



STR2450 Series, 500W, DBS-Band, Rack Mount TWTA

The new generation of STR Series rack mount TWTA's provide an easy to operate, colour touch screen interface with a multi-functional selector wheel. The colour touch screen display provides clear, easy to read status of the amplifier's operation, including: RF output power monitoring, heater, helix monitoring, & TWT temperature. Set up screens are intuitive and simple to manage and the touch panel allows full local control and monitoring of all amplifier parameters, including automatic level control, system event logging and graphical trend analysis. Remote control operation can be made via RS485 or through an Ethernet interface, and a web page interface is also available. If a redundancy system is required, this can be set up and controlled via the touch screen. Changes to operating parameters can be locked and password protected if required.

The HPA incorporates a high efficiency multi-collector TWT powered by an advanced power supply built on over 30 years of experience in the design and manufacture of satellite amplifiers. The company's products have an enviable reputation for performance, robust quality and reliable service.

The STR2450 is available with a wide range of options and accessories, backed by worldwide technical support.

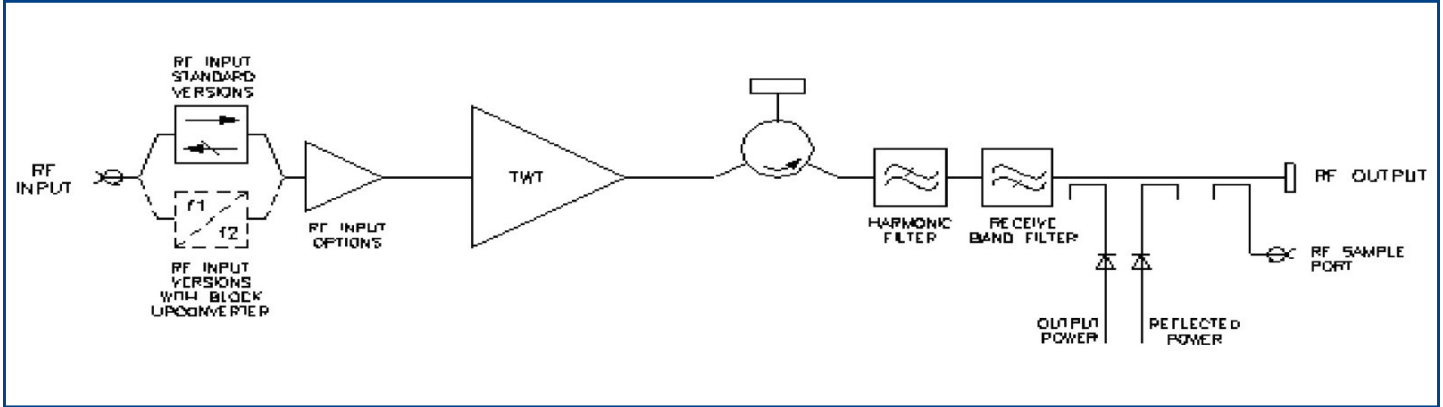
Options

- Integral solid-state amplifier (SSA)
- L-Band Block upconverter
- 10MHz reference
- Lineariser
- Redundant system control
- Quick connect waveguide options

Features

- Compact 4RU enclosure
- Touch screen control
- Ethernet interface
- Remote diagnostics
- Forward and reverse power monitoring
- TWTA performance Data and Event logging

BLOCK DIAGRAM



PERFORMANCE (Without Upconverter)

Frequency range:		
Standard - DB1.....	17.3 to 18.1	GHz
Extended - DB2.....	17.3 to 18.4	GHz
Output Power:		
TWT output flange (peak).....	500	W min
HPA rated output (CW).....	420	W min
Gain:		
At rated power (A,D, Z option).....	70	dB min
SSG Prated - 10dB (A,D,Z option).....	75	dB min
Attenuation range (D,Z option).....	25	dB min
Gain Variation:		
Full Band.....	4.0	dB max
Over any 500 MHz band.....	2.5	dB max
Over any 80 MHz band.....	1.0	dB max
Slope.....	0.08	dB/MHz max
Gain stability 24hrs (constant drive, temperature and load).....	0.5	dB max
Gain stability over full operating temperature.....	2.0	dB max
Intermodulation (two equal carriers) with total output = Prated -4dB:		
Options A, D.....	-18	dBc max
Performance with linearised option, Z.....	-24	dBc max
Harmonic output.....	-60	dBc max
AM to PM conversion at Prated -6dB.....	2.5	°/dB
Noise Power:		
Transmit band.....	-70	dBW/4 kHz max
Receive band (10.95 - 12.75GHz).....	-150	dBW/4 kHz max
Residual AM:		
<10kHz.....	-50	dBc max
10kHz < f < 500kHz.....	-20 (1.5+ log f)	dBc max
>500kHz.....	-85	dBc max
Group delay:		
Linear.....	0.01	ns/MHz
Parabolic.....	0.005	ns/MHz ²
Ripple.....	0.5	ns p-p
Phase Noise:		
Continuous.....	10dB lower than IESS phase noise profile	
AC fundamental.....	-50	dBc max
Sum of all spurs.....	-47	dBc max
Input VSWR (operating).....	1.3:1	max
Output VSWR (non-operating).....	1.3:1	max
Load VSWR, no damage.....	2.0:1	max

ELECTRICAL

Prime power	single phase
Voltage.....	180 to 265 V
Frequency.....	47 to 63 Hz
Power requirement.....	2600 VA max
Power factor.....	0.95 min

MECHANICAL

Weight.....	34Kg (75lb) typ
Dimensions.....	see outline
Cooling.....	integral forced-air

CONNECTORS

RF input.....	N-type female
RF output.....	PBR140 with 6-32 UNC 2B threaded holes
RF Sample port.....	N-type female
Prime Power.....	C20 Male IEC

Note: Mating connector for the mains supply is included.

ENVIRONMENTAL

For operation outside these parameters, refer to SpacePath Communications for guidance.

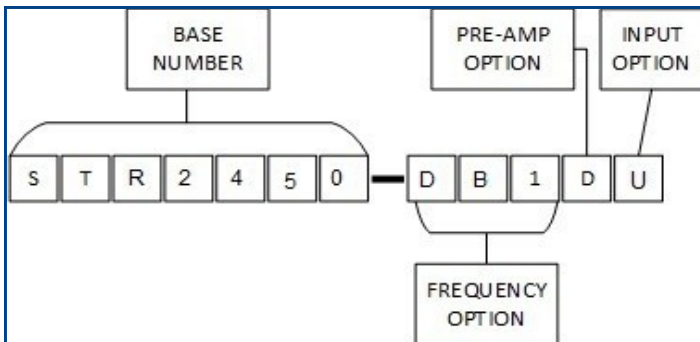
Operating temperature (see note 1).....	-40 to +55	°C
Derating.....	2 °C/300 m above sea level	(3.6 °F/1000ft)
Storage temperature.....	-40 to +80	°C
Relative humidity (condensing).....	100	%
Altitude:		
Operating.....	4.5 Km (15,000 ft)	max
Non-operating.....	12 Km (40,000 ft)	max
Vibration.....	BS EN 600668-2-64 test Fh, transportation	
Shock.....	IEC Publication 68-2-27 Part 2 test Ea, 25g	
EMC:		
EN61000-6-3:2001 (Emissions)		
EN61000-6-2:2001 (Immunity)		
FCC CFR47 Part 15B		
Acoustic Noise.....	68	dBa typ
Heat Dissipation.....	1500W to duct	350W to room

CONTROLS

Type	Function
REMOTE CONTROL	Off Standby Transmit RF inhibit Off Warm-up Standby Transmit Fault Summary Reflected Power External interlock TWT too hot Mean Helix Current Peak Helix Current High Power Alarm Low Power Alarm
REMOTE STATUS/MONITOR	High Power Alarm Set Low Power Alarm Set Auto Redundancy Control RF Switch Control Gain Control (when fitted) Output Power Monitor Reflected Power Monitor Helix Current Monitor Helix Voltage Collector Voltages Heater Voltage Heater Current Elapsed Hours
INTERFACES	Serial User
Other Features	RS-422/485 / Ethernet Dry Relay Contact Auxiliary Output Voltage Redundant system & waveguide switch drive

OPTIONS

Extensive options are offered with the STR2450 and include; integral pre-amplifiers, gain control, linearisers and block upconverters. The options are defined by adding to the base number as shown below:



(Consult SpacePath Communications for availability of options)

Frequency Options

The STR2450 is offered in three frequency bands:

- DB1 - 17.3 - 18.1 GHz
- DB2 - 17.3 - 18.4 GHz

Pre-Amp Option

The pre-amp option can be selected from any of the following:

- A - Integral solid-state amplifier (typical SSG 78 dB)
- D - As option 'A' but includes an attenuator to provide 25 dB (min) of gain control
- Z - Integral lineariser that improves the linearity of the HPA, providing a C/I of typically -26 dBc at 4dB OPBO. The lineariser also incorporates the pre-amp and gain control options.
(Consult SpacePath Communications for availability)

Input Option

The STR2450 can be offered with an L-Band Block Upconverter.

Specify:

N - Standard RF

U - L to DBS-Band Block Upconverter (see page 4)

Note:

The upconverter requires the inclusion of the 'D' or 'Z' options. (Consult Spacepath Communications for availability)

For more information contact Spacepath Communications.

PERFORMANCE WITH INTEGRAL BLOCK UPCONVERTER

Output frequency range:

Option DB1.....	17.3 to 18.1
Option DB2.....	17.3 to 18.4

L-Band input:

Frequency range option DB2.....	950 to 1750
Level.....	10 dBm

LO frequency.....16.35

External reference (see note):

Frequency.....	10
Level.....	-3 to +7
Impedance.....	50

Output power:

TWT output flange.....	500
HPA rated output.....	420

Gain:

At rated power (D, Z option).....	70
SSG Prated -10dB (D, Z option).....	75
Attenuation range (D, Z option).....	25

Gain Variation:

Over any 500 MHz band.....	4.0
Over any 40 MHz band.....	1.5
Slope.....	0.08

Gain Stability 24hrs constant drive, temperature

and load.....0.5

Gain stability over full operating temperature...2.0

Intermodulation (two equal carriers) with total

output = P_{rated} -4dB:

Options A,D.....	-18
Performance with linearised option Z.....	-24

Harmonic output.....-60

AM to PM conversion at P_{rated} -6dB.....2.5

Noise Power:

Transmit band.....	-70
Receive band (3.2-4.2GHz).....	-130

Residual AM >100MHz from Carrier.....-60

Group Delay:

GHz	Linear.....	0.01	ns/MHz
GHz	Parabolic.....	0.005	ns/MHz ²
	Ripple.....	0.5	ns/p-p

MHz Phase noise:

max	Continuous.....	meets IESS phase noise profile	
GHz	AC Fundamental.....	-50	dBc
	Sum of all spurs.....	-47	dBc

Mhz Input VSWR (non-operating).....1.6:1 max

dBm Output VSWR (non-operating).....1.3:1 max

Ω Load VSWR, no damage.....2.0:1 max

W min

W min

Note: The BUC can be operated without the external reference, typical frequency stability ± 0.25 ppm.

dB min

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dB max

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dB/MHz max

dBm

dB max

dBc max

dBc max

dBc max

%/dB

dBW/4 KHz max

dBW/4 KHz max

dBc max

HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS

Stellar satellite amplifiers are safe to handle and operate provided that the relevant precautions are observed.

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High Voltage

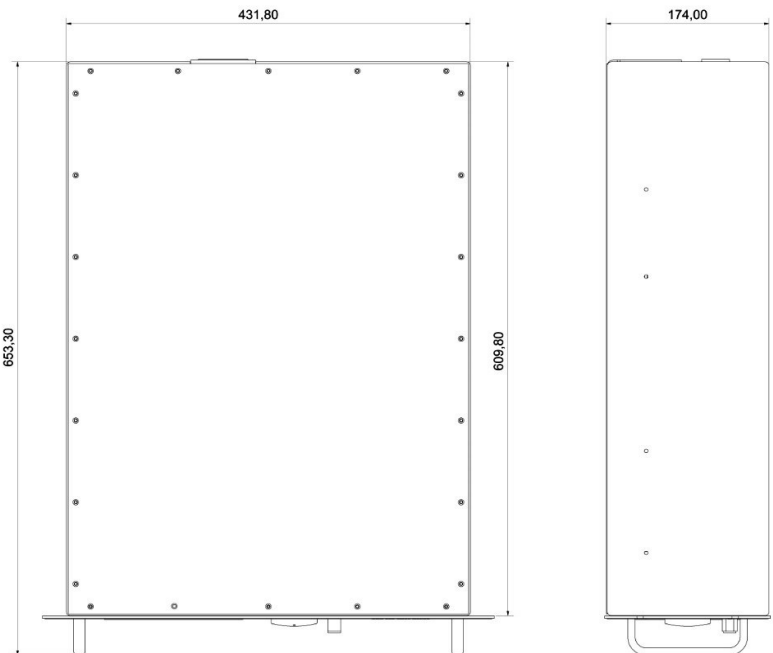
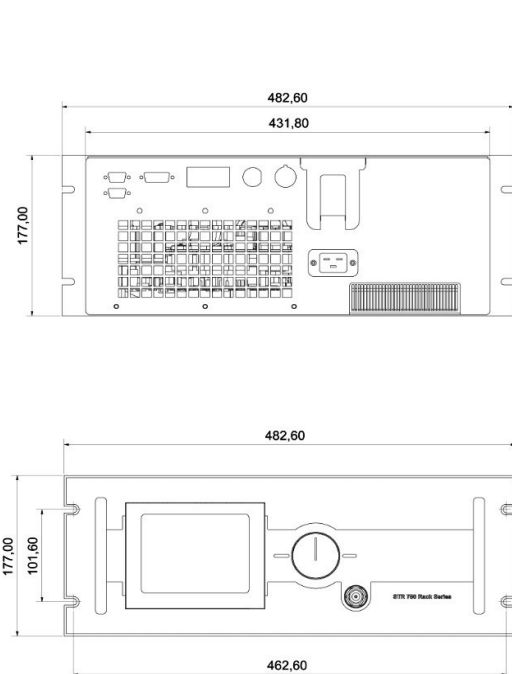
Dangerous voltages are present within the TWT amplifier when operating normally. However, the equipment is designed so that personnel cannot come into contact with high voltage circuits unless covers are removed.

RF Radiation

All RF connectors must be correctly fitted before operation.

Beryllia

The TWT in the amplifier contains Beryllium Oxide ceramic parts. These are not accessible unless the TWT casing is damaged. Consult Spacepath Communications regarding the disposal of damaged or life expired tubes.



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