

# VSHD Digital Exciter

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# GENERAL

### **RF Output Power**

As required to meet the HD Radio power specifications given on the individual transmitter specification sheets.

The VS-HD exciter is not specified for analog operation.

## **RF Frequency Range**

87.5 MHz to 108 MHz Digitally programmable via transmitter in 10 kHz steps

**RF Terminating Impedance** 50 ohms unbalanced BNC jack (VSWR protected)

**RF Output Monitor** -30 dBc, BNC jack

Frequency Stability  $\pm$  250 Hz 0°C to +50°C ambient temperature range

#### **Modulation Type**

Direct Digital Synthesis (DDS) using a 32-bit NCO Direct-to-channel RF generation at 635 MS/s with a 16-bit DAC.

Modulation Capability 160% (4 dB) ±75 kHz reference standard; ±300 kHz modulation capable upon request.

# VSHD EXCITER/ TRANSMITTER INTERCONNECTIONS

Several cables must be connected between the VSHD exciter and the associated VS transmitter to ensure proper operation. These are provided with the VSHD exciter.

#### **Transmitter Link**

Cat 5e cable

AES/EBU From Audio Over IP D-sub to D-sub cable

Transmitter RF Sample BNC to SMA cable

**RF Out** BNC to BNC cable

# AC INPUT

**Voltage** Universal Input, 85 Vac - 264 Vac, single phase, 47-63Hz

#### **Power Consumption**

The typical VSHD power consumption is included in the power consumption section of the associated VS transmitter specification sheet for IBOC operation.

#### **Power Factor**

Unity Power Factor Corrected (typically 0.98)

## PHYSICAL

Weight 19 lbs (8.6 kg)

**Dimensions** Standard 19" EIA rack mountable box

19" W x 3.5" H x 22" D (48.3cm x 8.9cm x 55.9 cm)

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Operating Temperature 0°C to +50°C (32°F to 122°F)

Derate  $3^{\circ}C$  (5.4°F) per 500m above sea level or  $2^{\circ}C$  (3.6°F) per 1000 feet

# A U D I O S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

# STEREO PERFORMANCE WITH DIGITAL AUDIO INPUT

Input Connector One XLR female and one DB15 male

AES/EBU Input Impedance 110 ohms, balanced

Input Level 0 dBfs to -16 dBfs (adjustable to -25.5 dBfs) for 100% modulation

**Data Format** AES/EBU; 16-bit to 24-bit resolution

Data Rate 20 kHz to 192 kHz

## **Pilot Carrier**

19 kHz ±0.01 Hz, programmable 6% to 12% injection level. Available on rear panel BNC as 1 Vp-p sine wave. Pilot phase may be referenced to GPS 1 PPS (BNC) and adjusted with 1° resolution.

**38 kHz Suppression** 80 dB below ±75 Hz deviation reference

Stereo Separation Better than 70 dB, 30 Hz to 15 kHz

Amplitude Response (L or R) ±0.2 dB, 30 Hz to 15 kHz referenced to 0 dB at 400 Hz

**FM Signal-to-Noise Ratio (L or R)** 80 dB below 100% modulation (reference 400 Hz, measured in 22 Hz to 22 kHz bandwidth with 75 µs de-emphasis and DIN 'A' weighting)



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Stereo Total Harmonic Distortion (L or R) 0.025% or less, 30 Hz to 15 kHz, measured in 22 Hz

to 22 kHz bandwidth with 75 µs de-emphasis

# Stereo Crosstalk

60 dB below 100% (30 Hz to 15 kHz). Modulation reference: L+R to L-R and L-R to L+R

**Intermodulation Distortion (L or R)** CCIF: 0.008% or less (14/15 kHz, 1:1) SMPTE: 0.025% or less (60 Hz and 7,000 Hz, 1:1)

Transient Intermodulation Distortion (DIM) (L or R) 0.05% or less (2.96 kHz square wave/14 kHz sine

Stereo/Monaural Mode Control Monaural mode selectable using left channel

# STEREO PERFORMANCE WITH ANALOG STEREO INPUT

Input Connector DB15 male

wave)

**Input Impedance** Balanced, no transformers, 600 ohms

Input Level -12 dBu to 12 dBu for 100% modulation

**Input Quantization** Sampled at 77.5 kHz with 24-bit ADC

**Pre-Emphasis** 0 μs, 25 μs, 50 μs or 75 μs, user selectable

## **Pilot Carrier**

19 kHz ±0.01 Hz, programmable 6% to 12% injection level. Available on rear panel as TTL or 1 Vp-p sine wave. Pilot phase may be referenced to GPS 1 PPS (BNC) and adjusted with 1° resolution.

## 38 kHz Suppression

80 dB below ±75 Hz deviation reference

Stereo Separation Better than 70 dB, 30 Hz to 15 kHz

Amplitude Response (L or R) ±0.2 dB, 30 Hz to 15 kHz referenced to 0 dB at 400 Hz

**FM Signal-to-Noise Ratio (L or R)** 80 dB below 100% modulation (reference 400 Hz, measured in 22 Hz to 22 kHz bandwidth with 75 µs de-emphasis and DIN 'A' weighting)

**Stereo Total Harmonic Distortion (L or R)** 0.025% or less, 30 Hz to 15 kHz, measured in 22 Hz to 22 kHz bandwidth with 75 µs de-emphasis

#### Stereo Crosstalk 50 dB below 100% (30 Hz to 15 kHz). Modulation reference: L+R to L-R and L-R to L+R

Intermodulation Distortion (L or R) CCIF: 0.008% or less (14/15 kHz, 1:1) SMPTE: 0.025% or less (60 Hz and 7 kHz, 1:1)

# Transient Intermodulation Distortion (DIM) (L or R)

0.05% or less (2.96 kHz square wave/14 kHz sine wave)

Stereo/Monaural Mode Control Monaural mode selectable using left channel

MONAURAL PERFORMANCE WITH DIGITAL OR ANALOG INPUTS

Amplitude Response (L or R) ±0.2 dB, 30 Hz to 15 kHz referenced to 0 dB at 400 Hz

#### FM Signal-to-Noise Ratio

90 dB below 100% modulation (reference 400 Hz at  $\pm$ 75 kHz deviation with 75  $\mu$ s de-emphasis and DIN 'A' weighting in 22 Hz to 22 kHz passband)

#### **Harmonic Distortion**

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0.005% or less at 400 Hz measured in 22 Hz to 22 kHz bandwidth with 75  $\mu s$  de-emphasis

# WIDEBAND COMPOSITE OPERATION

Input Connector BNC connector, balanced

Input Impedance 10,000 ohms

Input Quantization Sampled at 620 KS/s with 16-bit ADC

Input Level 1 Vpp to 5 Vpp; 3.5 Vpp nominal for 100% modulation

Amplitude Response ±0.2 dB, 20 Hz to 100 kHz

Phase Response ±0.1° from linear phase, 20 Hz to 100 kHz

#### FM Signal-to-Noise Ratio

90 dB below 100% modulation (reference 400 Hz at  $\pm$ 75 kHz deviation with 75  $\mu$ s de-emphasis and DIN 'A' weighting in 22 Hz to 22 kHz passband)

#### **Total Harmonic Distortion**

0.005% or less, (reference 400 Hz at  $\pm$ 75 kHz deviation with 75  $\mu$ s de-emphasis and DIN 'A' weighting in 22 Hz to 22 kHz passband)

Stereo Separation 50 dB, 20 Hz to 15 kHz



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## S C A (R B D S / R D S) P E R F O R M A N C E

Input Connector Two BNC female connectors

Input Impedance 10,000 ohms unbalanced

Input Level 1 Vpp to 5 Vpp; 1.24 Vrms nominal for ±7.5 kHz deviation

Amplitude Response (L or R) ±0.2 dB, 20 Hz to 100 kHz

Subcarrier Frequency Range 53 kHz to 99 kHz stereo 20 kHz to 99 kHz monaural

## SCA GENERATOR PERFORMANCE

Input Connector DB15 Male

Input Impedance 2 balanced, 600 ohms

Input Level -12 dBu to 12 dBu for ±7.5 kHz deviation

Amplitude Response ±0.02 dB, 30 Hz to 7.5 kHz

**Pre-Emphasis** 0 μs, 50 μs, 75 μs or 150 μs

Signal-to-Noise Ratio 60 dB or better

**Frequency** 20 kHz to 99 kHz, adjustable in 1 Hz steps

### Modulation Narrow band FM with maximum deviation of ±7.5 kHz

**Injection Level** 0% to 20%, user adjustable

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Input Connector DB9 female, RS-232 (DCE, 75 to 115.2 kbps)

Frequency 57 kHz ±0.03 Hz

Injection Level 0% to 10%, user adjustable

Programming ASCII, UECP

Supported Commands PI, PS, PTY, PTYN, TA, TP, MS, DI, RT, AF, ODA (Freeformat)

# HD RADIO COMPATIBILITY

VSHD generates complete hybrid waveform with analog FM and digital IBOC components.

Exciter accepts LVDS IQ stream and 10 MHz frequency reference from Nautel Exgine and Exporter Plus.

Exgine Exgine card is included as standard with VSHD

Input Connectors RJ45 (LVDS IQ), BNC (GPS 10 MHz)

### Notes:

Specifications established with transmitter at rated power unless otherwise noted.

All measurements in 50 ohm resistive load

AC input voltage at nominal level.





VSHD Front

