

**MODEL A5-8**  
8 Way Distribution Amplifier  
**USER'S HANDBOOK**

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## Safety Considerations

### General

This product and related documentation must be reviewed for familiarisation before operation. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the instrument may be impaired.

### Before Applying Power

Verify that the product is set to match the available line voltage and the correct fuse is installed.

### Before Cleaning

Disconnect the product from operating power before cleaning.

#### **WARNING**

Bodily injury or death may result from failure to heed a warning. Do not proceed beyond a warning until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

#### **CAUTION**

Damage to equipment, or incorrect measurement data, may result from failure to heed a caution. Do not proceed beyond a caution until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

### **This equipment must be earthed**

An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be maintained from the mains power source to the product's ground circuitry.

#### **WARNING**

When measuring power line signals, be extremely careful and use a step down isolation transformer whose output is compatible with the input measurement capabilities of this product. The product's front and rear panels are typically at earth ground. Thus, never try to measure AC power line signals without an isolation transformer.

#### **WARNING**

Instructions for adjustments when covers are removed and for servicing are for use by service-trained personnel only. To avoid dangerous electrical shock, do not perform such adjustments or servicing unless qualified to do so.

#### **WARNING**

Any interruption of the protective grounding conductor (inside or outside the instrument) or disconnecting of the protective earth terminal will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in personal injury. Grounding one conductor of a two conductor out-let is not sufficient protection.

Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the instrument must be made inoperative and be secured against any unintended operation.

If the instrument is to be energised via an autotransformer (for voltage reduction) make sure the common terminal is connected to the earthed pole terminal (neutral) of the power source.

Instructions for adjustments while the covers are removed and for servicing are for use by service-trained personnel only. To avoid dangerous electrical shock, do not perform such adjustments or servicing unless qualified to do so.

For continued protections against fire, replace the line fuse(s) with fuses of the same current rating and type (for example, normal blow time delay). Do not use repaired fuses of short-circuited fuse holders.

## **Voltage, Frequency and Power Characteristics**

Voltage 85-240V AC

Frequency 40-50Hz

Power characteristics 500mA Max

## **Environmental Conditions**

### **Temperature**

Operating (ambient) -10°C to +55°C (-65 to +65 op)

Storage -40°C to +85°C

## **Replaceable Fusing Characteristics**

800mA time-lag HBC

## **Cleaning Instructions**

To ensure long and trouble operation, keep the unit free from dust and use care with liquids around the unit.

Be careful not to spill liquids onto the unit. If the unit does get wet, turn the power off immediately and let the unit dry completely before turning it on again.

Clean with a damp (with water) cloth.

Never spray cleaner directly onto the unit or let liquid run into any part of it. Never use harsh or caustic products to clean the unit.

## **Distribution Amplifier A5-8**

### ***Operating Procedure***

#### **Introduction**

The Quartzlock model A5-8 is a distribution amplifier designed for standard frequency distribution between 1 MHz and 100 MHz.

#### **Input**

One input is provided. This has input impedance of  $50\Omega$ . The input level should be between +7 and +13 dBm.

#### **Outputs**

Up to eight outputs are provided. These have source impedance of  $50\Omega$ , and will provide between +7 and +13 dBm into a  $50\Omega$  load.

**Specification**

- 1. Input Characteristics:**
  - a. Number of inputs: 1
  - b. Impedance: 50 Ω nominal
  - c. Level: +8dBm nominal  
+7 dBm to +13 dBm adjustable, sine wave
  - d. Input SWR: <1.3:1 at 10MHz  
<2.0:1 at 100MHz
  
- 2. Output Characteristics:**
  - a. Number of Outputs: 8
  - b. Impedance: 50 Ω nominal
  - c. Level: +13 dBm nominal into 50 Ω at 10MHz
  - d. Output SWR: <1.3:1
  - e. Maximum Output: 15dBm into 50 ohms at 10MHz typical
  
- 3. Frequency Response:**
  - a. 1MHz to 70MHz: ±1.0dB
  - b. 1MHz to 110MHz: +2.0/-1.0dB
  
- 4. Harmonics:**  
(at rated output,10MHz) (source harmonics less than -60dBc)
  - a. Second Harmonic <-38dBc
  - b. Third Harmonic <-48dBc
  
- 5. Isolation:**
  - a. Output to Output
    - i. 10MHz >95dB (adjacent) >110dB (non adjacent)
    - ii. 100MHz >80dB (adjacent) >90dB (non adjacent)
  - b. Output to Input >75dB at 10MHz
  
- 6. Short Term Stability:(at 10MHz)**
  - a. 1 Sec 2 x 10<sup>-13</sup> tau
  - b. 10 Sec 2 x 10<sup>-14</sup> tau
  - c. 100 Sec 5 x 10<sup>-15</sup> tau
  
- 7. Phase Noise:**  
Offset Typical phase Noise, dBc/Hz
  - a. 1Hz <-140
  - b. 10Hz <-150
  - c. 100Hz <-160
  - d. 1KHz & 10KHz <-165
  - e. 100kHz <-168
  
- 8. Noise Floor:** <-150
  
- 9. Spurious Outputs:** <-100dBc
  
- 10. Broadband Noise:** <-145dBm/Hz
  
- 11. Supply:** 85....240V ac