

UT-4518 Ku-Band Up Converter



APPLICATION

The Comtech EF Data (CEFD) 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, including the Eutelsat Hotbird™ family.

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 modem rack or compensates for elaborate splitting networks without adding expensive options such as external line amplifiers.

LOW PHASE NOISE

The phase noise performance of the UT-4518 exceeds the Intelsat phase noise mask for IBS and IDR services by more than 6 dB. This allows phase dependent demodulators to perform better. The close-in phase noise is very low, making the converter ideal for low bit rate digital circuits such as those used in 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 is equipped with a detachable I/O Module (IOM) that establishes input and output connections for the RF and IF paths. The module inserts into a rear compartment of the converter, and requires no additional outside space. The module includes a SMA connector for the RF path and a BNC connector at 50 or 75Ω 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 where space utilization and economy are prime considerations.

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Specifications

Frequency Range	
UT-4518	17.30 to 18.10 GHz
UT-4518/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	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-9}$ /Day
Stability Over Temperature	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-8}$ 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 Optional 50 to 90 MHz or 100 to 180 MHz (Contact factory with specific requirements)
Impedance	50 or 75Ω
Return Loss	23 dB Minimum with I/O Module or Switch Module

RF Output

Output Level	+10 dBm at 1 dB Compression
Intermodulation	-38 dBc at 0 dBm Output SCL
Carrier Mute	-70 dBc
Non-Carrier Spurious	-80 dBm
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	50Ω

Transfer

Gain	35 dB \pm 2 dB
Attenuation Adjust	0 to 25 in 0.25 dB Steps 0.1 dB Steps Optional
Gain Stability	± 0.25 dB/Day
Ripple	± 0.25 dB (± 18 MHz) Optional ± 20 MHz 0.75 dB (± 36 MHz) Optional ± 40 MHz (Contact factory with specific requirements)
Slope	0.05 dB/MHz
IF Bandwidth	36 or 72 MHz, Optional 40 or 80 MHz (Contact factory with specific requirements)

External Reference

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

Linear	0.03 ns/MHz
Parabolic	0.01 ns/MHz ²
Ripple	1.0 ns Peak-to-Peak

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
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Indicators (Front Panel)

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 Auto ranging, optional -48 VDC
Frequency	47 to 63 Hz
Dissipation	60 Watts

Environmental

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

Physical

Dimensions (1RU)	19W x 1.75H x 22D Inches (48.30W x 4.45H x 55.90D cm)
Weight	15 Pounds (7.0 kg)

MTBF

	49,740 hrs (calculated) > 100,000 hrs. (field experience)
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Summary Alarm

Relay Closure	Form C
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