

630m TRANSVERTER Datasheet



The Monitor Sensors 630m Transverter enables any Amateur Radio Station, equipped with a conventional HF transceiver, immediate, all mode, access to the new 472-479 kHz, 630m band.

The receiver design incorporates a 7 pole Chebyshev filter, 7kHz wide roofing filter and a 5 pole Chebyshev filter in cascade before the double balanced, commutating mixer, fed by an ultra stable, temperature compensated, extremely low phase noise, MEMS local oscillator. The mixer is followed by a Chebychev band pass filter into an ultra linear, low noise, current feedback, IF amplifier. A CW signal at -130dBm is readable at the output and yet the onset of compression is not reached until +11dBm. A front end 20dB attenuator can be switched in for even higher signal handling. Overall receiver gain is set to +6dB, or -14dBm with the attenuator active.

The transmitter input circuit incorporates a 0-14 dB switched step attenuator to prevent over driving. The same mixer and local oscillator are used on the transmit side. The PA uses 6 rugged lateral FETs in class AB push-pull to easily achieve the 50 watts rated output. Lateral FETs are inherently linear and temperature stable. The transmitter can be run at full power, indefinitely, into a short or open circuit without any damage to the FETs. Transmit-receive switching is automatic with user selectable VOX delay. Alternatively the PTT line may be used.

The Transverter employs extensive and accurate metering. Power input and output, SWR, Frequency, Attenuation in use, Temperature, Supply Voltage, Current and Resistance are displayed. Transmission is inhibited if frequencies outside the 472-479 kHz band are detected. A tuning screen may be selected which displays SWR in digital and graphical form for easy antenna adjustment. The menu system is self explanatory and users report no manual is needed, although one is supplied. A USB socket is provided for future code upgrades (free of charge) from the Monitor Sensors web site.

The Transverter has been designed for the best possible protection against accidental mishaps. It will survive reverse polarity supply and the injection of 100 watts of HF into any of its ports whether in transmit or receive mode. If supply current exceeds 20 Amps, the supply is cut in 2 microseconds. This electronic breaker can be reset by simply switching off and on again. The transmitter will shut down in the unlikely event that the internal heat sink reaches 100°C. The cooling fan is under the proportional control of the microcomputer and begins operation above 35°C. Any unusual operation will cause the screen to turn red and an appropriate warning will be displayed.

Specifications

RF frequency range
IF frequency range

Transmission modes
Output Power

Input and Output Impedance

Supply voltage Rx noise floor

Rx 3dB compression point Rx 3rd order Intercept point

Rx IF rejection
Rx conversion gain

Roofing filter in-band ripple

Tx 3rd order IMD Tx 5th order IMD

Tx harmonics and spurii Tx conversion gain

Power input connector

RF connectors PTT connectors USB connector Dimensions

Weight

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472 to 479 kHz

1802 to 1809 kHz (others available in the 160m band)

CW, SSB, WSPR, and all other data modes

50 Watts Continuous, 100% duty cycle @13.8V supply

50 Ohms

13.8 VDC @ 15 Amps nominal, 10-16 VDC operational

-125 dBm in 500Hz bandwidth +15 dBm (Rx attenuator out)

+8 dBm, typical at 2kHz spacing in-band.

better than 75dB +6dB nominal +/- 1.5dB

-33 dB below PEP, typical at 50W output -45dB below PEP, typical at 50W output

All better than -50dB +10dB nominal

2 x Anderson PP15/45 (one Power cable supplied) 3 x SO239 (one PL259 to PL259 cable supplied)

2 x RCA (one RCA to RCA cable supplied) Micro USB, (matching cable supplied) 320 x 120 x 76mm 12½ x 4½ x 3 inches

1.6kg 3.4 lbs