



APPLICATION

The Comtech EF Data Model UT-4518 Up Converter is the ultimate in high performance and cost effective Ku-Band frequency conversion. The UT-4518 can be used for SCPC, DAMA and TDMA as well as full transponder HDTV and analog TV. Spectral purity and stability characteristics fully meet or exceed the requirements of all domestic, international, and regional commercial satellite networks.

HIGH GAIN

The UT-4518 has +10 dBm minimum output level at the 1 dB compression point and 35 dB of gain as a standard. This capability permits longer cable runs to the HPA or compensates for elaborate combining networks without adding expensive options such as external line amplifiers.

LOW PHASE NOISE

The phase noise performance of the UT-4518 Up Converter exceeds the Intelsat phase noise mask for IBS and IDR services by more than 6 dB allowing high capacity earth stations to add more modulators and still meet transmission standards. The close in phase noise is also very low making the converter ideal for low bit rate digital circuits such as those used by DAMA hub earth stations.

REMOTE CONTROL

The remote control interface is selectable between EIA-232 and EIA-485. All configuration control, status retrieval and adjustments are available as simple ASCII commands through the serial interface or through the front panel menu. As a cost option, the remote control command structure can be customized in order to accommodate existing network control software.

DETACHABLE I/O MODULE

Each UT-4518 Up Converter is equipped with a detachable I/O Module (IOM) that establishes input and output connection types. The module inserts into a rear compartment of the converter taking no additional outside space. The IOM includes an SMA connector for the RF path and a BNC connector at either 50 or 75 Ohms for the IF path.

DAISY CHAIN REDUNDANCY SWITCHING

The converter uses CEFD's proprietary "Daisy Chain" integrated switching technology. The Daisy Chain design removes the relays associated with a centralized protection switch tray and distributes them across the individual converters. CEFD was awarded patent 5,666,646 on this distributed protection switch topology.

Daisy Chain technology successfully eliminates a central switching chassis, two power supplies, a microprocessor, and several long, costly cables. Widely accepted in the industry, CEFD's Daisy Chain provides both pricing and marketing advantages.

MINIMUM RACK SPACE

Due to its small rack height (1.75 inches) and the elimination of the space penalty paid for a separate 1+N switch chassis, the UT-4518 and the Daisy Chain switch architecture provide the most compact and cost effective converter subsystem available. The units are ideal for the construction of transportable systems such as "flyaways," and high capacity earth stations accessing many transponders, where space utilization and economy are prime considerations.



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Frequency Range

UT4518	17.30 to 18.10 GHz
UT4518/E	17.30 to 18.40 GHz
Conversion	Dual, No Inversion
Step Size	125 KHz standard, 1 kHz optional
Preset Channels	32 Frequencies and Gains
Stability Over Time	+/- 1 x 10 ⁻⁹ /Day
Stability Over Temp	+/- 1 x 10 ⁻⁸ 0 to 50°C

IF Input

Noise Figure	13 dB Maximum at 0 dB Attenuation
Level	-35 dBm Typical
Range	52 to 88 or 104 to 176 MHz
Impedance	50 or 75 Ohms
Return Loss	23 dB Minimum with IO Module or Switch Module

RF Output

Output Level	+10 dBm at 1 dB Compression
Inter-modulation	-38 dBc at 0 dBm Output SCL
Carrier Mute	-70 dBc
Non-carrier	-80 dBm
Spurious	
Carrier Spurious	-65 dBc at 0 dBm Output
AM to PM	0.1*/dB at -5 dBm Out
Return Loss	20 dB Minimum with IO Module 18 dB Minimum with Switch Module
Impedance	50 Ohms

Transfer

Gain	35 dB +/- 2 dB
Attenuation Adjust	0 to 25 in 0.25 dB Steps
Gain Stability	0.1 dB Steps Optional +/- 0.25 dB/Day
Ripple	+/- 0.25 dB (+/- 18 MHz), 0.75 dB (+/- 36 MHz)
Slope	0.05 dB/MHz

External Reference

Input, either 5 or 10 MHz Option @ +3dBm
Optional 10 MHz Rear Panel Reference Output

Group Delay

Linear	0.03 ns/MHz
Parabolic	0.01 ns/MHz ²
Ripple	1 ns Peak-to-Peak

Phase Noise

Phase Noise	Limit (dBc/Hz)	Typical (dBc/Hz)
100 Hz	-66	-69
1 KHz	-76	-79
10 KHz	-86	-89
100 KHz	-96	-99
1 MHz	-106	-109

Remote Control (Rear Panel)

Comm Port RS-485 or RS-232C

Indicators

Power On	Green LED
Mute	Yellow LED
Remote	Yellow LED
Reference	Yellow LED
Stored Fault	Red LED
Fault	Red LED

Test Points (Front Panel)

RF Sample	SMA, -20 dBc Nominal
IF Sample	BNC, -20 dBc Nominal
Optional L.O. Sample	

Power

Voltage	90 to 250 VAC Autoranging, optional -48 VDC
Frequency	47 to 63 Hz
Dissipation	60 Watts

Environment

Temperature	0 to 50° C (32 to 122° F)
Altitude	10,000 Feet MSL
Humidity	0 to 95 % Relative

Physical

Width	19 Inches (48.30 cm)
Height	1.75 Inches (4.45 cm)
Depth	22 Inches (55.90 cm)
Weight	15 Pounds (7.00 kg)

MTBF

49,750 hrs. (calculated)
>100,000 hrs. (field experience)

Summary Alarm

Relay Closure Form C



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