

Digital TV-Channel Processing Equipment DVB-T/T2 and DVB-C

Usable as channel Convertors (output channel different to input channel) or Processors (output channel is the same as input channel).







Double function:

• Filter a channel

• Convert one channel to another



Output signal with very low phase noise

TPC Channel processor

Main features

- Double conversion in the 45-862 MHz frequency range. IF SAW filtering.
- Agile Processing module, usable either as channel converters (output channel is different to input channel) or as channel processor (output channel is the same as input channel). Adjacent channel operation at input and output.
- A TPC headend includes:
- As many TPC processing modules as channels to be converted or processed.
- One HPA amplifier that amplifies the sum of the combined output TV channels from the proecessors.
- One or more CFP power supplies.
- One or more rack-frames or wall fixing base plates. The base plates can be joined horizontally.
- Usually, housing units for the base plates.
- If the headend is voluminous, one or more AMX-400 combiners.

The TPC headends provide a TV multichannel signal whose level is appropriate to feed the distribution network. An extension input at the HPA amplifier allows easy coupling of the wideband 47-862 MHz signal provided by another existing headend.

MODEL		TPC-010
REF.		3842
Type of application channel		Digital
TV System / Standard		DVB-T ,, DVB-C ,, B/G, D/K, I, L
Frequency band of input TV channel	MHz	45 - 862
Frequency selection steps	MHz	0.500
Input level (CAG 40 dB ; manual adjustment for L-system channels)	dBµV	40 - 80
Selectable tuning offset	kHz	(±) 125 / 250 / 375 / 500
Noise figure	dB	< 9 (input level <70 dBµV)
Bandwidth of SAW filtering (at -3 dB)	MHz	6.875 (for 7 MHz channels) 7.850 (for 8 MHz channels)
Selectivity for 7 MHz channels	dB	> 9 (fc ± 3.75 MHz) > 70 (fc ± 4.75 MHz)
Selectivity for 8 MHz channels	dB	> 18 (fc ± 4.75 MHz) > 70 (fc ± 5.25 MHz)
Image rejection	dB	> 70
Adjustable output level	dBµV	55 to 70
Output loop-through loss	dB	1.1 (typ) ,, 1.4 (max)
Group delay	ns	< ±40
Spurious in band	dBc	< -58
Phase noise of output channel (@ 1kHz)	dBc/Hz	< -92 (processor) < -80 (converter)
Broadband noise (∆B=5 MHz)	dBc	< -75
Supply voltage	VDC	+12
Consumption	mA	540
Operating temperature	°C	0 +45
Input RF connector type		(1x) female F
Output RF connector type		(2x) female F
DC connector type		"banana" socket
Programming interface		RS-232 / DB-9
Dimensions	mm	230 x 195 x 32



Rack mountable ClassA headend



 Example of «TPC» headend for conversion of four digital channels and processing of other four ones. Contains 8 TPC-010 Processors, 1 Amplifier and 1 Power Supply, all fixed on 2 horizontally joined Base-plates.



- Noise Figure vs. Input Level

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TPC PROCESSORS

In a TPC module can be distinguished three main sections:

- "Input Channel \rightarrow IF" conversion. Includes a delayed AGC circuitry that operates in the 50-90 dBµV (analog) or 40-80 dBµV (digital) input level ranges.
- IF filtering. A double SAW filter is used, what provides very high selectivity (>70 dB at ±5.25 MHz from the centre for 8MHz-wide channels).
- "IF \rightarrow Output Channel" conversion. The output level can be adjusted between 65 and 80 dBµV.

The TPC-010 must be programmed by the SPI-300 unit.

Programming of a TPC processor involves the following selections and settings:

- Input Frequency. Is the central frequency for digital channel and the picture carrier for analog channel.
- Tuning Offset. Applicable when a strong adjacent channel interferes with the channel being processed.
- AGC on/off. The automatic gain control must be switched off for system L analog channels.
- Manual Gain Control, only if the AGC function has been disabled.
- IF Bandwidth. Two options: 7 or 8 MHz.
- Output Frequency. Same indications stated above for input frequency.
- RF output level. 15 dB adjustable.

The output signal has very low phase noise and very clean wideband spectrum. On the other hand, a vey low broadband noise floor (< -75 dBc) permits using multiple processors in a headend with very little deterioration of the CNR.

CABLING OF TPC HEADENDS

Antenna or cable network signal is fed to the modules (see the figure). On the output side a channel coupling line is installed by using the supplied F bridges; the sum of the combined channels is then connected to the drive amplifier — the HPA module or an external wideband amplifier— which then feeds the distribution network. For power connection, each module has two DC banana sockets that allow to build a +12 Vdc cascade. A third banana socket is available to connect the power for an optional mast-head preamplifier.

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