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About this User Guide

Purpose

The 6502B User Guide describes the procedures for unpacking, installing, using, maintaining, and troubleshooting the 6502B.

Conventions

This guide uses the following conventions:

- **Acronyms and Abbreviations** – Terms are spelled out the first time they appear in text. Thereafter, only the acronym or abbreviation is used.

- **Revision Control** – The title page lists the printing date and versions of the product this guide describes.

- **Typographical Conventions** – This guide uses the typographical conventions described in the table below.

When text appears this way...	... it means:
TimeProvider User's Guide	The title of a document.
SSU CRITICAL	An operating mode, alarm state, status, or chassis label.
Select **File**, **Open**...	Click the Open option on the File menu.
Press **Enter** Press **;**	A named keyboard key. The key name is shown as it appears on the keyboard. An explanation of the key's acronym or function immediately follows the first reference to the key, if required.
`6502` `Username:`	Text in a source file or a system prompt or other text that appears on a screen.
A *re-timing* application	A word or term being emphasized.
Symmetricom ***does not*** recommend...	A word or term given special emphasis.

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Introduction

Overview

This manual contains procedures and descriptive information for proper installation and operation of the Symmetricom 6502B RF Distribution Module.

The 6502B RF Distribution Module takes a single output signal of a frequency source, like a cesium frequency standard, and provides additional buffered outputs, ten per module. This manual contains the information needed to install, configure, and use the 6502B.

Purpose of Equipment

The Symmetricom 6502B RF Distribution Module uses Symmetricom's high performance distribution technology created for its line of cesium standards. The 1U (1.75" high) chassis houses a set of very low noise and high isolation RF amplifiers. Up to ten Symmetricom 6502B RF Distribution Modules may be daisy chained to provide up to 100 independently buffered outputs of the common input. The level of the input signal and all ten output signals are monitored, providing a visual indicator of signal presence as well as a summary fault (form-C relay) for each module.

A complete list of specifications is provided in the "Specification" section of this User's Guide.

Instrument Identification

The model number 6502B may be followed by a slash (/) and a three-digit number to indicate an option that is supplied within the instrument.

Preparation for Shipment

To turn off the Symmetricom 6502B prior to shipment, remove the AC power from the plug on the rear panel. Package the instrument in its original packing if possible. If the original packing materials are not available, pack in a reinforced cardboard carton using foam to take up any space inside the carton. Do not use foam popcorn or crushed paper for packing.

If the instrument is being returned to Symmetricom, contact the Service Department at (978) 927-8220 to advise of the product return.

Installation

Mounting

The Symmetricom 6502B is designed to be mounted in a standard 19-inch equipment rack and takes up 1 U of vertical space (1.75"). The chassis depth is 12 inches.

Power Connection/Fuses/Voltage

The Symmetricom 6502B is powered from an AC source by a detachable power supply cord. The power cord is the disconnect device. Refer to the Specifications Section for power supply requirements. The AC fuses are located inside the AC connector/filter. The hot and neutral lines are fused separately. To change fuses, refer to Figure 1. Open the cover on the AC connector/filter by using a flat-headed screwdriver and insert it under the tab of the cover slot. Once the cover is open, each fuse holder may be removed for inspection or replacement. Replace only with a 0.2A, 250V Slow-Blow fuse as specified in the Specification section.

Figure 1 AC Input Filter/Fuses/Voltage Selector
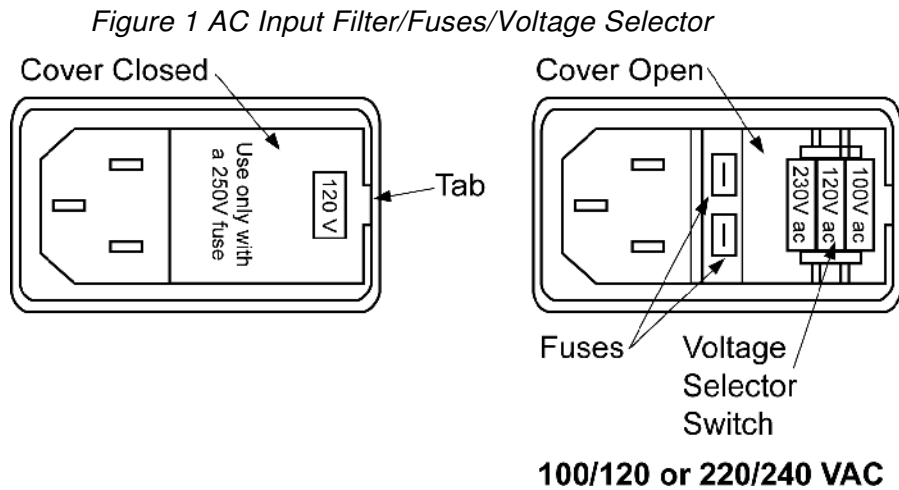
The Symmetricom 6502B may be powered from 100/120 or 220/240 VAC. To change the AC input between 100/120 and 220/240 V, refer to Figure 1. Open the cover on the AC connector/filter by using a flat-headed screwdriver and insert it under the tab of the cover slot. Once the cover is open, a selector switch may be rolled left or right to line up "120" or "240" with the small window in the connector cover. Replace the cover on the AC input connector by snapping it back in place.

> ⚠ **Caution 1:** Do not use the voltages labeled "100" or "230", as they are not connected.

Caution 2: This instrument must be operated only as specified by the manufacturer. Use other than as specified may compromise the safety precautions of the system.

DC Power Connection

The Symmetricom 6502B (DC version) is powered from a DC source. The connections are made at TB1 as shown in Figure 2. The voltage input may be 22 to 75 Vdc.

Figure 2 DC Power Connection
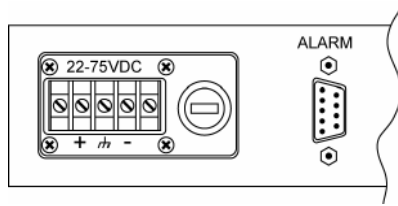
Signal Connectors

Connect the signal to be distributed to one of the two BNC connectors labeled INPUT. Set the impedance switch to 50 Ω (down) if only one 6502B module is to be used. If multiple 6502B modules are used, only the last unit on the daisy chain is set to 50 Ω, see Figure 4.

Output cables may be connected in any order to the BNC connectors labeled 1 to 12. Refer to Figure 3.

Figure 3 Signal Connections
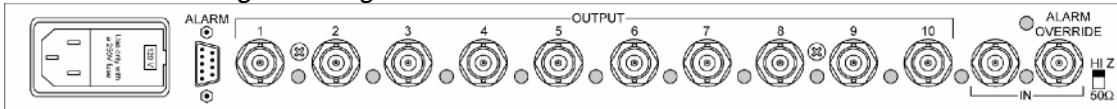
With the 6502B powered ON, the green power indicator on the front panel will illuminate. The impedance switch should be set to 50 Ω if there is only one module. The red indicator next to the input signal is off to show that there is a good input signal.

Daisy Chaining More Than One Module

If more than ten outputs are required, up to ten Symmetricom 6502B modules can be driven by a common input signal to produce up to 100 outputs. Figure 4 illustrates this connection.

Figure 4. Daisy Chaining Multiple Modules
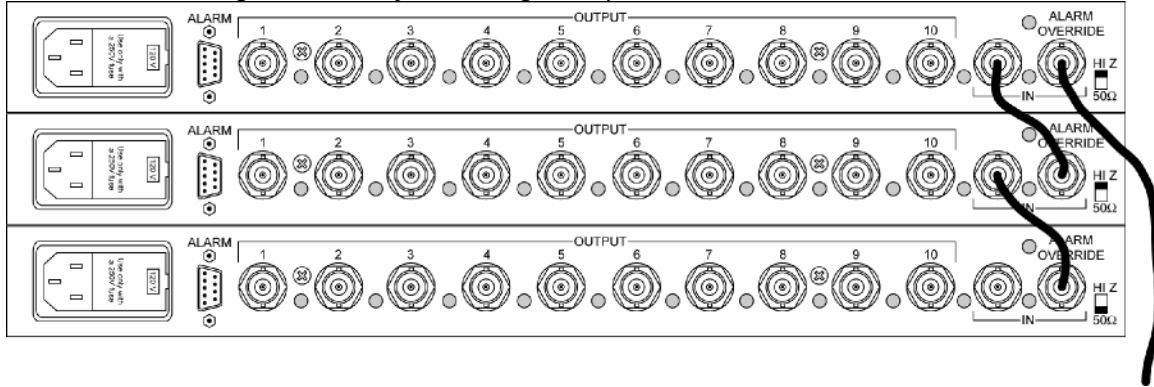
The example in Figure 4 shows three units. The original signal from the source is connected to the top IN connector on the right side of the first module. The lower IN connector on the first module is connected to the top IN connector on the second module. The second module is connected to the third module in the same fashion. The impedance switch for the first and second chassis is set to HI Z, while the impedance switch on the third (or last) chassis in the daisy chain is set to 50 Ω.

Alarm Connections

The Symmetricom 6502B provides for an alarm to signal the failure of any signal output. One set of form-C relay contacts is provided on the 9-pin D-sub connector labeled ALARMS. For normal operation, pins 1 to 2 are open and pins 1 to 3 are closed. The sense is reversed for a fault condition. Refer to Figure 5.

Figure 5. Alarm Contacts

Relay shown in non-faulted condition

If the input signal or input buffer fails or falls below the factory-set low-level threshold, the red fault indicator next to the input connector will turn on. Likewise, if any output buffer fails or falls below the low-level threshold, a red fault indicator next to that output will turn on. The ALARM form-C relay is normally energized, indicating no signal failure. If either the input or any output signal fails, the relay is de-energized (short between pins 1 and 2), indicating a fault condition. This is a fail-safe design that will indicate a fault in the event of a power loss.

Operation

Overview

The Symmetricom 6502B RF Distribution controls and indicators are described in this chapter.
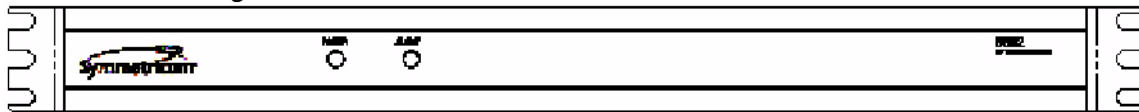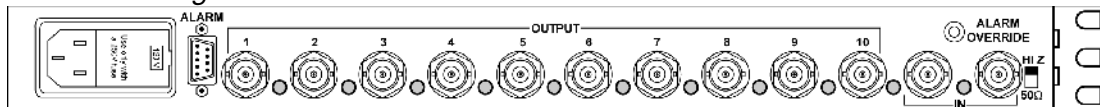
Figure 6:   6502B Distribution Front Panel

Figure 7:   6502B Distribution Rear Panel

Controls and Indicators

HI Z/ 50 Ω

This slide switch on the rear panel selects either the HI Z input impedance (un-terminated) or the 50 Ω input impedance. A 6502B installation of two or more (ten maximum) units will set the switch to HI Z position on the module connected to the source of the signal, and on all subsequent modules except the last module, which is switched to the 50 Ω position, providing proper termination for the signal.

ALARM OVERRIDE

When provided, the optional ALARM OVERRIDE toggle switch enables or disables the ALARM relay output on the ALARM connector. This makes ALARM OVERRIDE useful for suppressing audible alarms.

With ALARM OVERRIDE in the UP position, the ALARM relay is enabled and changes states in the event of a signal failure. With ALARM OVERRIDE in the DOWN position, the ALARM relay is disabled, forcing it into a normal (no alarm) condition. ALARM OVERRIDE doesn't affect the LED indicators.

POWER

The Power indicator LED on the front panel is ON (green) to indicate that power is applied. There is no power switch on the 6502B. When power is connected, the green LED is ON.

ALARM

The Alarm indicator LED on the front panel is ON (red) to indicate that an ALARM condition exists. An alarm condition exists when the input signal or any output signal fails or falls below the factory preset amplitude.

INPUT FAULT

This LED is located on the rear panel between the two INPUT connectors. If the input signal fails or falls below the factory preset amplitude, this LED will light (red) and stay on until the cause of the fault is remedied.

OUTPUT FAULT

There are ten LED indicators, located to the right of each output connector. If any output signal fails or falls below the factory preset amplitude, the LED associated with the failed output will light and stay on until the cause of the fault is remedied.

Specifications

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Note: All performance specifications are at an ambient temperature of 25°C unless otherwise specified

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Additive SSB Phase Noise (1 Hz BW)

(1 Hz Bandwidth) Offset from Carrier

1Hz	-120 dB
10 Hz	-135 dB
100 Hz	-145 dB
1,000 Hz	-155 dB
10,000 Hz	-160 dB

RF Outputs (10)

Frequency	0.1 to 10 MHz
Level	1 V rms (nominal)
Harmonic Distortion	< -40 dB
Non-Harmonic Signals	< -80 dB
Load Impedance	50 Ω
Isolation	>100 dB
Connectors	BNC

RF Input

Frequency	0.1 MHz to 10 MHz
Level	1 V rms (nominal), ±10%

Power

Operating Voltage	100 – 120 / 180 - 240 VAC, ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 0.1/0.05 A <10 W
DC Input (Optional)	22 to 75 VDC, 10 W
Fuse Type	Littelfuse, slow-blow, 0.2A, 250V, 5x20mm

Mechanical

Height	1.75" (1 U)
Width	19" (including rack mount ears)
Depth	12"

Environment

Operating Temperature	0 to 55°C
Relative Humidity	0 to 95%, non-condensing
Overvoltage	Category II
Pollution	Degree 2
Intended for INDOOR USE ONLY	
Max. Altitude	Up to 6562 ft (2000 M)

Alarm Output

Summary alarm indicates failure of any output signal.

Each Output & Main	Red LED
Non-alarm Condition	Relay energized (fail safe) Form-C Contacts
Alarm O/P Disable	Optional rear panel switch
Connector	9 pin D-sub male

Controls and Indicators

POWER	Green LED indicates power is connected
ALARM	Red LED indicates a signal output failure
HI Z/50 Ω	Slide switch: Unterminated or 50 Ω Terminated
ALARM OVERRIDE (Optional)	Toggle switch: Alarm output enabled or disabled
INPUT FAULT	Red LED indicates fault with input signal
OUTPUT FAULT	Ten red LEDs indicate fault with output

See "Controls and Indicators" on page 11 for more information.

Note: If the input signal level is less than 10 dBm, please specify the Low Alarm Threshold version (-509).

Available Versions

14364-101	Standard configuration, AC input
14364-102	Standard configuration, DC input
14364-104	0 dBM Input threshold, AC input
14364-105	0 dBM Input threshold, DC input
14364-106	Standard configuration, AC input, No ALARM OVERRIDE switch

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