General Dynamics’ HRT150 Ku-Band Transmitter provides a solution for delivering large amounts of data from a spacecraft in one small package. Standard operation is Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS) Ku-Band, with options available for X-Band and Ka-Band. The transmitter is compatible with NASA’s TDRSS KuSAR high-rate return link receiving systems.

The transmitter design makes use of years of General Dynamics research in high-rate bandwidth-efficient modulation and the latest FPGA, ASIC and GaAs MMIC technology. These strengths, combined with space-proven designs from our line of transponders, results in a high-performance and reliable unit with very small size and mass.

The internal frequency source is a DRO loop derived from a TCXO, which develops an extremely stable, very low phase-noise carrier source. The transmitter includes an integral 2 Watt Ku-Band solid state power amplifier to provide needed drive for antennas and high power stages.
High Rate Transmitter (HRT150)

Performance Characteristics

RF

- Output Frequencies: Ku-Band: 15.0034 GHz
- Optional X-Band and Ka-Band capability
- Output Power: 2 Watts minimum
- Modulation: SQPSK
- Data Rate:
  - 150 Mbps R-1/2 convolutional code only
  - 125 Mbps R-1/2 convolutional plus Reed-Solomon coded

Data Encoding/Formatting

- Convolutional Code: 8-parallel inner code compatible with NASA TDRSS, SNUG 450, DG2 mode, alternating I/Q, rate-1/2, k=7
- Reed-Solomon Code: (255/223) Reed-Solomon outer code with interleave depth I=5. Code can be selected at time of manufacture to any code (255-i/223-i) for any integer i=0 to 222, and to any interleave depth I = 1 to 8.
- Framing ASM Word: 1A, CF, FC, 1D hex
- Frame Length: 1115 bytes data, 160 check bytes (frame length can be modified if alternate Reed-Solomon code is chosen)
- Optional Code: Near Earth (8158,7136) Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) Code
- Formatting: Independent NRZ-L to M conversion on I and Q
- Pulse Shaping: Custom analog pre-modulation filtering.

User Interfaces

- Data Inputs: Differential ECL data & clock, SMA-F
- RF Output Connector: SMA-F
- DC Input Connector: 9-pin receptacle, micro miniature-D
- Telemetry Output Connector: 25-pin plug, micro miniature-D
- Telemetry Content: Voltage, forward power, temperature, PLL lock, TX on/off

Input Power

- Operating Voltage: 22 - 34 VDC
- Input Power: 47 W max; 1.2 W standby

General

- Mass: 5 pounds maximum
- Size: 8.0"L x 6.6"W x 3.2"H maximum envelope
- Temperature: -34° C to +71° C (Qualification)
  -24° C to +61° C (Acceptance)

Manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications to reflect latest changes in technology and improvements at any time without notice.
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