

# Modular N+1 Soft-Fail Phase Combined GaAs System

## The New Standard in Outdoor High Power Redundant Microwave Amplifier Systems Has Arrived



#### **FEATURES**

- Output Power levels of up to: 5.9 kW in C-Band
- Each array of 4 HPAs features
   no active switching all passive
   Power Combining
- Output Power sized for N+1 Redundancy
- System can be configured with any combination of 4 to 16 units
- Removable fan trays
- System is 100% field maintainable

- System Monitor and Control emulates single SSPA Chassis operation
- Legacy RS-485 M&C
- Ethernet Port with UDP, SNMP, and internal web browser capability
- Accurate Output Power measurement
- Reflected Power Monitor
- Hot/Cold Standby operating modes for reduced power consumption

- RF Output Sample Port
- Optional L-Band Input with Redundancy
- RF Gain Adjustment (50 dB 70 dB)
- System is field scalable: i.e., can start out with (4) modules in system and upgrade to (8) or (16) modules.

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### **System Operation**

The Outdoor PowerMAX system maintains complete parallel redundancy down to the embedded control level. Therefore the loss of an entire amplifier will not interrupt remote communications with the system. Remote communications can be either RS-485 or Ethernet. The system will automatically correct its gain level in the event of one or more amplifier failures.

The sophisticated system monitor and control allows the system to be locally or remotely operated as if it were a "single" chassis amplifier. The system control maintains a hierarchical management that allows the operator to interface to a single chassis of the multi-module array.

Another feature unique to Teledyne Paradise Datacom's Outdoor PowerMAX is the introduction of "true rms" output power measurement. Unlike other amplifier systems that utilize diode detection schemes, the Outdoor PowerMAX reports the true rms output power of the system independent of the number of carriers and modulation schemes.

Proprietary waveguide combining techniques are employed so that maximum power combining efficiency is optimized within the operating frequency band.

### **System Output Power and Configurations**

The Outdoor PowerMAX system is typically used as a "self-redundant" system. The output power is sized such that the loss of (1) RF module's power will still allow the system to maintain its minimum required output power. This type of system architecture is described as n+1 redundant. The system can be configured with any number of modules, but best overall efficiency is obtained with the popular binary combinations of 4, 8, or 16 modules.

It is very easy to upgrade the PowerMAX system from 4 modules to 8 or 16 modules in the field. It is not necessary to fully populate the system at the time of initial purchase. This provides the user a path to upgrade output power capability as system requirements grow, thus keeping capital investment minimized. For sizing redundant output power capability use the following guideline to determine the output power of the system with the loss of (1) module.

4 Module System - 3 of 4 Modules Operable = 2.5 dB loss in output power capability

8 Module System - 7 of 8 Modules Operable = 1.2 dB loss in output power capability

16 Module System - 15 of 16 Modules Operable = 0.6 dB loss in output power capability

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Chassis

### **Hitless Redundancy**

For mission critical systems in which no power outage can be tolerated, an eight module Outdoor PowerMAX system can be operated with only four modules installed. In this way, the additional four modules can be installed without requiring the system to be powered off.

The only disadvantage of operating the eight module Outdoor PowerMAX system with four modules is the additional 3 dB loss that the four module (half-system) system experiences by going through the final hybrid combiner as shown at right. The overall output power is therefore actually 6 dB below what it would be with all eight modules present.

If the module output power is sized such that this reduction in output power can be tolerated, the system shown at right is an effective means of scaling the system from four to eight modules and maintaining true hitless operation.

With parallel system architectures, the amplifier output power capability and gain will change as the

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number of active modules vary. The Outdoor PowerMAX system is designed with an Auto-Gain Control mode so that the overall system gain will remain constant in the event of a single module failure. See the table below.

System Type	# Modules in System	Gain Change Auto Gain Control On	Gain Change Auto Gain Control Off	Maximum Output Power
4 Units	3 of 4	0 dB	-2.5 dB	-2.5 dB
4 Units	2 of 4	-1.0 dB	-6.0 dB	-6.0 dB
4 Units	1 of 4	-7.0 dB	-12.0 dB	-12.0 dB
8 Units	7 of 8	0 dB	-1.2 dB	-1.2 dB
8 Units	6 of 8	0 dB	-2.4 dB	-2.4 dB
8 Units	5 of 8	0 dB	-4.0 dB	-4.0 dB
8 Units	4 of 8	-1.0 dB	-6.0 dB	-6.0 dB
8 Units	3 of 8	-3.5 dB	-8.5 dB	-8.5 dB
8 Units	2 of 8	-7.5 dB	-12.5 dB	-12.5 dB
16 Units	15 of 16	0 dB	-0.6 dB	-0.6 dB
16 Units	14 of 16	0 dB	-1.2 dB	-1.2 dB
16 Units	13 of 16	0 dB	-2.0 dB	-2.0 dB
16 Units	12 of 16	0 dB	-2.5 dB	-2.5 dB

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### **SSPA Module Population Options**

The Outdoor PowerMAX system is available in a variety of system GaAs module configurations and output power levels. The system is based on Teledyne Paradise Datacom's High Power Outdoor SSPA. The units can be configured with a wide variety of SSPA frequency bands and power levels, and can be fitted with the following SSPA modules:

C-Band: 400W, 500W



### Single Unit Mechanical & Environmental Specifications

PARAMETER	NOTES	LIMITS	UNITS	
Size	width X length X height	16.5 X 27.5 X 9.335 419 X 699 X 238	inches mm	
Weight		100 (45.5)	lbs. (kg)	
Finish		powder coat	white	
Operating Temperature	Ambient	-40 to +60	°C	
Relative Humidity	Condensing	100	%	
Cooling System	Integrated	Forced air		
Ingress Protection Rating	With connectors properly sealed	IP54		
Altitude	No temperature de-rating up to 10,000 ft. (3,000 m)  De-rate maximum temperature by 2 °C per 1,000 ft (300 m) beyond 10,000 ft.			
Shock	50 g p-p, 11 msec pulses			
Vibration	3g rms 30 min. 5-2000 Hz			

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### 4 Module C-Band Outdoor PowerMAX System Power Specifications

SSPA	4 Module		AC Input	3 Module Redundant	
Module	RF Output Power		Power (W)	RF Output Power	
Power	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.	@ P <sub>sat</sub>	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.
Level	dBm (W)	dBm (W)		dBm (W)	dBm (W)
400 W	61.2 (1318)	60.2 (1047)	9600	58.8 (759)	57.8 (603)
500 W	62.2 (1660)	61.2 (1318)	11200	59.8 (955)	58.8 (759)

### 8 Module C-Band Outdoor PowerMAX System Power Specifications

SSPA	8 Module		AC Input	7 Module Redundant	
Module	RF Output Power		Power (W)	RF Output Power	
Power	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.	@ P <sub>sat</sub>	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.
Level	dBm (W)	dBm (W)		dBm (W)	dBm (W)
400 W	64.0 (2512)	63.0 (1995)	19200	62.8 (1905)	61.8 (1514)
500 W	65.0 (3162)	64.0 (2512)	22400	63.8 (2399)	62.8 (1905)

### 16 Module C-Band Outdoor PowerMAX System Power Specifications

SSPA	16 Module		AC Input	15 Module Redundant	
Module	RF Output Power		Power (W)	RF Output Power	
Power	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.	@ P <sub>sat</sub>	P <sub>sat</sub> , typical	P <sub>1dB</sub> , min.
Level	dBm (W)	dBm (W)		dBm (W)	dBm (W)
400 W	66.7 (4677)	65.7 (3715)	38400	66.1 (4074)	65.1 (3236)
500 W	67.7 (5888)	66.7 (4677)	44800	67.1 (5129)	66.1 (4074)

**Note 1:** For Frequency selection "B", de-rate output power by 1.0 dB linearly from 6.425 to 6.725 GHz. **Note 2:** For Frequency selection "C", de-rate output power by 1.0 dB linearly from 5.850 to 5.750 GHz and by 1.0 dB linearly from 6.425 to 6.670 GHz.

Continuous operation at saturated power can negatively impact the life of the amplifier and will not be covered by warranty. Normal operating output should be limited to P<sub>1dB</sub> (1dB backed off from the full rated power, P<sub>sat</sub>).

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### **General Electrical Specifications**

PARAMETER	NOTES	LIMITS	UNITS
Gain Gain Flatness Gain Slope Gain Variation vs. Temperature Gain Adjustment	Maximum (Auto-Gain Off) Maximum (Auto-Gain On) full band per 40 MHz -30 °C to +50 °C 0.1 dB resolution	70 65 ± 1.0 ± 0.3 ± 1.5 20	dB dB dB dB/40 MHz dB dB
Intermodulation Distortion	@ P <sub>1dB</sub> - 3 dB	-25	dBc
AM/PM Conversion	@ rated $P_{1dB}$ @ rated $P_{1dB}$ - 3 dB	3.5 1.0	°/dB °/dB
Spurious Harmonics	@ P <sub>1dB</sub> @ P <sub>1dB</sub>	-65 -50	dBc dBc
Input VSWR Output VSWR		≤ 1.30 : 1 ≤ 2.00 : 1	
Group Delay	Linear Parabolic Ripple	0.01 0.003 1.0	ns/MHz ns/MHz² ns p-p
Noise Output	TX Band RX Band (C-Band, without filter)	-75 -155	dBW/4 KHz dBW/4 KHz
Residual AM Noise	Offset frequency from carrier 1 Hz 10 Hz 100 Hz 100 Hz 1 KHz 10 KHz 100 KHz 1 MHz	-110 -120 -130 -135 -140 -140	dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz
Residual Phase Noise	Offset frequency from carrier 10 Hz 100 Hz 1 KHz 10 KHz 100 KHz 1 MHz	-90 -100 -110 -120 -125 -130	dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz
RF Leakage	@ 1m, with SSPA module removed	<0.001	mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
True RF Power Detector	Range Accuracy	P <sub>sat</sub> to (P <sub>sat</sub> - 20) ± 0.5	dB dBm

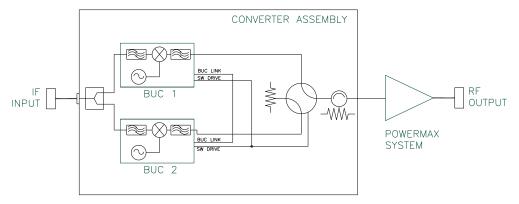
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#### L-Band Input Option

The Outdoor PowerMAX system can be configured for L-Band Input operation. For optimum RF phase combining over the entire bandwidth of a communication amplifier system, the frequency translation part of the system must be separated from the phase combined loop. Therefore, systems with L-Band input are configured with a separate L-Band block up converter system that feeds the PowerMAX system.



Simplified Block Diagram, Redundant Converter Assembly with Outdoor Controller

The block up converter system is a 1:1 redundant block up converter assembly with internal redundancy control. The Teledyne Paradise Datacom converter architecture allows a converter that is fitted with an internal reference oscillator to automatically detect and switch to an externally applied 10 MHz reference signal.

When a fault is detected in the online converter, the redundancy controller drives the switch to place the standby BUC online without user intervention.

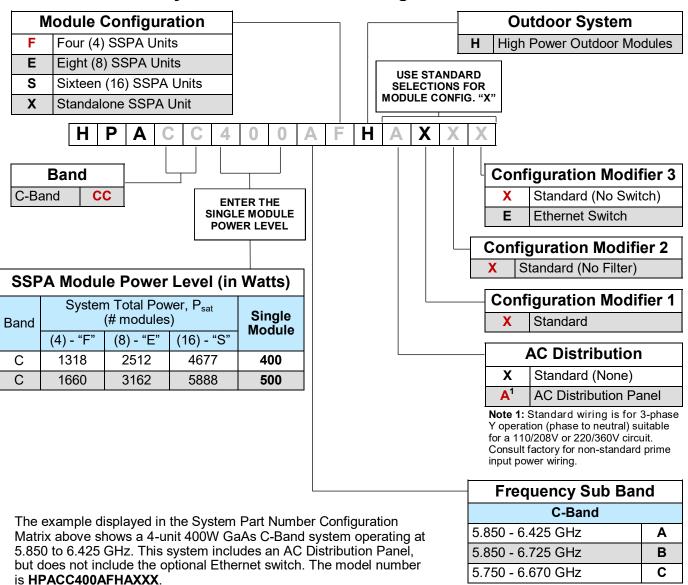
If L-Band redundancy is not required, the system can be configured with a single thread block up converter.

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### **System Part Number Configuration Matrix**



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