consumption	20 W
DVB-T/H parameters		Mechanical specification	
Carriers	2k, 4k, 8k	Dimensions	19" wide 1U high rack chassis
Guard intervals	1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32	Weight	6.3 kg

¹ Frequencies are referred to the central frequency for an 8 MHz channel. Peak levels measured using a 10 kHz bandwidth are referred to the carriers located on either side of the spectrum. Values shown are the worst case and correspond to guard intervals of 1/32.

² Value measured in master mode. In slave mode, the MER is greater than 38 dB for 8 MHz channels, and around 35 dB for 7 and 6 MHz.