

RCU50 Series

1+1 & 2+1 Redundancy Control for Remote BUC/ BDC/ LNB Units



RCU50, 52 for use with:

PBU/ PBD series block converters and general LNB units

RCU50(Ka), 52(Ka) for use with;

PBU(Ka)/ PBD(Ka) series block converters

The RCU50 1+1 & RCU52 2+1 redundancy control units are special versions of the versatile RCU100/200 redundancy switch units and are presented in a 1U high 19-inch rack mount chassis. The RCU50, 52 units are designed to power and monitor remote mounted low noise blocks (LNB's), low noise amplifiers (LNA's), block up converters (BUC's) or block down converters (BDC's) and drive remote mounted coaxial or waveguide switches. A range of 10MHz reference signal generation, locking and pass through options as well as DC supply can also be provided to drive the BUC/BDC/LNB/LNA units.

The RCU50, 52 units can be controlled from the front panel or by the RS232/ RS485 link to a host computer. In remote mode the active LNB/ LNA/ BUC/ BDC units can be selected and monitored while keeping switch-over automatic in case of failure. An internal L-band coaxial switch changes as the active converter unit is selected.

The front panel has manually activated lockable switches and indicator lights with legends for either LNB/ LNA/ BDC's or BUC's and should be specified accordingly at the time of order placement.

The flexibility of the design allows for customization, so please consult the factory if the features that you require are not shown on this data sheet. Peak can supply external switches and cabling, for more details please consult the factory.

Peak Features

Keys removable for security in any position

Monitoring of off-line LNB/ BDC L-band output

Spare drive input for off-line BUC, for test purposes

Dual mains input & redundant power supplies fitted as standard

Fully compatible with Peak PBU/ PBD block up/ down converters

Compatible with most makes of LNB/ LNA/ BUC/ BDC for legacy system upgrades

Remote control fitted as standard, with optional Ethernet remote

Optional reference generation, external reference locking or 'pass-through' to LNB/ BUC/ BDC

Compatible with Peak PNB series 1+1 & 2+1 outdoor RF assemblies



RCU50, 52 Units - Typical Specification

L-Band Interfaces

Connections SMA (f), 50Ω

Option 12a; F-Type (f), 750hm interfaces from LNB's Option 12b; F-Type (f), 750hm system output interface Option 12c; BNC (f), 750hm interfaces from LNB's Option 12d; BNC (f), 750hm system output interface

Monitor Provides an L-band monitor for the off-line

LNB/ BDC output

Spare BUC drive Provides a spare L-band input to drive the off-

line BUC (for test purposes)

External co-axial/ waveguide switch Interface

Connection D-type, 15-way

Drive type +12VDC pulsed, latching, and indicators

Option 10a; +12VDC for waveguide switch
Option 10b; +24VDC for waveguide switch

Note; waveguide switch type to be provided to assess current requirement.

Drive length

Dependent upon customer cable type

Switch

Optional supply of external switches
(please consult factory for details)

Single Switch Insertion Loss (Typical)

L-Band 0.15dB

C-Band 0.2dB (Option 6)
X-Band 0.3dB (Option 6)
Ku-Band 0.35dB (Option 6)
DBS-Band 0.4dB (Option 6)
Ka-Band 0.5dB (Option 6)

BUC/BDC/LNB/LNA DC drives

DC supply Factory settable, typically +22.5V regulated at 0.65A nom. (+27V@1.5A nom. for Ka-Band)

Note; for higher current or dual-Voltage capability, please consult factory.

Connection D-Type connection

Option 8; Fed on L-band interface

Internal reference generator for LNB/BUC/BDC (Option 4)

Internal reference generator, fed to BUC/ BDC/ LNB's via L-band interfaces (option 4b provides the reference output as a separate discrete connection). Includes an external reference input connection with automatic detection & locking facility.

Output 10MHz at 0dBm nominal on L-Band

Option 4b; 10MHz at 0dBm nominal on BNC (f), 50Ω

Stability;

Allan deviation <5 x 10⁻¹² over 1s

Ageing <3 x 10⁻¹⁰ per day, <3 x 10⁻⁸ per year

Temp stability <2 x 10⁻⁹ over -10 to 50°C

External Reference 'Pass Through' (Option 5)

For situations where an external reference signal is available on the system L-Band input (BUC systems) or output (BDC/ LNB systems). Internally splits the reference signal and passes it to the BUC/ BDC/ LNB units via the L-Band interfaces.

Note; for RCU52 2+1 system, L-Band input source from channel 'A' only.

Input 10MHz at +3dBm min on L-Band

Option 5a; 10MHz at +3dBm min on BNC (f), 50Ω

Note; +5dBm min for RCU52 unit.

Output 10MHz at 0dBm nominal on L-Band

Mechanical

Width 19", standard rack mount

Height 1U (1.75")

Depth 420mm (16.5"), plus connectors

Weight 4.0kgs (8.8 lbs)
Construction Aluminium chassis

Environmental

Operating temp 0 to +50°C

Option 6e; -40 to +50°C (for co-axial switch, option 6)

EMC EN 55022, part B & EN 50082-1

Safety EN 60950

Power Supply (dual, redundant)

Connection IEC (dual feed cables provided)

Voltage 90-264VAC Frequency 47-63Hz Power 50 Watts max.

Control System

Rem/Local switch 2 position key switch, selects remote or

local mode

Auto/A/B switch 3 position key switch, selects converter A

or B to traffic manually, or automatic mode

Note; for 2+1 systems, Auto/A/C & Auto/B/C switches are provided.

Remote control RS232/ 485 port (internally user settable)

Option 9; Ethernet; embedded web server & SNMP

network management support.

Interface connector 15-way, D-type to redundant units and

external switch

Option 7; HPA summary alarm inputs for 'chain

redundancy' control applications

Options

 Cable assembly for use between RCU50 and outdoor units (includes L-Band, RF and control cables, as necessary)

2) Custom front panel overlay

 Internal reference generator to drive BUC/BDC/LNB's via the L-Band interface

4b) External reference output as a BNC interface

5) External reference pass-through on L-Band system

5a) External reference pass-through with BNC input

6) PBR50, 52 remote mounted co-axial SHF switching in a weatherproof housing for use with BUC's

6e) Low temperature operation to -40°C for remote mounted coaxial switch

7) HPA summary alarm inputs for 'chain redundant' applications (BUC system).

8) BUC/ BDC/ LNB DC drives via L-Band interfaces

9) Ethernet interface with embedded web server & SNMP

10a) +12VDC external waveguide switch drive

10b) +24VDC external waveguide switch drive

12a) F-Type (f), 75Ω LNB L-Band input interfaces

12b) F-Type (f), 75Ω L-Band system output interface

12c) BNC (f), 75Ω LNB L-Band input interfaces

12d) BNC (f), 75Ω L-Band system output interface

14) Additional switching for simultaneous output dual-range devices

Rear panel view (sample)



