REMOTE PICKUP LINK MODEL RPL-2

BULLETIN 229

ALL SOLID-STATE

30 watts - 160 MHz 20 watts - 450 MHz 13.5 VDC / 120 VAC OPERATION

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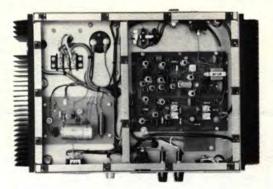
450 MHz Varactor Tripler



Rear of RPL-2T Transmitter with top cover removed showing varactor tripler assembly. 160 MHz RF final amplifier is mounted on heat sink to left.

All solid-state circuitry and a unique concept characterize the Model RPL-2 Remote Pickup Link. Modularized circuitry using state-of-the-art devices and special attention to serviceability make the RPL-2 small-sized but not densely constructed. The RPL-2T Transmitter utilizes direct frequency modulation enabling outstanding audio frequency response and low distortion for the complete remote pickup link. Modulation occurs in a voltage-controlled crystal oscillator (VCXO) which is multiplied to the operating frequency. This multiplier circuitry employs double-tuned circuits to reject unwanted RF components. Three final RF amplifier transistors operate in a parallel configuration to provide further reliability. Should one of these final RF amplifier transistors fail, the RPL-2T Transmitter will continue to function properly but at a reduced power level. A unique peak collector voltage sampling circuit automatically reduces power output to prevent damage to the output transistors under adverse VSWR conditions . . . even open or short circuits!

For 450 MHz operation, a varactor tripler assembly is added to the 160 MHz Transmitter output stage. All RPL-2 Transmitters and Receivers have provision for conversion from 160 MHz to 450 MHz operation. Predrilled heat sinks on the 160 MHz Transmitter accept the varactor tripler assembly. Space is provided on the RPL-2R Receiver for mounting of the 450 MHz RF converter. With proper test equipment, field conversion from 160 MHz to 450 MHz operation is possible.



Under side of RPL-2T Transmitter chassis. Power supply regulating circuitry is contained on printed circuit card in left compartment. Larger printed circuit card in right compartment contains audio, voltage-controlled crystal oscillator (VCXO), and multiplier circuits.

Slide-out drawer construction giving full front-panel accessibility is used in the RPL-2R Receiver. As with the RPL-2T Transmitter, circuitry is modularized and completely solid-state. Both the RPL-2R Receiver and RPL-2T Transmitter feature all socketed solid-state devices. The RPL-2R is of the superheterodyne design. The 160 MHz Receiver is double-conversion. Tripleconversion is used in the 450 MHz Receiver. All RF and intermediate frequency amplifier stages use MOS FET transistors for decreased cross-modulation products. A unique I.F. limiter gives improved Signal-to-Noise Ratio under adverse signal conditions. Maximum rejection to impulse noise is achieved through the use of a ratio detector. An all solid-state squelch circuit (no relay) has an adjustable threshold. Integratedcircuit and discrete devices with an output transformer are used in the audio amplifier stages.



Note slide-out drawer construction of RPL-2R Receiver giving complete access from the front panel.

MODEL RPL-2 REMOTE PICKUP

SPECIFICATIONS

		SYSTEM
	Audio Response	±1.5 db, 30 Hz — 12,000 Hz
	Distortion	Less than 1.3%, 30 — 12,000 Hz
	Signal-to-Noise Ratio	55 db below 100% (58 db typical)
	Frequency Range	148 MHz — 174 MHz or 450 MHz — 470 MHz, as ordered (two-frequency operation standard. See ordering information.)
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	RF Output 148 — 174 MHz	Minimum 30 watts continuous into 50 ohm load, 36 watts maximum
	450 — 470 MHz	Minimum 18 watts continuous into 50 ohm load, 22 watts maximum Type UHF female connector
	VSWR Protection	Output automatically reduced with excessive VSWR
	Emission 148 — 174 MHz 450 — 470 MHz	30F3 (\pm 5 kHz for 100% modulation) 50F3 (\pm 15 kHz for 100% modulation)
	Frequency Stability	0.0005% (-30°C to 60°C)
	Audio Input	+10 dbm, 600 ohms, balanced
	Temperature Range	- 30°C to 60°C
	Power Requirements	
	AC	120/240 VAC, 50 — 60 Hz, 35 watts-standby, 150 watts-operate
	DC	13.5 VDC, negative ground, 0.5 ampere—standby, 6 amperes—operate; 16 VDC maximum — 11 VDC minimum (at reduced output)
	Size	6 ³ / ₄ inches high, 16 inches wide, 10 ¹ / ₄ inches deep
	Shipping Information (Approximate)	33 pounds, 1.0 cubic foot 26 pounds net.
	a state and a second	RECEIVER
	Sensitivity (160 MHz & 450 MHz)	0.7 microvolt for 20 db SNR, 75 microseconds de-emphasis. 3 microvolts for 20 db SNR, unweighted (flat)
	Selectivity	-6 db at \pm 15 kHz, -80 db at \pm 60 kHz
	Image Rejection	85 db
	Frequency Stability	0.0005% (−20°C to 55°C)
	RF Input	50 ohms, Type UHF female connector
	Audio Output	+10 dbm @ 100% modulation, 600 ohms, balanced
	Squeich	Automatic and adjustable, electronic
	Temperature Range	- 20°C to 55°C
	Power Requirements	120/240 VAC, 50 - 60 Hz, 10 watts

51/4 inches high, 19 inches wide, 11 inches deep

10 pounds, 1.0 cubic foot

Shipping Information (Approximate)

Size

LINK FOR 160MHz AND 450MHz

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REMOTE PICKUP AMPLIFIER MODEL RPA-1



The Model RPA-1 Remote Pickup Amplifier is designed to operate in conjunction with the RPL-2 series Transmitter. Functioning as an audio mixer and control head, the RPA-1 Remote Pickup Amplifier simplifies remote broadcasts using the RPL-2 Remote Pickup Link. As audio mixing is not accomplished in the Transmitter, the RPL-2T can be situated at any convenient location. One single multiconductor cable is required to interconnect the RPA-1 and RPL-2T. The low profile of the RPA-1 does not obstruct the field of vision of operating personnel. An internal audio limiter assists in level control and prevention of overmodulation of the RPL-2T Transmitter. Control and metering functions of the RPL-2T Transmitter are also accomplished with the RPA-1. A meter switch enables the monitoring of the RPL-2T internal power supplies, collector voltage of the final RF stage transistors, and relative RF power output. Request Bulletin 230 for full details on the RPA-1 Remote Pickup Amplifier.

specifications

Mixing Channels	3 (2 microphones and 1 line input)
Frequency Response	\pm 0.4 db to $-$ 0.8 db, 50 Hz to 15,000 Hz
Distortion	Less than 0.5% at normal output, 50 Hz to 15,000 Hz
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	Better than 60 db
Peak Limiter	Control range approximately 20 db, attack time 1 millisecond
Power Requirements	120 VAC, 50 — 60 Hz; 11.5 VDC to 16 VDC; or internal battery holder
Size	3 ³ / ₄ inches high, 12 inches wide, 11 inches deep
Specifications subject to change	without notice

ORDERING INFORMATION When ordering, please specify operating frequency.

RPL-2T/150 All Solid-State Remote Pickup Transmitter, with internal AC and DC power supplies, for operation in the 160 MHz band. Tuned and tested on one operating frequency.

RPL-2T/450 All Solid-State Remote Pickup Transmitter, with internal AC and DC power supplies, for operation in the 450 MHz band. Tuned and tested on one operating frequency. **RPL-2R/150 All Solid-State Remote Pickup Receiver,** with internal AC power supply, for operation in the 160 MHz band. Tuned and tested on one operating frequency.

RPL-2R/450 All Solid-State Remote Pickup Receiver, with internal AC power supply, for operation in the 450 MHz band. Tuned and tested on one operating frequency.

For two-frequency operation, order additional crystal set. Frequencies must be spaced less than 120 kHz apart for the RPL-2/150, and less than 360 kHz apart for the RPL-2/450.

Antenna and transmission line available to fulfill individual requirements. Horizontally and vertically polarized, fixed and mobile, directional and non-directional antennas available. All standard transmission lines available. Please advise your requirements, and we will assist in antenna and transmission line selection. **RPA-1 Remote Pickup Amplifier,** provides audio mixing, metering, and control facilities for RPL-2T series Transmitters.



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