VLM-7650 VME Satellite Modulator and Demodulator





Modulator

INTRODUCTION

Comtech EF Data's VLM-7650M and VLM-7650D Defense Satellite Communications Systems (DSCS) satellite modulators and demodulators have an extended range of microprocessor-controlled functions allowing the modem to communicate with all major satellite systems in the world. The modulator and demodulator implement advanced high-level coding techniques, such as Reed-Solomon FEC or Turbo Codec, for superior performance.

FEATURES

- Fully Accessible System Topology (FAST)
- MIL-STD-188-165 compliant (Type B) BPSK, OQPSK, QPSK, 8-PSK, or 16-QAM
- 9.6 kbps to 20 Mbps
- IDR/IBS Framing
- Automatic Uplink Power Control (AUPC)
- · Asynchronous Channel Unit (ACU) Overhead
- Reed-Solomon Codec
- Reed-Solomon N, K, T & I values are programmable via the VME or EIA-485 controller
- Turbo Codec
- Built-In Self Test (Requires both Mod and Demod)

APPLICATIONS

The VLM-7650M/D can be used on DSCS, SKYNET, NATO, PANAMSAT, and all U.S. domestic satellites. Options extend the modem range to include EUTELSAT and INTELSAT satellite networks. The VLM-7650M/D are the ideal equipment solution when implementing Tri-band terminals such as the Tri-Band Tactical Terminal (T3) (STAR-T) that require both commercial and government communication access.

COMPATIBILITY

The VLM-7650M/D is compatible within the data rate limitations specified for the following modems:

CDM-600 MD-1002 SLM-3650 LM-46/40446 OM-73 SLM-4650 MD-945 SDM-300A SLM-6650 SLM-8650

The INTELSAT/EUTELSAT option provides compatibility with PTT earth stations worldwide. The fully operational VLM-7650M/D can be configured to operate with many existing commercial and proprietary modems. This is achieved through the selection of specific parameters via the VME or EIA-485 controller.



Demodulator

OPERATING MODES

DSCS Mode

In DSCS mode, the VLM-7650M/D can derive timing from a 1, 5, or 10 MHz station reference oscillator. A built-in plesiochronous elastic buffer can be used to remove Doppler from the data. MIL-STD-188 digital interface is the customary DSCS interface compatible with SLM-8650-00

Open Network Mode

The VLM-7650M/D is equipped with the necessary framing processors to operate with Intermediate Data Rate (IDR), INTELSAT Business Specifications (IBS), or Satellite Multiservice System (SMS) earth stations worldwide.

Custom Mode

The custom mode provides total control of available modem resources. When the proper filter mask, modulation, FEC, and vector rotation are selected, the VLM-7650M/D can be programmed to emulate most other proprietary modems.

The custom mode can also be used to modify the DSCS mode for enhancing performance or overcoming unexpected network impairment.

ACU / AUPC

The VLM-7650M/D can be equipped with an ACU/AUPC. Operation in the VLM-7650M/D mode will add overhead bits to the data stream for an over-the-satellite communications link compatible with SLM-8650-02.This link can be used to monitor and control the equipment at a remote site. For the AUPC mode, some of the overhead bits of the frame are utilized to establish a modem-to-modem control link. Thresholds and limits can then be set to automatically compensate for fades.

Turbo FEC Assembly

Encodes data with turbo coding if installed in a modulator or decodes turbo-coded data if installed in a demodulator.

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System Specifications

Frequency Range 52 to 88, 104 to 176 MHz, in 1 Hz steps

Modulation Types BPSK, QPSK, Offset QPSK,

8-PSK, or 16-QAM

Digital Data Rate 9.6 kbps to 20.0 Mbps, in 1 bps steps

Symbol Rate 19.2 ksps to 10 Msps

External Reference In 1, 5, or 10 MHz at \geq 0 dBm external

reference, selectable

Energy Dispersal CCITT, V.35, and others

Modulation Specifications

Output Power +5 to -25 dBm, adjustable in 0.1 dB steps

Output Return Loss 20 dB typical

Output Impedance 50Ω

Spurious 0 to 500 MHz (+5 to -25 dBm) -55 dBc Output Connector Blind Insert a D-shell with (3) 50Ω

connectors

Demodulation Specifications

Input Power:

Desired Carrier -15 to -55 dBm Maximum Composite 0 dBm or +40 dBc

Input Impedance 50Ω

Input Connector Blind Insert D-shell with (3) 50Ω connectors

Carrier Acquisition Range ±35 kHz, selectable Input Return Loss 20 dB typical

Elastic Buffer 32 to 1,045,756 bits, selectable

Uplink Power Control Option

Nominal BER Programmable
Upper Limit Programmable
Lower Limit Programmable
Step Size 0.5 dB

Orderwire Async EIA-485 up to 1.875% of data rate

Coding

Inner Code Viterbi or Uncoded

Outer Code Reed-Solomon - Intelsat Compliant

N=60 to 255 $K \ge 2T^*T$ and N-K=2T

K=50 to 253 T= 5 to 10

Interleaver Depth 4, 8, and 16

Open Network Options

IDR INTELSAT IESS-308 (Framing)

Interface MIL-188-114

IBS/SMS INTELSAT IESS-309/EUTALSAT BS7-40

(Framing)

Interface EIA-422, MIL-188-114

Coding Options

Viterbi K = 7 Uncoded 1/1

Viterbi and Reed-Solomon Concatenated

Turbo 5/16, 21/44, 3/4, 7/8, 17/18

Closed Network Options

DSCS EIA-422, MIL 188-114

BER Performance

BPSK BER Performance

Viterbi 1/2								
	Viterbi	Reed-Solomon	Turbo	Turbo				
BER	1/2 Rate	225/205	5/16	21/44				
10-6	6.1	4.1	2.5	3.0				
10-8	7.2	4.4	3.1	3.6				
10 ⁻¹⁰	8.2	5.0	3.8	4.2				

QPSK/OQPSK/BER Performance

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BER	BER Viterbi		i	RS			Turbo			
	1/2	3/4	7/8	1/2	3/4	7/8	21/44	3/4	7/8	17/18
10-6	6.1	7.5	8.6	4.1	5.6	6.7	3.3	3.9	4.1	6.8
10-8	7.2	8.8	9.9	4.4	6.0	7.1	3.5	4.3	4.3	7.4
10-10	8.2	10.1	11.2	5.0	6.3	7.5	3.7	5.2	4.5	7.9

8-PSK BER Performance

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BER	Dec	oder	RS		Turbo		0
	2/3	5/6	2/3	5/6	3/4	7/8	17/18
10-6	8.7	10.8	6.2	8.2	6.5	7.1	10.0
10-8	10.2	12.3	6.7	8.9	7.2	7.3	11.2
10-10	12	13.8	7.2	9.7	7.8	7.5	12.4

16-QAM BER Performance

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BER	F	RS	Turbo					
	3/4	7/8	3/4	7/8				
10-6	8.4	9.8	7.6	8.2				
10-8	8.8	10.3	8.3	8.5				
10-10	9.2	10.8	9.0	8.8				

Environmental and Physical Specifications

Prime Power DC - Call Factory

Mounting 9RU X 160 mm VME Chassis

Size 9RU X 160 mm circuit card Assy. 1 VME

Slot each

Weight < 2 lbs. (0.90 kg)
Temperature, Operating 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)
Humidity 0 to 95%, non-condensing

Temperature, Storage -40 to 158°F (Non-Operational) (-40 to +70°C)







