



RDA-6 Reference Distribution Amplifier



The RDA-6 is a six channel Reference Distribution Amplifier designed for distributing an external reference frequency standard, such as a 10MHz Rubidium or GPS disciplined oscillator, to laboratory equipment such as frequency counters, spectrum analyzers or signal generators. This allows all of your laboratory equipment to be stabilized to one reference frequency.

The RDA-6 provides very high isolation between output channels and very high isolation between any output channel and the input channel. This prevents one piece of test equipment from disturbing another piece of test equipment which is a typical problem using resistive power splitters to distribute a reference frequency.

The output level is typically +10dBm with a +10dBm input channel level. This meets the required driving level of most test equipment. Each output channel level can be adjusted over a 60dB range from +10 to -50dBm, allowing independent level settings for each channel if needed.

Each RDA-6 is powered from a wall mounted 24VDC power supply and the unit is always powered ON as there is no power switch to get turned off accidentally. A rear mounted green LED indicates the power on condition of the RDA-6.

Product Specifications

Specification	Conditions	Values		
		MIN	TYP	MAX
Input Voltage		+23V	+24V	+25V
Input Current			280 ma	300 ma
Port RF Impedance		50 ohms		
Output to Input Isolation	A +10dBm 10MHz signal driving a single output port	-150dB		
Output to Output Isolation	A +10dBm 10MHz signal driving a single output port	-100dB		
RF Output Power	Into a 50 ohm RF load	+9 dBm	+10 dBm	+12dBm
Temperature Range	None condensing conditions	-20 C	--	+80 C
Factory Warranty	Under normal use, no intentional damage found	1 Year, Full Replacement if no intentional damage found		

Customer External Connections

Connection	Function
IN	Reference Oscillator Input connector
CH-1 to CH-6	Reference output ports (6 total)
Rear Power Input	+24 Vdc @ 280ma. typical (<i>reverse voltage protected</i>)

Output Level Adjustment

Each output channel can have its output level adjusted over a 60dB range to allow each port to be matched to the equipment it is driving. Typically this would not be necessary as most test equipment will take a +10dBm level under most conditions. But for those situations that do require a lower output level, an on-board level adjustment is provided for each channel.

To access the adjustment, the top cover must be removed to gain access to the level adjustments.

- 1.) Remove DC power from the rear of the RDA-6.
- 2.) Remove the (4) flat head screws from each corner of the rear panel.
- 3.) Pull the bezel and rear panel off the unit.
- 4.) Now slide the top panel away from the unit, exposing the (6) level adjustments.
- 5.) Plug the DC power connector back in, and plug the Reference Oscillator into the IN port on the front panel.
- 6.) Connect a power meter or high frequency oscilloscope to the output channel that needs adjusting.
- 7.) Locate the adjustment potentiometer and set the output level as needed for the equipment being driven.

- 8.) When done, remove power, slide the top cover back onto the unit, place the rear bezel and panel back onto the rear, and put the (4) mounting screws back into the four corners.

Warranty

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