#### **Headend Systems**



## Pulsar MKII™ (MN) – TV Modulator

#### Description

The Pulsar MKII<sup>™</sup> (MN) device is a TV modulator used to convert baseband audio and video signals into RF output signals ready to go into your cable network.

Thanks to built-in intelligence, all of its important parameters can be remotely controlled.

Typical applications are in those cable TV distribution systems where high reliability, low maintenance and excellent price/performance ratio are of the highest priority.



- Intelligent microprocessor controlled analog TV modulator
- State-of-the-art frequency output
- Fully agile converter 45 to 870 MHz
- Intelligent video AGC
- Full configuration and control via the ROSA™ Network Management System (NMS)
- Auto RF level alignment in combination with Scientific-Atlanta's LM 860<sup>™</sup> network supervisor and ROSA NMS
- Monitoring of modulation depth, audio deviation and over-modulation
- Intelligent white clipper to prevent over-modulation
- Front panel LCD and buttons for user-friendly control
- A set of "plug 'n play" options transforms the Pulsar MKII TV Modulator to suit any possible application
- SAW filter for real adjacent channel operation
- Built-in BTSC stereo encoder option



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### Specifications

Interface Specifications		
Video inputs		
Connector	BNC, 75 Ω	
Level	1 Vpp (± 6 dB)	
Return loss	≥ 30 dB	
Audio inputs		
Connector	Screw terminal on quick-disconnect-plug	
Level	-10 to 10 dBm for 25 kHz deviation	
Impedance	600 Ω / 10 Ω	
	Balanced or unbalanced	
RF output		
Connector	BNC, 75 Ω (f-type optional)	
Return loss (in channel)	> 12 dB	
Frequency	50 to 870 MHz	
Level	50 to 61 dBmV	
RF test point	Output level -20 dB ± 0.5	
Amplitude response	< 0.5 dB for fv -0.6 / fv +4.00 MHz	
	< -2 dB for fv -0.75 / fv +5 MHz	
Phase noise	> 105 dBc/Hz 20 kHz offset	
Harmonics & spurious	≥ 63 dB	
C/N		
5 MHz BW	≥ 72 dBc	
5 MHz BW – 80 channels	≥ 64 dBc	
S/V ratio	-15 dB nom, adjustable between	
	-10 dB and -20 dB	
RF mute isolation	> 70 dB	
Composite IF loop		
Connector	F-type, 50 $\Omega$ (F-type optional)	
Return loss	≥ 18 dB	
Level	40 dBmV	
Remote control		
Connector	9-pins Sub D	
Interface type	RS-485	

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#### Specifications – continued

Typical Signal Specifications		
Audio		
Amplitude response	0.5 dB (between 30 Hz to 15 kHz)	
Distortion at 50 kHz dev.	≤ 0.5%	
S/N at 50 kHz dev.	≥ 65 dB	
Wideband mode	$30 \text{ Hz} - 100 \text{ kHz} \le 1 \text{ dB}$	
Video		
DC restoration	Sync tip or backporch	
Luminance bar amp.	$\leq \pm 1\%$	
K2T	$\leq \pm 2\%$	
Luminance non lin.	$\leq \pm 1\%$	
Chrom. Lum. Delay	$\leq \pm 25 \text{ ns}$	
In band group delay tolerance	$\leq \pm 35 \text{ ns}$	
Chrom. Lum. Intermod.	$\leq \pm -1\%$	
Differential gain	$\leq \pm 2\%$	
Differential phase	$\leq \pm 1^{\circ}$	
Video S/N	$\geq$ 1 $\geq$ 70 dB	
Option Related Specifications		
Korean two carrier stereo		
Soundcarrier freq	41.25 and 41.0258 MHz	
Amplitude response	0.5 dB (between 30 Hz to 15 kHz)	
Distortion	≤ 0.5%	
S/N at 25 kHz	≥ 55 dB	
Crosstalk at 1 kHz	≥ -36 dB (stereo)	
	$\geq$ -65 dB (dual sound)	
BTSC stereo		
Amplitude response	± 0.5 dB (between 100 Hz to 14 kHz)	
Distortion	≤ 1%	
S/N	≥ 60 dB	
Separation (at 10% EIM)	< 100 Hz: ≥ 26 dB	
	100 Hz to 8 kHz: ≥ 30dB	
	8 kHz to 14 kHz: $\geq$ 26 dB	
IF loops (vision before SAW and sound IF loop)		
Connector	F-type, 75 Ω	
Input & output levels	IFv : 46 dBmV	
	IFs : 34 dBmV	
Aux IF input		
Connector	F-type, 75 Ω	
Return loss	≥ 18 dB	
Input level	30 to 45 dBmV (AGC)	
Switching	Manual or automatic	
Intercarrier input		
Connector	BNC, 75	
Return loss	≥ 20 dB	
Input level	37 to 50 dBmV (AGC)	
Main scrambled, Aux unscrambled video input		
Coupling		
main	DC coupled	
aux	AC coupled and clamped	
DC input level range		
main	Backporch at ± 0.5 V	

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#### **Specifications – continued**

Options		
Second A/V input with automatic fall-back capabilities		
Auxiliary composite IF input with AGC		
Korean two carrier stereo encoder		
4.5 MHz aural subcarrier input with AGC (BTSC compatible)		
Sound and vision IF loops for scrambling interface		
Main scrambled, Aux unscrambled video input		
IF vision carrier reference input		
Separate sound and vision IF outputs for application in transmitters		
Phase-ock capability for HRC and IRC applications		
-48 V power supply		
IF vision carrier reference output		
Reference carrier output (10 MHz)		
4.5 MHz aural subcarrier output		

Environmental Specifications	
Operating temperature	+32°F to +113°F (0° to 45°C)
Storage temperature	-4°F to +158°F (-20° to 70°C)
Power supply (nominal)	115 V AC ± 10%
	48 to 62 Hz
Power consumption (nominal)	Approx. 45 W

Mechanical Specifications	
Height	1 RU
Width	19 in. / 482 mm
Depth	18.5 in. / 470 mm
Weight	Approx. 12 lbs / 5.4 kg



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