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During the warranty period the R.L. DRAKE COMPANY or an authorized Drake service facility will provide, free of charge, both parts and labor necessary to correct defects in material and workmanship. At its option, R.L. DRAKE COMPANY may replace a defective unit.

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 - (b) the identity of the seller and the approximate date of purchase; and
 - (c) A detailed description of the problem, including details on the electrical connection to associated equipment and the list of such equipment.
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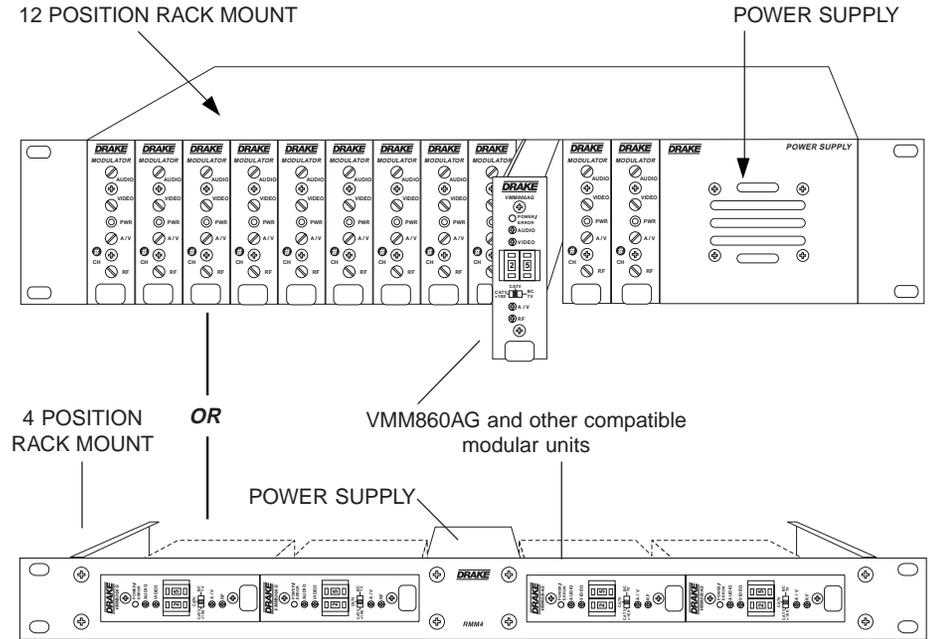
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The VMM860AG modulator is a member of the R.L. Drake 19" Mini-Rack Series, a professional quality modular headend system designed to optimize rack space. An assortment of up to (12) modular units, such as the fixed channel series of modulators, or agile modulators, or compatible audio/video products can be racked alongside a single power supply in the Drake model RMM12, 12 position rack mount. The RMM4 rack mount accepts up to (4) modular units.

The R.L. Drake VMM860AG Audio-Video Modulator is a high quality, vestigial sideband unit with synthesized visual and aural carriers. The frequency agile VMM860AG allows front panel pushwheel switch selection of standard CATV channels 2 through 135, or VHF/UHF TV channels 2 through 69. Aeronautical channels are offset positive with a tolerance of ±5 kHz as required by FCC rules.

The heterodyne conversion system, in conjunction with the use of a SAW filter,

ensures optimum vestigial selectivity for adjacent channel headends. An optional FCC predistortion SAW response is also available for the VMM860AG.

The modulator is designed to accept any standard audio/video source such as NTSC video and audio baseband signals from a satellite receiver, TV camera, videotape recorder, TV demodulator, or similar signal source.

The modulator is designed to accept standard (negative sync) polarity video at nominal 1 V p-p level. All level controls are located on the front panel for ease of operation. Output level is +45 dBmV and is adjustable over a 10 dB range.

Field-defeatable audio pre-emphasis, by means of a rear panel switch, allows transmission of BTSC encoded baseband stereo audio signals when used with the Drake MMTS20 stereo encoder.

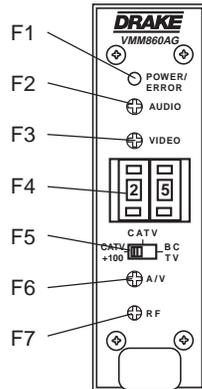


Figure 1

F1 - POWER/ERROR Indicator

Lights when the unit is connected to the required source of DC power via the rear panel DC INPUT connector. A flashing condition indicates an invalid channel setting or other conditions that would cause the unit to operate on an invalid channel. The RF output is switched off for flashing (ERROR) conditions.

F2 - AUDIO Level Control

The setting of this screwdriver adjustment determines the aural carrier deviation. Clockwise rotation increases the carrier deviation.

F3 - VIDEO Level Control

The setting of this screwdriver adjustment determines the video modulation level. Clockwise rotation increases the modulation depth.

F4 - Channel Number Switch

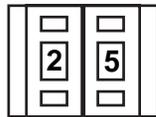
Sets the desired operating channel for standard CATV channels 02 through 135 or Broadcast TV channels 02 through 69. See also Item F5 which sets the type of channel (CATV or Broadcast TV) and sets the leading "1" for CATV channels 100 through 135.

CAUTION: USE AN INSULATED SCREWDRIVER BLADE WHEN ADJUSTING THE AUDIO, VIDEO, A/V, OR RF ADJUSTMENTS. THIS WILL PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF SHORTING CIRCUITRY TO THE FRONT PANEL IN THE EVENT THAT THE SCREWDRIVER SLIPS OUT OF THE SLOT IN THE PLASTIC SHAFT OF THE POTENTIOMETER.

F5 - Mode Switch

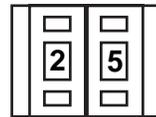
Sets the type of channel, CATV or Broadcast TV ("BC TV"). The first position of the switch ("100") sets a leading "1" for CATV channels 100 through 135. See also Item F4 for setting the channel number.

For example:
Setting for CATV channel "125"-



CATV
+100 BC
TV

For example:
Setting for CATV channel "25"-



CATV
+100 BC
TV

F6 - A/V Ratio Control

This screwdriver adjustment varies the level of the aural carrier over a range from 12 to 22 dB below the visual carrier. The aural carrier should be adjusted to approximately 15 dB below the visual carrier (normal operation). Clockwise rotation increases the aural carrier level.

F7 - RF Output Level

This screwdriver adjustment permits decreasing the RF output level a minimum of 10 dB as the control is rotated counterclockwise. Set the control for a +45 dBmV output level.

RF

- Frequency Range: 54 to 864 MHz;
Standard, HRC, or IRC CATV channels 2 to 135,
Broadcast TV channels 2 to 69.
- FCC Frequency Offsets: Automatic (+12.5 kHz, +25 kHz, or none as required for each channel).
- Output level: +45 dBmV minimum (10 dB adjustment range).
- Output Impedance: 75 Ohms, 8 dB return loss.
- A/V Ratio: Audio carrier level, adjustable from -22 to -12 dB referenced to video carrier level.
- Frequency Stability: Within ± 5 kHz
- Intercarrier Frequency: 4.5 MHz
- Spurious Outputs (5 MHz to 1 GHz): -60 dBc, measured at -15 dB A/V ratio and with modulator output level of +45 dBmV.
- In-channel C/N: 65 dB typical, 4 MHz bandwidth.
- Broadband Noise: -78 dBc typical, 4 MHz bandwidth @ +45 dBmV output.

VIDEO

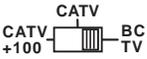
- Input Level for 87.5% Modulation: 0.65 Vp-p to 1.5 Vp-p. Manual gain adjust with front panel control.
- Input Impedance: 75 Ohms, return loss of 26 dB minimum.
- Frequency Response: 20 Hz to 4.2 MHz, ± 1 dB.
- C/L Delay: Within 50 nSec. of 0 nSec. (standard), or FCC predistortion, (option).
- Differential Gain: 3% maximum (10 to 90% APL).
- Differential Phase: 3° maximum (10 to 90% APL).

AUDIO

- Input Level for 25 kHz Peak Deviation: 125 mV rms to 2.5 V rms. Manual gain adjust with front panel control.
- Input Impedance: Greater than 10 K Ohms, unbalanced.
- Pre-emphasis: 75 μ Sec. normal, defeatable (flat) by rear panel switch for BTSC baseband stereo compatibility.
- Frequency Response: 40 Hz to 15 kHz, ± 1.0 dB referenced to 75 μ Sec. pre-emphasis curve.
40 Hz to 100 kHz, ± 0.5 dB if pre-emphasis is defeated.
- S/N ratio: 65dB.
- Total Harmonic Distortion: 1% maximum.

GENERAL

- DC Power Input: +12 V $\pm 5\%$ at 200 mA
+5 V $\pm 5\%$ at 350 mA
- Operating Temperature: 0° C to +50° C ambient.
- Size: 1" W x 3.5" H x 7.5" D. (2.5 cm) W x (8.9 cm) H x (19.1 cm) D.
- Weight: 10.7 oz. (0.3 Kg).

TABLE 2: BC TV 

VHF BROADCAST CHANNELS	
Channel Number	Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)
2	55.25
3	61.25
4	67.25
5	77.25
6	83.25
7	175.25
8	181.25
9	187.25
10	193.25
11	199.25
12	205.25
13	211.25

CATV  BC TV

UHF BROADCAST CHANNELS	
Channel Number	Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)
14	471.25
15	477.25
16	483.24
17	489.25
18	495.25
19	501.25
20	507.25
21	513.25
22	519.25
23	525.25
24	531.25
25	537.25
26	543.25
27	549.25
28	555.25
29	561.25
30	567.25
31	573.25
32	579.25
33	585.25
34	591.25
35	597.25
36	603.25
37	609.25
38	615.25
39	621.25
40	627.25
41	633.25
42	639.25
43	645.25
44	651.25
45	657.25
46	663.25
47	669.25
48	675.25
49	681.25
50	687.25
51	693.25
52	699.25
53	705.25
54	711.25
55	717.25
56	723.25
57	729.25
58	735.25
59	741.25
60	747.25
61	753.25
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63	765.25
64	771.25
65	777.25
66	783.25
67	789.25
68	795.25
69	801.25

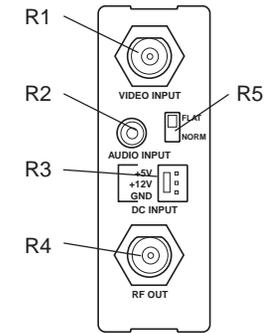


Figure 2

R1 - VIDEO INPUT Connector

This is the nominal 1 Vp-p baseband video input to the modulator.

R4 - RF OUTPUT Connector

This is the modulator output.

R2 - AUDIO INPUT Connector

This is an unbalanced audio input to the modulator circuits. This "RCA" (phono) connector input accepts mono audio from 125 mVrms to 2.5 Vrms levels. If the MMTS20 stereo encoder is used, this input accepts the composite BTSC stereo output of the MMTS20.

R5 - AUDIO PRE-EMPHASIS SWITCH

This switch allows selection of either normal audio pre-emphasis or flat audio response. For normal mono audio, input to the modulator via R2, set switch to NORM position. If the MMTS20 BTSC stereo encoder is used, set this switch to FLAT and connect stereo audio to the MMTS20. The encoder will in turn connect to R2.

R3 - DC INPUT Connector

This 3-pin connector (Male) accepts the appropriate mating DC power cable.

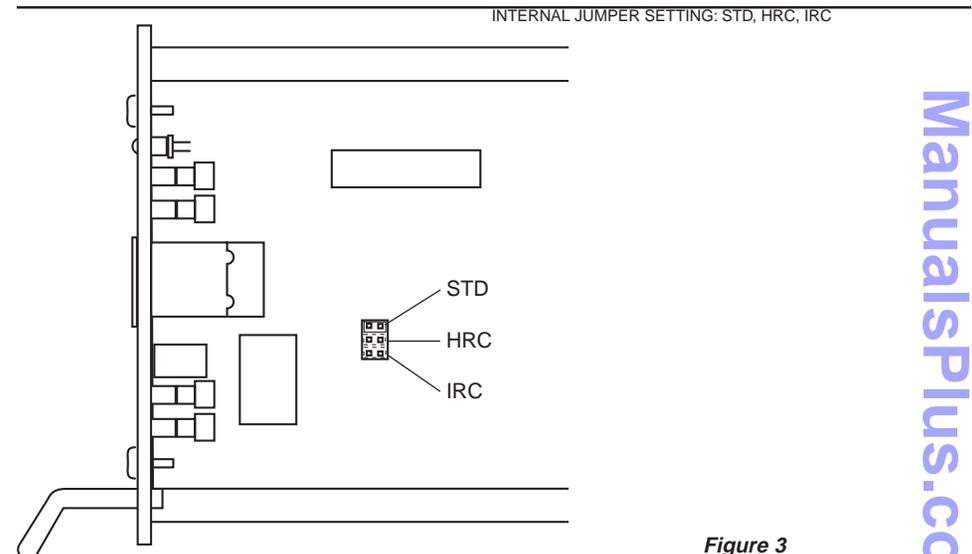


Figure 3

CONNECTIONS AND CONTROLS

All connections to and from each modulator are made through the rear panel. Figure 4 illustrates an installation with (12) modulator units combined through a passive signal combiner. Additional channels can be added by using additional fixed channel or agile type modulators and either multi-port combiners or combinations of two-port combiners.

INSTALLATION NOTES

Level adjustment provides optimum performance in multi-channel installations. The modulator outputs should be checked periodically with a spectrum analyzer to

maintain a ±1 dB variation of adjacent channel carriers. Aural/Visual (A/V) ratios should be held to -15 dB or less. The output 'RF' and 'A/V (Ratio)' controls are used respectively to make these adjustments.

RACK MOUNTING

Adequate ventilation is very important in multi-channel installations. The RMM12 or RMM4 cages should be spaced apart vertically by at least one rack unit (1.75") height wherever possible. Some air movement is mandatory in enclosed rack cabinets. Excessive heat will shorten component life and modulator performance will be degraded without proper cooling.

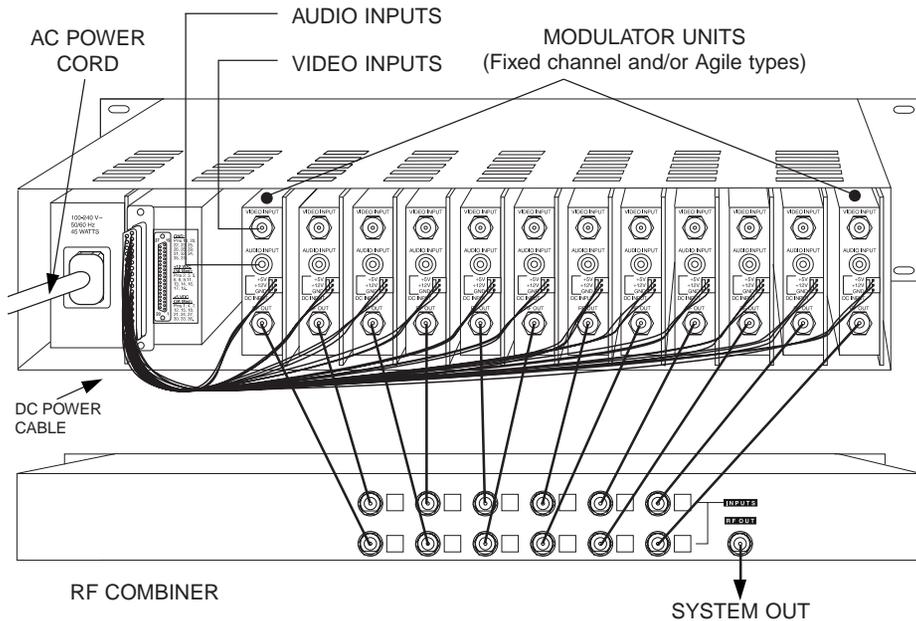


Figure 4

POWER SUPPLY REQUIREMENT

This VMM860AG agile modulator requires more current than the fixed channel units. Therefore, new 12 position rack installations with multiple VMM860AG modulators (up to 12) must use the Drake PSM121 (or equivalent) high capacity power supply module.

The power supply in the four position rack system can power up to four VMM860AG modulators or any mix of fixed and agile VMM models up to four total modulators.

FREQUENCY CHART

The chart on the following page shows the standard CATV channel coverage of the VMM860AG. Where an offset is indicated, this amount of positive frequency offset is added to the frequency indicated in the middle column. As shown, this occurs only on channels required to be offset by the FCC.

HRC or IRC frequencies can be set by means of an internal jumper. See Figure 3. No jumper will result in the STD channel plan selection.

TABLE 1: CATV

Output Channel Switch Setting	Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Frequency Offset (kHz)
02	55.25	NONE
03	61.25	NONE
04	67.25	NONE
05	77.25	NONE
06	83.25	NONE
07	175.25	NONE
08	181.25	NONE
09	187.25	NONE
10	193.25	NONE
11	199.25	NONE
12	205.25	NONE
13	211.25	NONE
14	121.25	±12.5
15	127.25	±12.5
16	133.25	±12.5
17	139.25	NONE
18	145.25	NONE
19	151.25	NONE
20	157.25	NONE
21	163.25	NONE
22	169.25	NONE
23	217.25	NONE
24	223.25	+12.5
25	229.25	+12.5
26	235.25	+12.5
27	241.25	+12.5
28	247.25	+12.5
29	253.25	+12.5
30	259.25	+12.5
31	265.25	+12.5
32	271.25	+12.5
33	277.25	+12.5
34	283.25	+12.5
35	289.25	+12.5
36	295.25	+12.5
37	301.25	+12.5
38	307.25	+12.5
39	313.25	+12.5
40	319.25	+12.5
41	325.25	+12.5
42	331.25	+25
43	337.25	+12.5
44	343.25	+12.5
45	349.25	+12.5
46	355.25	+12.5
47	361.25	+12.5
48	367.25	+12.5
49	373.25	+12.5
50	379.25	+12.5
51	385.25	+12.5
52	391.25	+12.5
53	397.25	+12.5
54	403.25	NONE
55	409.25	NONE
56	415.25	NONE
57	421.25	NONE
58	427.25	NONE
59	433.25	NONE
60	439.25	NONE
61	445.25	NONE
62	451.25	NONE
63	457.25	NONE
64	463.25	NONE
65	469.25	NONE
66	475.25	NONE
67	481.25	NONE
68	487.25	NONE
69	493.25	NONE

Output Channel Switch Setting	Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Frequency Offset (kHz)
70	499.25	NONE
71	505.25	NONE
72	511.25	NONE
73	517.25	NONE
74	523.25	NONE
75	529.25	NONE
76	535.25	NONE
77	541.25	NONE
78	547.25	NONE
79	553.25	NONE
80	559.25	NONE
81	565.25	NONE
82	571.25	NONE
83	577.25	NONE
84	583.25	NONE
85	589.25	NONE
86	595.25	NONE
87	601.25	NONE
88	607.25	NONE
89	613.25	NONE
90	619.25	NONE
91	625.25	NONE
92	631.25	NONE
93	637.25	NONE
94	643.25	NONE
95	91.25	NONE
96	97.25	NONE
97	103.25	NONE
98	109.25	+25
99	115.25	+25

Output Channel Switch Setting	Visual Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Frequency Offset (kHz)
100	649.25	NONE
101	655.25	NONE
102	661.25	NONE
103	667.25	NONE
104	673.25	NONE
105	679.25	NONE
106	685.25	NONE
107	691.25	NONE
108	697.25	NONE
109	703.25	NONE
110	709.25	NONE
111	715.25	NONE
112	721.25	NONE
113	727.25	NONE
114	733.25	NONE
115	739.25	NONE
116	745.25	NONE
117	751.25	NONE
118	757.25	NONE
119	763.25	NONE
120	769.25	NONE
121	775.25	NONE
122	781.25	NONE
123	787.25	NONE
124	793.25	NONE
125	799.25	NONE
126	805.25	NONE
127	811.25	NONE
128	817.25	NONE
129	823.25	NONE
130	829.25	NONE
131	835.25	NONE
132	841.25	NONE
133	847.25	NONE
134	853.25	NONE
135	859.25	NONE