1 DESCRIPTION

Options 182AA/AB/AJ provide band-dependent duplexer modules for use with Quantar VHF stations. This section provides a general description, identification of adjustments and inputs/outputs, performance specifications, and a typical mounting location detail. While the duplexer module is considered non-repairable, tuning screws are provided for field tuning should replacement become necessary due to module failure, or if retuning is necessary due to a change in operating channels. A single channel field tuning procedure is provided in this section.

General Description

The duplexer module (shown in Figure 1) allows a transmit and receive channel pair to share a common TX/RX antenna. Each duplexer module consists of six resonant cavities (three for transmit and three for receive) contained in a temperature-compensated copper enclosure designed to mount in a standard EIA 19" equipment rack.

Each set of three cavities is designed and tuned to pass the respective transmit or receive channel frequency (or bandwidths) while providing maximum TX noise suppression at the RX frequency and maximum RX isolation at the TX frequency.

Figure 1. Typical Duplexer Module

RFS/Celwave PD5042-1

NOTE: This duplexer is manufactured by RFS/Celwave as PD5042-1.
Figure 2 shows the location of the adjustment screws and input and output rf connectors for the duplexer module.

**Figure 2.** Quantar VHF Duplexer Module Adjustment Screws and Input/Output Connections
## 3 PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Table 1 shows the electrical performance specifications for the duplexer module.

### Performance Specifications

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<td><strong>Operating Frequency</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Model X182AA</td>
<td>132–146 MHz</td>
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<td>Model X182AB</td>
<td>144–160 MHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Model X182AJ</td>
<td>158–174 MHz</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Insertion Loss</strong> (Transmitter to Antenna)</td>
<td>1.3 dB max</td>
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<td><strong>Insertion Loss</strong> (Antenna to Receiver)</td>
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<td><strong>Frequency Bandwidth vs Frequency Separation</strong></td>
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<td>Tx—to—RX Spacing</td>
<td>Bandwidth (maximum)</td>
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<td>1.5 MHz</td>
<td>200 kHz</td>
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<td>4.5 MHz and above</td>
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<td><strong>TX Noise Suppression at RX Freq.</strong></td>
<td>75 dB min</td>
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<td><strong>RX Isolation at TX Freq.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Frequency Separation (Min.)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Return Loss</strong></td>
<td>14 dB minimum</td>
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<td><strong>Maximum Input Power</strong></td>
<td>150 W</td>
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<td><strong>Temperature Range</strong></td>
<td>-30°C to +60°C</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Size</strong></td>
<td>3” (H) x 21.5” (D) x 17” (W) EIA Rack Mountable</td>
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<td><strong>Weight</strong></td>
<td>22 lbs.</td>
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<td><strong>Terminations</strong></td>
<td>Female N-Type</td>
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<td><strong>Input and Output Impedance</strong></td>
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*SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE*
TYPICAL MOUNTING CONFIGURATION

The duplexer module is typically mounted in the same rack or cabinet as the station and peripheral tray (if equipped). Figure 3 shows front and rear views of a typical repeater configuration in which a station, triple circulator option, and duplexer option are installed in a single cabinet. Also shown is a simplified interconnect diagram showing the receiver and transmitter paths to a single RX/TX antenna.
Figure 3. Typical Duplexer Mounting Configuration and Interconnect Diagram
FIELD TUNING PROCEDURE

Duplexer modules shipped with stations are tuned at the factory. If a duplexer must be replaced in the field, the unit must be installed and tuned specifically to the transmit and receive frequency pair for the particular station.

Field Tuning Overview

The duplexer module is comprised of three low-pass/high-notch cavities and three high-pass/low-notch cavities. Each set of three cavities provides bandpass filtering for either the transmit rf signal or the receive rf signal. In general, the duplexer must be tuned so that the transmit cavity set passes the transmit signal and rejects the receive signal; concurrently, the receive cavity set must be tuned to pass the receive signal and reject the transmit signal.

Tuning is performed by injecting rf signals and making tuning adjustments (using the tuning rods and trimmer screws) while monitoring for maximum or minimum readings on the rf millivoltmeter. Field tuning the duplexer module requires the following general adjustments:

- Tune high-pass/low-notch cavities for maximum pass and reject response
- Tune low-pass/high-notch cavities for maximum pass and reject response
- Check high-pass/low-notch and low-pass/high-notch cavities for insertion loss
- Check high-pass/low-notch and low-pass/high-notch cavities for isolation

Required Test Equipment

Field tuning of the duplexer module requires the following test equipment:

- Motorola R2001 Communications Analyzer (or equivalent)
- RF Millivoltmeter (Boonton 92E or equivalent)
- RF Signal Generator (HP8565 or equivalent)
- 50Ω N-type terminator
- Male-to-Females N-Type "T" connector (UG-107B/U or equiv.)
- Slotted screwdriver
- 3/32" allen wrench
- Tuning tool (thin blade)
- N-to-N bullet connector (UG29A/U or equivalent)
- N-to-BNC Adapter (UG349A/U)
- N-to-N Connector (UG57B/U)
Perform the preliminary tasks shown in Figure 4 to prepare for tuning the duplexer module.

1. Disconnect N-type connector from each cavity (6).

2. For each cavity, unscrew and remove trimmer screw dust covers (9).

3. Use allen wrench and loosen tuning rod locking screws (8).

Figure 4. Preliminary Tasks Prior to Tuning Duplexer
Duplexer Tuning Procedure

The duplexer field tuning procedures are provided in Figure 5. The procedures are most easily performed with the duplexer module removed from the station rack or cabinet. Be sure to make note of the transmit and receive frequencies for the particular station before beginning.

If the duplexer module is tuned according to instructions and does not meet specifications for return loss, insertion loss, and/or isolation, you must return the duplexer for repair.
1 TUNING LOW PASS RESONATORS

1. Set up test equipment as shown.
2. Push or pull tuning rod for cavity #1 to obtain a PEAK reading on the millivoltmeter.
3. Use Allen wrench and tighten locking screw.
4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 for cavities 2 and 3.

2 TUNING HIGH PASS RESONATORS

1. Set up test equipment as shown.
2. Push or pull tuning rod for cavity #4 to obtain PEAK reading on the millivoltmeter.
3. Use Allen wrench and tighten locking screw.
4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 for cavities 5 and 6.

3 TUNING HIGH NOTCH LOOP ASSEMBLIES

1. Set up test equipment as shown.
2. Use tuning tool to adjust trimmer screws for cavity #1 to obtain minimum reading on millivoltmeter. (Adjust trimmer screws equally to obtain minimum. Reduce the range on the millivoltmeter as necessary to reach true minimum reading.)
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for cavities 2 and 3.

4 TUNING LOW NOTCH LOOP ASSEMBLIES

1. Set up test equipment as shown.
2. Use tuning tool to adjust trimmer screw for cavity #4 to obtain minimum reading on millivoltmeter. (Adjust trimmer screw to obtain minimum. Reduce the range on the millivoltmeter as necessary to reach true minimum reading.)
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for cavities 5 and 6.

Figure 5. QUANTAR VHF DUPLEXER FIELD TUNING PROCEDURE (Sheet 1 of 3)
5 VERIFYING INSERTION LOSS

1. Connect test equipment as shown.
2. Observe and note the level in dBm as shown on the millivoltmeter.
3. Connect the duplexer cable assembly and test equipment to the duplexer as shown.
4. Subtract the absolute number noted in Step 2 from the number noted in Step 4. The difference should be less than 1.3 dB to meet specifications for Insertion Loss.
5. Repeat Steps 1–5 for Low–Pass/High–Notch cavities with the following exceptions:
   1) Set Frequency Generator for Rx or Tx frequency, whichever is LOWER
   2) Connect Signal Generator to Low Pass duplexer input (cavity #1)
   3) Connect terminator to cavity #6.

6 VERIFYING ISOLATION

1. Connect test equipment as shown.
2. Observe and note the level in dBm as shown on the R9001 display.
3. Connect the test equipment to the duplexer as shown.
4. Observe and note the level in dBm as shown on the R9001 display. (If no number is displayed, consider isolation to be greater than 105 dB, which exceeds the specification.)
5. Subtract the absolute number noted in Step 4 from the number noted in Step 2. The difference should be higher than 75 dB to meet specification for Isolation.
6. Repeat Steps 1–5 for Low–Pass/High–Notch cavities with the following exceptions:
   1) Set Frequency Generator and R9001 for Rx or Tx frequency, whichever is HIGHER
   2) Connect Signal Generator to Low Pass duplexer input (cavity #1)
   3) Connect terminator to cavity #6.

Figure 5. Quantar VHF Duplexer Field Tuning Procedure (Sheet 2 of 3)
7 POST-TUNING CHECKS

1. Make sure all locking screws are tight. Re-install dust covers on all trimmer capacitors.

2. Make sure all tuning rod locking screws (6) are tight.

Figure 5. Quantar VHF Duplexer Field Tuning Procedure (Sheet 4 of 4)