

Operating instructions

RF Converter

TV RF → TV RF



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RCB 199

Part N°: 9259.01

1. Safety and operating instructions



When assembling, starting-up and adjusting the modules, it is necessary to consider the system specific references in the manual instruction!



The modules may only be installed and started up by authorized technical personnel!



When assembling the modules into the receiving points, the adherence of the EMC regulations is to be secured!



The assembly and wiring have to be done without voltage!



All active modules may only be operated with the Headend Controller HCB x00 or Bus Extender BEB x00!



The main voltage and the operating voltage of the modules working by DC have to be in compliance to the operating parameters described in the technical data.



With all work the defaults of the DIN EN 50083 have to be considered! Especially the safety relevant execution of the DIN EN 60728-11 [2] is necessary!

2. Device variants

RCB 199 9259.01 TV-RF → TV-RF

Minimum software requirements for HCB x00:

9650.03: version 2.34*

9650.04/.05: version 3.25*

9652.01: version 3.25*

9653.01: version 3.27*

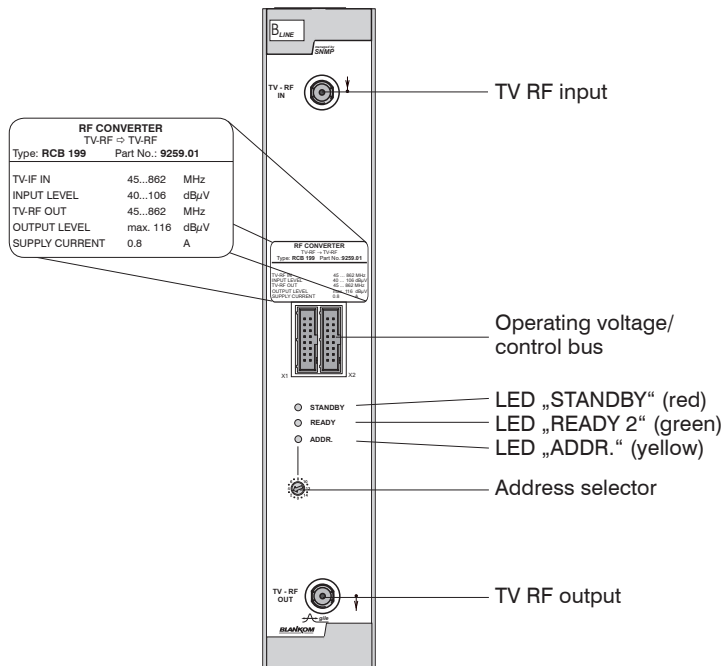
*) Updates: www.blankom.de

3. General

The RF Converter RCB 199 is a module of the head end system B-LINE which is conceived as a complete system for middle-sized networks. The module converts digital and analogue terrestrial TV signals in cable channels. The frequency conversion of a QAM signal is possible too.

All modules will be programmed via a central control unit (HCB x00) and are working fully independent afterwards. The status of the modules are displayed via LED's (see chapter 7 "Meaning of status LED's on front panel").

4. Front view



managed by
SNMP

5. Functional description

5.1 General

The RF Converter contains a low noise and large signal stable broadband receiver for terrestrial digital and analogue signals of the frequency range 45 ... 862 MHz and a output converter for cable channel in the same frequency range. The functions of the module are the gain, selection, shift of the frequency position and level adjustments of a TV signal delivered from a receiving antenna to process it for feed into a cable channel. The input signal won't be demodulated, the modulation type and the spectral position will remain unchanged.

The signal processing is made via 4 sequencing mixers (quad-converter) with 3 fractional N-PLL's and 3 IF locations to realize the required broadband tunability at the in- and output. The first and the third IF are located above the input respective output ranges, the second is located in a lower frequency range around 36 MHz. The second and the third mixer are supplied by a common mixer oscillator, own synthesizers are assigned to the first and forth mixer in the frequency-converting operation mode. This both mixers are supplied by a common VCO in the co-channel operation mode. In the last-mentioned operation mode this configuration minimizes the total phase noise of the converter and generates favourable phase-locked relation between input and output signal.

The high linear SiGe mixers respective amplifier stages and low noise synthesizers ensure a low noise transmission quality. Total 6 SAW filters provide outstanding image rejection ratio and adjacent-channel selection values. By a switchable input filter bank, consisting of eight band filters, a high immunity against disturbing signals at the input of the receiver is ensured. A controller-supported AGC function in the lower IF range together with each one digital attenuator at input and output is the basis of a large level dynamic and ensures the optimal IF level within the module for analogue and digital types of modulation.

5.2 Explanations of the adjustments

Input and output frequencies

The input and display values of the input respective output frequencies are related to center frequencies of the channels (digital types of modulation) respective vision carrier (analogue types of modulation).

The entering and receivable input frequency isn't tied to a special radio-frequency pattern, but the output frequency can be adjusted only in a defined gridded frequency spacing respective to the input frequency. This frequency step is 0.5 MHz to get high signal-to-noise ratio and phase-noise ratio. When located on the user interface output frequency is entered outside of this grid, you'll see the differences. Because of the quad-converter concept the adjacent-channel selection is independent of it and follows by calculation the input of the input frequency with a maximum deviation of 12.5 kHz. So an exact input of the input frequency is important.

Selection and adjacent channel operation

The primary use case of the RF converter is the input-processing of terrestrial TV signals, which are exempt limitations on their channel sufficiently, which in general is already through the planning of terrestrial broadcasting frequencies is given. Under these conditions, a low noise feed of the processed signal can be assured into a cable system with adjacent channel assignments in the output channel. The reception of input signals from a group of input channels, which abut without gaps at the channel entrance, is always associated with limitations. Due to the finite steepness of the filter slopes it's not technically possible to complete such an input signal from immediately adjacent neighboring signals, such as present in one with QAM signals occupied cable system, separate. In such a case is either the „inevitable co-implementation“ of the remains of the input-adjacent channels into the output-adjacent channels, or the curtailment of the useful signal. On the other hand is , for example, the detachment and implementation of a single UHF TV signal possible from an occupied adjacent channel signals with frequency band, if the occupied bandwidth of the channel correspondingly is smaller than the channel spacing (e.g. analogue TV channels, standard G in an 8-MHz).

Co-channel operation mode

The co-channel operation mode of input and output is possible. Between input and output signals is realized in the mixed approach, a phase-locked relationship. The converter behaves like a highly amplifying therefore, regulated selective amplifier a constant signal period, which is formed approximately by the sum of times in the SAW filters. The phase-locked behavior is advantageous regarding noise ratios that are caused by coupling of input and output radiation of the cable network to the receiving antenna, and by directly radiation the terrestrial signal in the cable and into the connected receiver. Because of this inevitable jamming scenarios with their impact should not be ignored completely, however, the decision will always fall in favor of a frequency conversion, if there is a planning technical possibility. It should be noted that the assembly in the fully adjusted state a straight gain of more than 76 dB has the screening of components, cables, plug and terminal connections, however, of the same order of magnitude and therefore little or no reserves for adequate noise ratios exist could. Aging of the above parts on weather and level fluctuations are added .

Input level

The received signal strength of terrestrial TV signal is subject to fluctuations. The basis for a stable output level of the assembly is formed by a digitally assisted AGC. The corresponding analog actuator is located in the second IF domain. This IF control is still in operation.

If it exceeds a certain input level can to prevent overloading the input stages of the receiver, a digital, highly controllable input attenuator are included in the rule chain (delayed scheme). This has a scale of 1 dB and maximum attenuation value of 31 dB. The acquisition-based control points are of the type of modulation and also depends on one of two levels (low noise or low distortion), which can be chosen depending on the disturb conditions at the input. The existence and the magnitude of interference signals are not covered by the automatic, however. It evaluates the useful level in the receiving channel (narrowband system). The inevitable disruptions in the full automatic mode by the amplitude of the jumps in the input attenuation switch are minimized by a hysteresis point of the takeover of approximately 3 dB, and the consequent reduction in the number of starts reached .

To avoid such problems and to complete manual optimization of the modulation of the input section taking into account specific disturb conditions at the receiver can adjust the input attenuator to a fixed value is selected by the user. For its optimization the assessment and evaluation of the input conditions and the signal to noise ratio at the output of the converter with the aid of a suitable measuring device are advantageous. In addition, the current level at the input of the internal preamplifier can be read (after the input attenuator) approximately on the user interface. This display must be updated. Optimum values for the input level with respect to the signal to noise ratio at the output should be in the respective magnitude of the rule transfer points (see technical data) to. Are the available antenna levels smaller, the input attenuator is set to 0 dB. Since this attenuator is located at the input of the module, the module increases the noise figure at low input levels to the respective amount of input attenuation. Future weather-related fluctuations in the input level are possible. When manually setting the input attenuation reduces the control dynamics on the extent of the IF AGC.

6. Adjustments

For the adjustments of the module the manual instructions of the Headend Controller HCB x00 and the Bus Extender BEB x00 have to be considered.

6.1 Adjustment with the Headend Controller

- Adjustment of the addresses at the Bus Extender BEB x00 and at the modules
- Activation of the programming mode on each module by selecting the line (BEB x00) and the module position (01... 15) at the Headend Controller(HCB x00)
 - yellow LED illuminates until the beginning of the parameter adjustment
- Adjustment of the RCB 199 parameters (see chapter 9) → green LED is switched on
- After the programming the RCB 199 will be automatically switched into the operating mode
 - yellow LED flashes shortly/ green LED is switched on

6.2 Adjustment with the PC/ laptop

- Prerequisite for the remote programming is an “online-connection” according the IP standard and an ethernet connection at the PC/ laptop
- Adjustment of the line/ position addresses at the Bus Extender BEB x00 as well as at the modules
- At the Headend Controller HCB x00 input IP address (e.g. 192.168.001.001)
- For “direct connection” between a PC and HCB x00 use crossover cable (RJ 45)
- For connection over a HUB use a normal straight through patch cable
- Start-up HTML browser and put in IP address as target address
- If connected correctly the web interface will be opened on the pc and a blue LED (LINK) at the HCB x00 will be lit up.
- All adjustments of the modules are specified on the web interface.

6.3 Adjustment with SNMP

- Prerequisite for the SNMP functionality is the use of HCB x00 with enabled SNMP software option CKB 100.
- Supported is SNMP version 1.0 [3].
- Automatic creation of the MIB based on the current head-end configuration by the HCB x00.
- For setting and reading out the parameters and is to receive traps from an SNMP management software required.
- Further Notes on the SNMP functionality of BLANKOM modules are listed in the SNMP manual.

7. Meaning of status LED`s on front panel

Designation (Colour)	Status	Meaning of display
STANDBY (red)	permanently on	Module is in standby
	flashing	Module faulty (hardware error detected or output level faulty)
READY (green)	permanently on	Module working properly
	flashing	Error warnings, depending on signal: - Input level is outside the control range (only if the level monitoring = ON)
ADDR. (yellow)	illuminated/ flashing	remote control connection/ data being exchanged

8. Programming by web server*

8.1 Main menu

RF CONVERTER, RCB 199 (9259.01/ 00), Address 00 / 01	
Description	Test analog TV
Input	
Frequency	23 (487,250 MHz) [B/G]
Attenuation	0 dB
Attenuator automatic	Low noise
Output	
Frequency	25 (503,250 MHz) [B/G]
Attenuation	10 dB
RF signal	On
Channel	
Band width	8 MHz
Module settings	
Operating status	On [On]
Send trap	On
Level monitoring	On
Default set	Load
<input type="button" value="Advanced settings"/> <input type="button" value="Status"/>	
<input type="button" value="Software overview"/>	
<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> <input type="button" value="Transmit"/>	
<input type="button" value="<<<<"/> <input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value=">>>>"/>	

Name of device, item number, address in head end

Description Name of programme (max. 30 characters)

Input

Frequency channel selection
standard B/G channel 2..69
standard D/K channel R1.. 69
Attenuation is influenced by control; only adjustable, if automatic is setting "Off"
Attenuator automatic displays settings according menu 1

Output

Frequency channel selection
standard B/G channel 2..69
standard D/K channel R1.. 69
Attenuation adjustment range: 0..31.5 dB
RF signal selection: On/ Off

Channel

Band width selection: 7/ 8 MHz

Module settings

Operating status selection: On/ Off/ Reset
Send trap On/ Off, if SNMP option in HCB x00 is enabled, otherwise "locked" is displayed at output port.
Level monitoring selection: On/ Off
Default set see menu 2

Routing to the appropriate adjustment menu:

Advanced settings see menu 1
Status see menu 4
Software overview see menu 3

* For further details see the HCB manual

8.2 Extended settings (menu 1)

RF CONVERTER, RCB 199 (9259.01/ 00), Address 00 / 01	
Input	
Frequency	487250 kHz
Attenuator automatic <small>(see user manual)</small>	Low noise
Output	
Frequency	503250 kHz
Input + Output	
Frequency table TV Standard	B/G
Carrier	analogue
<input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value="Transmit"/>	

Name of device, item number, address in head end

Input

Frequency adjustment range: 45000 ... 862000 kHz*
Attenuator automatic selection: Off/ Low noise/ Low distortion

Output

Frequency adjustment range: 45000 ... 862000 kHz*

Input + Output

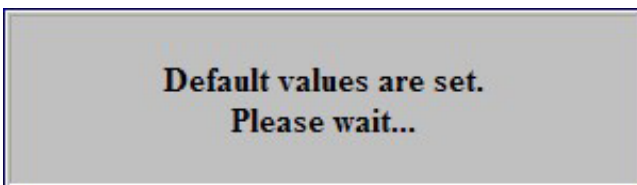
Frequency table TV
Standard selection: B/G, D/K
Carrier selection: analogue/ DVB-T/ DVB-C

* Enter the vision carrier or the carrier frequency in analogue, center frequency for a digital carrier

8.3 Factory settings (menu 2)



When this menu item is requested, at first a security query whether it really set all parameters to the factory default settings pops up.



Affirming the query, all settings stored in the EEPROM will be deleted and replaced by the default settings. The module will go back to these default values, which are listed in chapter 9 (Manual menu control at the Headend Controller). Once the setting process is over, there will be an automatic return to the main menu. It takes about one minute.

8.4 Software overview (menu 3)

RF CONVERTER, RCB 199 (9259.01/ 00), Address 00 / 01	
Versions	
AP Controller	9259.01-81.01 AP-Controller V1.00 24.03.2010 RN
Internal controller	9259.01-88.01 internal Controller V1.00 25.03.2010 RN,JH
<input type="button" value="Back"/>	

Name of device, item number, address in head end

Versions

Displays the software versions for the controllers as follows:

- Controller of terminals board

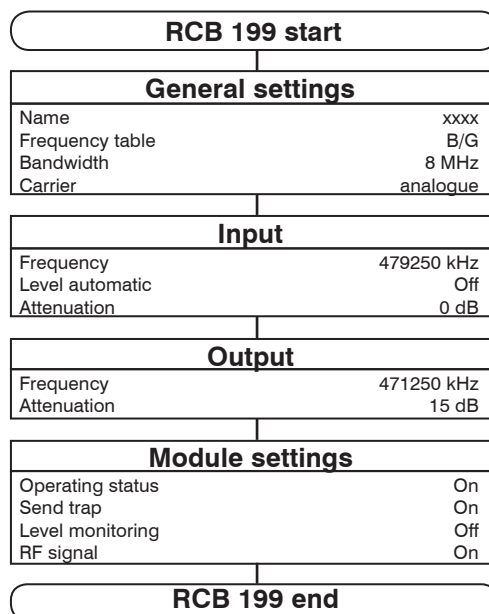
- Internal controller

8.5 Status of the device (menu 4)

RF CONVERTER, RCB 199 (9259.01/ 00), Address 00 / 01			Name of device, item number, address in head endT	
Signal	OK		Signal	displays ok/ not ok
Status input			Status input	
Status AGC	55	%	Status AGC	displays the carrier in AGC range (0% respective 100% edge location, 50% mid range)
Attenuation	0	dB	Attenuation	displays in dB
Mixer level <small>(see user manual)</small>	57	dBµV	Mixer level	displays in dBµV
Status output			Status output	
Signal level	105	dBµV	Signal level	displays in dBµV
Information			Information	
System	ok		System	operating status of module
Temperature external	100	°F	Temperature external	temperature terminal board
Internal temperature	102	°F	Internal temperature	internal temperature of the module
Serial number	0000000		Serial number	display of the device number
Device index	00		Device index	display of the device index (hardware)
<input type="button" value="Update"/> <input type="button" value="Back"/>				

9. Manual menu control at the Headend Controller (HCB x00)

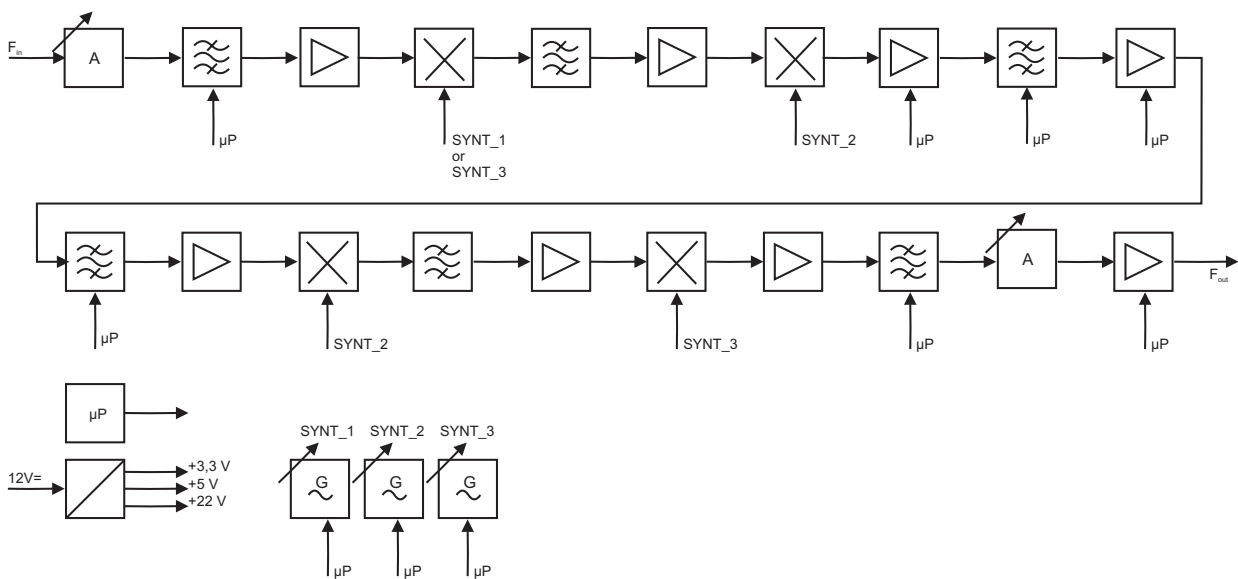
The values in the blocks settings are the default values. After pushing the button "default" settings on the main page, all settings stored in the EEPROM are erased and reset to default values. The device is set to these values again (see also chapter 8.3).



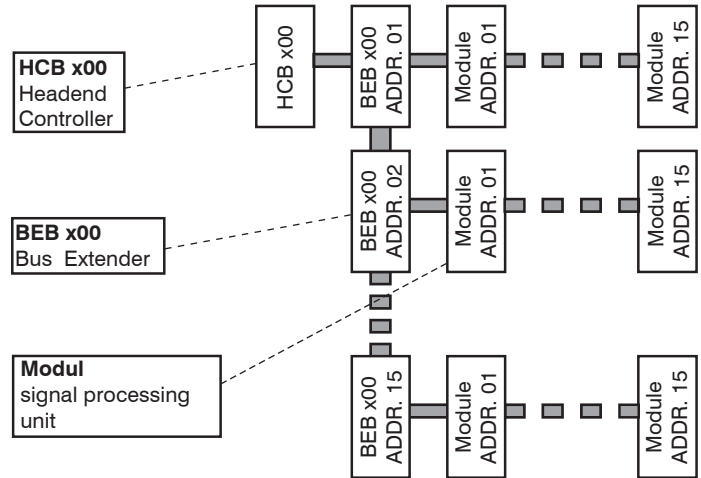
10. Trap messages

Item	Message	Type	Explanation
01	Signal ok	INFORMATION	Signal ok
02	Signal not ok	WARNING	Signal not ok (input level faulty)
03	Hardware Error	CRITICAL	Hardware error detected
04	System reset	WARNING	Reset
05	Internal temperature to high	WARNING	Internal temperature is too big (> 85°C), module is switched off
06	External temperature ok	INFORMATION	Ambient temperature is ok (≤ 60°C), module is switched on
07	Output level error	WARNING	Output level faulty
08	Output level ok	INFORMATION	Output level ok

11. Block diagram



12. Head end bus structure

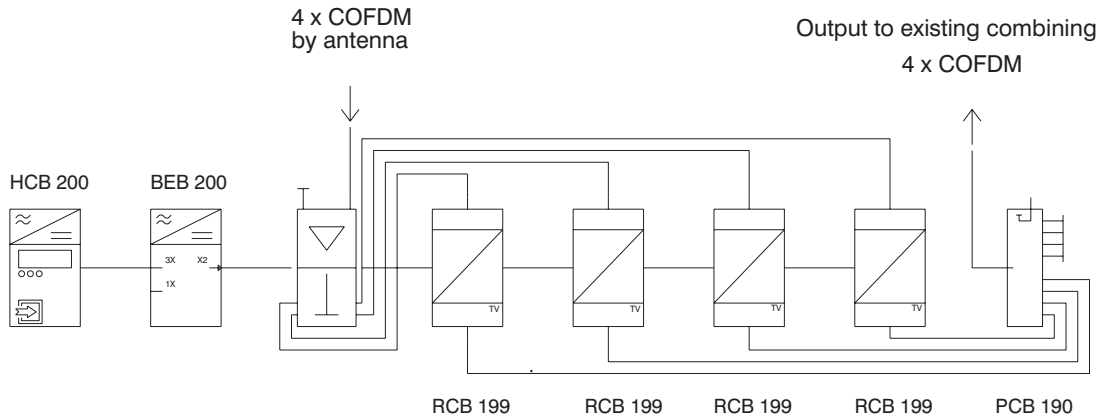


The number of the possible module connections (00 ... 15) to a BEB x00 depends on the total power consumption of this line!

13. Application example

Integration in existing B-LINE configuration

Conversion of 4 COFDM (DVB-T-) transponders to "own" cable-frequencies



14. Technical data

RF input

Frequency range	45 ... 862 MHz
Resolution frequency input	1 kHz
Nominal bandwidth (switchable)	7 MHz/ 8 MHz
TV modulation types	AM, VSB 0.75 MHz, negative AM, VSB 0.75 MHz, positive (with white bar/ field) COFDM 2k, 8k QAM 16, 32, 64, 256
Signal level total	typ. 40...106 dB μ V
Attenuator adjustment range (switchable: automatic or fixed value)	31 dB (1 dB steps)
Typically use point IF control (Input attenuator 0 dB)	typ. 40 dB μ V
Rule scope IF control	> 45 dB
Normally use points input attenuator automatic	
AM VSB low noise	typ. 75 dB μ V
AM VSB low distortion	typ. 69 dB μ V
QAM low noise	typ. 67 dB μ V
QAM low distortion	typ. 61 dB μ V
COFDM low noise	typ. 64 dB μ V
COFDM low distortion	typ. 58 dB μ V
Nominal operating level for immunity according DIN EN 50083-2 (connection to a receiving antenna) [1] Mode	
AM VSB low distortion	75 dB μ V
COFDM low distortion	70 dB μ V
Nominal impedance	75 Ω
Connector	F socket
Return loss (input attenuator ≥ 6 dB)	≥ 18 dB @45 MHz, -1.5dB/Okt.

RF output

Frequency range	45...862 MHz
Frequency step of output frequency (tied to the input frequency)	0.5 MHz $ (f_{in} - f_{out}) = n * 0.5 \text{ MHz}$ n...integer
Max. valid output level	
AM VSB	116 dB μ V
QAM	116 dB μ V
COFDM	115 dB μ V
Level adjustment range	0...31.5 dB (0.5 dB steps)
Nominal impedance	75 Ω
Connector	F socket
Return loss (output attenuator ≥ 3 dB)	≥ 18 dB @45 MHz, -1.5dB/Okt.

Features of transmission

Noise figure (input attenuator 0 dB)	≤ 10 dB
Selectivity	
Nominal bandwidth	7 MHz:
Bandwidth 3 dB	typ. 6.7 MHz
Bandwidth 6 dB	typ. 7.0 MHz
Bandwidth 30 dB	typ. 8.0 MHz
Bandwidth 60 dB	typ. 8.5 MHz
Nominal bandwidth 8 MHz:	
Bandwidth 3 dB	typ. 7.7 MHz
Bandwidth 6 dB	typ. 8.0 MHz
Bandwidth 30 dB	typ. 8.9 MHz
Bandwidth 60 dB	typ. 9.4 MHz

additional amplitude response within channel	typ. 1.5 dB _{pp}
Image rejection ratio 2.IF	
$f_{in \text{ center}} + (2*36.15 \text{ MHz}) \pm \text{BW}/2$	> 80 dB
IF puncture 1.IF (946.4 MHz \pm BW/2)	> 70 dB
Frequency stability	± 30 kHz
Phase noise (frequency conversion)	
1 kHz	typ. -89 dBc/ Hz
10 kHz	typ. -98 dBc/ Hz
100 kHz	typ. -105 dBc/ Hz
Output level stability	max. 1 dB _{pp}
Spurious 45...862 MHz	≤ - 60 dB
Output signal-to-intermodu- lation ratio 3. order AM VSB: $(f_{image} - f_{audio})$	≥ 60 dB
C/N within channel (AM VSB, BW = 4.8 MHz) @ $V_{in} = 75 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}$, input attenuator 0 dB	typ. 61 dB
Single channel signal-to-inter- modulation ratio (AM VSB) @ $V_{in} = 75 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}$, input attenuator 0 dB	≥ 66 dB
MER (QAM) @ $V_{in} = 67 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}$, input attenuator 0 dB	typ. 43 dB
MER (COFDM) @ $V_{in} = 64 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}$, input attenuator 0 dB	typ. 35 dB
C/N from 16 MHz space to channel center ($V_{out} = 116 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}$, BW = 4.8 MHz)	typ. 80 dB

Operation parameters

Voltage/ current	12 V (\pm 0.2 V)/ 0.8 A
Residual ripple of supply voltage	≤ 10 mV _{pp}

Environmental conditions

Temperature range	-10 ... +55 °C
Temperature range for data keeping	5 ... 45 °C
Relative humidity	≤ 80 % ((non condensing)
Method of mounting	vertical
Location of mounting	splash-proof and drip-proof

Miscellaneous

Dimensions (l x w x h) without 19"-adapter	50 x 276 x 148 mm
with 19"-adapter	50 x 301 x 148 mm
Weight	1,200 g

Delivery content

1 x Bus connector

15. Glossary

AGC	Automatic Gain Control
AP	Anschlussplatte (Terminals board)
AM	Amplitude modulation
CCIR	Comité Consultatif International des Radiocommunications
CATV	Cable Television
COFDM	Coded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex
DVB	Digital Video Broadcasting (-C Cable, -S Satellite, -S2 Satellite 2, -T Terrestrial)
EMC	Elektromagnetic compatibility
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ID	Identifier
IF	Intermediate Frequency
IIC	Inter-Integrated Circuit
LED	Light Emitting Diode
MC	Microcontroller
MIB	Management Information Base
MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group
PLL	Phase-locked loop
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
RF	Radio Frequency
SAW	Surface acoustic wave
SiGe	Silicium-Germanium-
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
TV	Television
UHF	Ultra-High-Frequency
VCO	Voltage controlled oscillator
VHF	Very High Frequency
VSB	Vestigial Sideband

16. Bibliography

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- [2] EN 60728-11: Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services Part 11: Safety (IEC 60728-11:2005); German version EN 60728-11:2005
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17. Document history

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Options and other TV standards available upon request! Changes due to technical progress possible.

CE Declaration of Conformity

The Manufacturer

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herewith declares the conformity of the product

Product name: RF Converter

Type: RCB 199

Product number: 9259.01

according to the following regulations

EN 50083-2

EN 60728-11 (as far as relevant)

and additional device-specific regulations, enclosed above, which this product is subjected to.

Date: 23.02.2010

Signature:



(Managing Director)