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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

ZTA-45

UHF/VHF MATV

Distribution Amplifier

Stock No. 1465

651184100C

The lightning flash with arrow-head symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electrical shock to persons.



CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert you to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the product.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER FROM THIS UNIT. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE

NOTE TO CATV SYSTEM INSTALLER

This reminder is provided to call the CATV System Installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Description

The ZTA-45 is a 75 ohm UHF/VHF distribution amplifier featuring high gain and high output capability together with low noise and wide input range. This combination assures a wide dynamic range and provides a signal free of distortion and intermodulation products.

The ZTA-45 has full performance capability to 890 MHz, allowing use in the UHF translator band.

An FM bandstop filter in the VHF input circuit can be switched to the FM TRAP position to prevent overload in the presence of strong FM stations. High FM sensitivity, when desired, is available by switching the bandstop filter to the FLAT position.

Fully independent gain controls are provided for UHF, high band VHF and low band VHF for a wide range of input signals.

Switchable inputs are provided for use with a combined UHF/VHF antenna or separate UHF and VHF antennas. In addition, within the VHF band a combined antenna or separate high band and low band antennas may be used.

This unit employs the most modern technology for protection from lightning and power line surges.

Features

- Dynamic range-increasing-type control improves signal-to-noise ratio at reduced gain settings.
- Switchable FM Bandstop Filter prevents overload from strong FM stations.
- 18 dB gain control range.
- Gold metallized output transistors, PIN diode gain control attenuators, and conservative design for increased reliability.
- Compact design for rack, cabinet or surface mounting.

Specifications (Typical)

Electrical	VHF		UHF
	LB	HB	
Gain:	45 dB	45 dB	43 dB
Gain Control Range (ALC Input Range):	18 dB min.	18 dB min.	18 dB min.
Noise Figure:	7.0 dB	7.5 dB	5.0 dB
Output Capability:	54 dBmV	54 dBmV	52 dBmV
at -46 dB Crossmodulation for	3 Chan.	4 Chan.	3 Chan.
Minimum Input for TASO:	-6.0 dBmV	-5.5 dBmV	-8.0 dBmV
Grade 1 (Picture Excellent):	(500 uV)	(530 uV)	(400 uV)
Bandpass Flatness*:	±0.5 dB	±0.75 dB	± 1.5 dB
Input Return Loss*:	11 dB	11 dB	7.5 dB
Input Return Loss (FM Trap Switch “In”):	11 dB	10 dB	NA
Output Return Loss*:	13 dB	12 dB	7.0 dB
FM Trap Depth:	6.2 dB	6.2 dB	

Common

- Power Requirement: 21 dB (97-108 MHz)
- Hum Modulation: -52 dB @ 25° C
- Operating Temperature: -20° C to +65° C
- Power Requirements: 105-130 VAC, 60 Hz, 0.2 amp
- Controls
 - UHF Gain: UHF/VHF Separate/Combined Switch
 - VHF - High Band Gain: HB/LB (VHF) Separate/Combined Switch
 - VHF - Low Band Gain: FM Band Trap Switch

Mechanical

- Line Cord: 6 ft., 3 wire
- Connectors
 - 4 “F” Type
 - 1 UHF Input
 - 1 VHF Low Band Input
 - 1 VHF High Band Input
 - 1 UHF/VHF Output
- Fuse: 1/2 A, slow blow
- Dimensions: 19” L x 2 5/8” H x 5 7/32” W
- Shipping Weight: 7 lbs.

* Over an 18 dB Gain Control Range

Installation

Installation of the ZTA-45 requires no special mounting procedures. It is designed for either surface or rack mounting (standard 19" equipment rack).

Input Signal Connections

1. Combined UHF/VHF Input - Connect antenna download to the combined UHF/VHF INPUT. Set the UHF/VHF input switch to COMBINED, * and the HB/LB input switch to COMBINED.
2. Separate UHF and VHF Inputs - Connect the respective antenna downloads to the UHF input and VHF input. Set the UHF/VHF input switch to SEPARATE, and the HB/LB input switch to COMBINED.
3. Separate VHF High Band, Low Band and UHF Inputs - Connect the respective antenna downloads to the UHF Input, High Band Input, and Low Band Input. Set the UHF/VHF input switch to SEPARATE and the HB/LB input switch to SEPARATE.

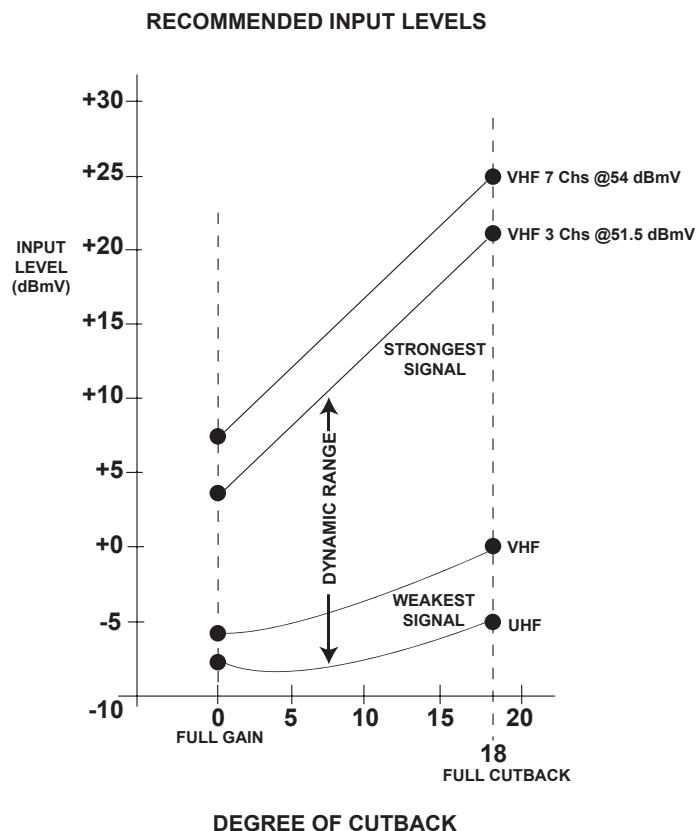
* DO NOT terminate unused inputs when using the combined modes

Operating Settings

1. Set FM Bandstop Filter Switch as desired.
2. Connect an FSM to the UHF/VHF output. Tune to the strongest UHF signal, and set the UHF Gain Control to the specified output.
3. Repeat Step 2 for VHF high band and low band.

For maximum output capability the low band may be operated at a reduced level, usually 6 dB below the high band. This procedure will also help compensate for cable tilt in large distribution systems.

For most effective operation it is desirable to equalize the channels within each band, otherwise the strongest station will limit the amplifier output level. Filter mixing bases (MXF-b #3438) may be used at VHF for this purpose.



THE INFORMATION BELOW IS FOR QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY

Servicing

General

Maintenance of the ZTA-45 consists of in-service testing, alignment and adjustment, and corrective maintenance.

Test Equipment

VHF/UHF Sweep Generator	Variable Attenuators (2)	VHF/UHF Marker Generator
DC Oscilloscope	RF Detector	DC Voltmeter

UHF Alignment

1. Remove screws holding the cover on the unit and remove cover.
2. Apply power to the unit. Check the power supply for proper DC voltages
3. To expose the RF circuitry; loosen the connector mounting nuts and remove screws holding the sub-chassis cover.
4. Measure all relevant voltages and verify normal operation.
5. If RF alignment is needed proceed as follows:
 - a. Connect the unit in a test set-up for response and obtain a response trace on the oscilloscope.
 - b. Due to the high gain of the ZTA-45, reduce the input signal and insure that the unit is not in compression.
 - c. Set controls to full gain. Terminate the VHF combiner and splitter with 75 ohms.
 - d. Adjust collector matching coils L205, 208, 213, 215, 217 and 219 for maximum gain at the higher frequencies.
 - e. Adjust shunt coils L203, 204, 224, 225 for maximum gain at 470 MHz.
 - f. Adjust shunt coils, L214, 216, 218 and 220 for best flatness.
6. Check operation at all gain control settings and touch up as required for best flatness.

VHF Alignment

1. Remove screws holding cover on unit and remove cover.
2. Apply power to the unit. Check the power supply for proper DC voltages.
3. Controls are set as follows: HB/LB VHF input to COMBINED and FM trap to FLAT.
4. Connect unit in test set-up for return loss and sweep measurement.
 - a. For the Low Band adjust coils L11, L12 and L13, for response and input return loss throughout the 0-18 dB gain control range. Check the SEPARATE Mode Low Band input. The response and input match should look similar to the COMBINED Mode. If necessary, retune coils L11, L12 and L13.
 - b. For the High Band adjust coils L1, L2 and L3, for response and input return loss throughout the 0-18 dB gain control range. Check the SEPARATE Mode High Band input. The response and return loss should look similar to the COMBINED Mode. If necessary, retune coils L1, L2 and L3. Touch up coils L201 and 202 on the UHF subassembly if needed.
 - c. For the output match adjust coils L20, L19, L22, L25, L26 and L27; also L226 and L301 on the UHF subassembly if needed.
 - d. Set the FM TRAP switch "in". Adjust coils L8, L9 and L10 for response.

Corrective Maintenance

If a problem is encountered in the operation of the unit, first check all cable and power connections for security before removing unit from service. If after checking all connections the unit appears to be inoperative, proceed as follows:

1. Check fuse F101.
2. Check the "off-the-air" input signal on the input cable with an FSM. Verify that the signal level is of sufficient strength to drive the amplifier. (See Specifications.)
3. If there is sufficient input signal to the amplifier and it is still inoperative, remove the unit from service.
4. Measure the input voltage from the power supply to ensure that the proper operating voltage is being supplied.

If you cannot restore normal operation, return the unit to your dealer or contact Blonder Tongue to obtain authorization to return the unit for repair (see important note on Returning Product for Repair below).

Returning Product for Repair (or Credit)

A Return Material Authorization (RMA) Number is required on all products returned to Blonder Tongue, regardless if the product is being returned for repair or credit. Before returning product, please contact the Blonder Tongue Service Department at 1-800-523-6049, Ext. 4256 or visit our website: **www.blondertongue.com** for further information.

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