VHF Antenna Multicoupler Model VMC-8



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The VHF Multicoupler, Model VMC-8, is a broadband antenna coupling device which connects eight VHF receivers to a common antenna. It consists of a bandpass filter, broadband transistorized preamplifier, eight individual output amplifiers, and a power regulator. The unit is designed for maximum isolation between receivers and from receiver to antenna. The VMC-8 is capable of operating over a frequency range of 20 MHz to 200 MHz; the specific bandwidth is determined by the filter and preamplifier assembly selected. The standard model is the VMC-8-108/174 which covers the band 108-174 MHz.

The preamplifier has a low noise figure and large signal handling capability. It has greater than 3 db overall insertion gain with minimum intermodulation. In addition, it provides good VSWR over the frequency range.

The VMC-8 is designed for mounting in a standard 19-inch rack. The power switch, lamp and fuses are located on the front panel. All connectors are located on the rear panel. The standard VMC-8 is provided with N type connectors; other connectors or adaptors can be supplied.

The unit is designed for fast repair in the field. The filter/preamplifier, the eight output modules, the power divider and the power supply regulator are replaceable assemblies.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Number of Outputs

Eight

Frequency Range

Capable of 20 MHz to 200 MHz, specific bandwidth

determined by filter selection

Input Impedance

50 ohms with a VSWR better than 1.5:1 118-162 MHz and

2.0:1 108-174 MHz

Output Impedance

50 ohms with a VSWR better than 1.5:1 118-162 MHz and

2.0:1 108-174 MHz

Insertion Gain

Greater than 3 db 8 db maximum

Noise Figure Intermodulation

All products at least 55 db down when two 0.25 volt

emf signals are applied to the

antenna input

Cross Modulation

With a desired signal of up to 100 uvolts emf, an interfering signal 5% removed and modulated 30% at an amplitude of 52 db above that of the desired signal, shall not produce more than 1% cross

modulation

Isolation

-60 db minimum, output-

to-output

-60 db minimum, output-

to-input

Power supply

115 volts ac or 230 volts ac ±10%, 48/62 Hz, power consumption approximately 30

watts

Dimensions

Width 19 inches (48.25 cm), Height 3-1/2 inches (8.89

cm), Depth 14-1/2 inches

(36.85 cm)

Weight

13 pounds approximately

(5.9 kg)

Mean time

between failures

Temperature

range

Class 4 military requirements: operating - 10°C to +55°C,

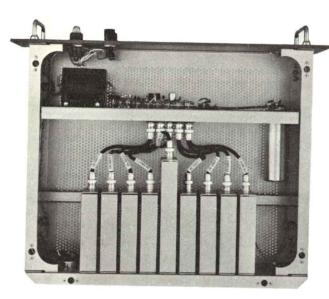
non-operating -62°C

+75°C

Humidity

Operational up to 95%

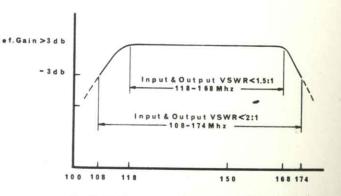
20,000 hours average.



Top View (Cover removed) VMC-8



Rear View VMC-8



Typical Frequency Response VMC-8-108/174

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