

## ST-8000 HF MODEM



The HAL ST-8000 HF Modem is a high-performance, fully adjustable modulator/demodulator for use in high frequency radio data systems. The HF Modem offers no-compromise performance to assure optimum RTTY and CW operation under all signal conditions. The user-friendly front panel controls eliminate long training periods for new station operators; operation is simple without sacrificing flexibility or performance.

The ST-8000 audio tone frequencies are fully tunable between 400 and 4000 Hz for FSK (Frequency Shift Keyed) or OOK (On-Off Keyed) applications. Receive filter and transmit tone frequencies are synthesized from a quartz oscillator under microprocessor control, assuring high stability and 1.0 Hz resolution. All tuning adjustments are easily made with front panel controls or by remote control. The operator may set either Mark and Space frequencies or Center and Shift frequencies when tuning. When the baud rate is set (10-1200 baud), the micro-processor computes and sets optimum bandwidths for the Input, Mark, Space and Low-Pass filters. Eight programmable non-volatile memories are available for retention of commonly used receive and transmit parameters. The memory controls also allow split-frequency operation, using different receive and transmit tone frequencies.

Either hard-limiting FM or AGC-controlled AM signal processing may be used, providing a very wide dynamic range in either mode. The user has a choice of four data detection modes: Mark/Space (M/S), Digital Multipath Correction (MP), Mark Only (MO), or Space Only (SO). All FSK and OOK teleprinter codes and Morse code (CW) may be demodulated by the ST-8000. Digital regeneration and code/speed conversion capability is included for serial asynchronous ASCII and Baudot codes at data rates from 45 to 1200 baud.

Front panel adjustable Print Squelch permits tailoring of the signal/no-signal threshold to your receiving system and conditions. LOS (Loss Of Signal) and PRINT indicators show squelch status. The exclusive HAL Infinite Resolution Diversity control provides a positive selection of diversity channel, based upon channel signal strength. The operator has front panel control of antispace and transmit/receive Mark/Space polarity. The transmitter PTT (Push-To-Talk) control line may be controlled manually, by the ST-8000 internal KOS (Keyboard Operated Switch), or by external control signals from the data terminal.

The tuning indicator is a 1.5" x 2.0" CRT that shows both the standard crossed-ellipse Mark-Space pattern and the exclusive HAL Spectra-Tune audio frequency spectrum display. The ST-8000 may be operated from 100-130 or 200-250VAC power lines at 44-440 Hz. The 3.5" high by 12" deep cabinet mounts in a standard 19" rack. Careful attention has been given to RFI shielding and filtering to assure reliable radio system performance.

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **INPUT DATA:**

Data Rate:	10 to 1200 baud
Frequency:	400-4000 Hz
Impedence:	8 or 600 ohms, bal. or unbal; 5K ohms, unba-
	lanced.
Dynamic Range:	-65 to +10 dBm (580 uV to 2.5 V)

#### SIGNAL PROCESSING:

Mode:	Hard-limiting FM (-54 dBm threshold)
	AGC controlled AM (-65 dBm threshold)
Input Filters:	4 filters: 6-pole <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> , <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 1 Octave tunable,
	tracked to center frequency of selected Mark
	and Space tones; 400-4000 Hz fix-tuned.
Tone Filters:	Matched 4-pole tunable filters, set to selected
	Mark and Space frequencies from 400-4000 Hz
	in 1 Hz increments. M/S filter bandwidths set
	in 32 steps, automatically tracked with Baud
	and Shift selected.

#### DATA PROCESSING:

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Detectors:	Matched full-wave active detectors. Outputs
	for Mark Only, Space Only, M/S differential,
	or Digital Multi-Path Correction
LP Filters:	Matched separate Mark and Space 7-pole
	linear phase tunable low-pass filters. Cut-off
	frequencies set by Input Baud rate control.
Antispace:	Prevents "open loop" on interference.
Print Squelch:	Adjustable Print Squelch threshold. Returns
•	to mark hold with Loss of Signal (LOS).
Diversity:	Exclusive HAL Infinite Resolution Diversity
1	Control.
Regeneration:	Dual digital UART regenerator for ASCII or
	Baudot data; also provides code and speed
	conversion (45-1200 bd).
Clock	
Recovery:	Recovered receive data clock output.
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#### **TUNING FEATURES:**

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Control:	Frequencies derived from quartz crystal syn- thesizers. Set Mark, Space, Shift, and Center frequencies, Input or Output Baud in 1 Hz or 1 Baud increments.
Modes:	BAUD — set Input or Output Baud rate SP/SH — set Space or Shift frequency MARK/Fo — set Mark or Center frequency TRACK — maintain Shift and set Mark, Space, and Fo frequencies.
Memories:	Eight — non-volatile and programmable. Each memory stores Mark, Space, Fo, Shift, Input Filter, M/S Bandwidth, LP Filter Frequency, Input Baud, Output Baud, and M/S AFSK trans- mit frequencies.
Memory	
Modes:	TX/RX variable, RX variable/TX memory, TX/RX memory.
Remote	
Control:	Separate terminal port for control of all de- modulator parameters. (Serial ASCII; 300-9600 Baud)

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#### **TRANSMIT FEATURES:**

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AFSKTones:	400 to 4000 Hz increments. Track receiver tones
	or fixed by memory selection.
AFSK Level:	-40 to $+10$ dBm (rear panel control)
Impedance:	8 or 600 ohms, bal. or unbalanced; trans-
	former coupled or DC isolated output.
PTT Control:	Relay closure to ground; internal KOS, termi-
	nal KOS control, RS232 RTS signal, or manual
	front panel control; $\pm 50V$ , 0.5 A max.
FSK Output:	Logic voltage to drive direct FSK input on trans-
	mitter. Polarity and voltage level selectable.
	(open collector, +5V or +8V for Mark or
	Space).
DISPLAYS:	
Tuning:	$1.50 \times 2.00$ inch rectangular CRT; crossed-
	ellipse Mark/Space and Exclusive HAL Spectra-
	Tune 500-3500 Hz spectra display of received
	signals; CRT beam turned off on LOS (Loss of
	Signal).
Frequency:	Three 4-digit displays show Mark or Fo, Space
1 1	or Shift, and Input or Output Baud.
LED:	Mark, Space, LOS, Print On, A or B Diversity,
	TX on, and Power on.
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INPUT/OUTPUT CON	INECTIONS:
TERMINAL	
DATA:	Shielded DB-25S socket.
	RS 232C: TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, CD, DSR, reco-
	vered RXC
	MIL-188C: TXD, RXD
	TTL: TXD, RXD
	Misc: Terminal KOS, Motor Control, FSK Out-
	put
DIVERSITY:	Shielded DE-9S socket to connect second ST-
	8000 in two-channel diversity system.
REMOTE	
CONTROL:	Sheilded DB-25S socket for serial remote con-
	trol of all front panel parameters.
RECEIVE	
AUDIO:	Stereo ¼" phone jack for audio input.
TRANSMITTER:	4-pin shielded mic. connector; transmit audio
	and PTT or transmit FSK and PTT.
POWER:	IEC AC power connector; shielded and fil-
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PHYSICAL DATA:	
Cabinet Finish:	Natural aluminum with irridite finish; black
	vinyl front panel.
Cabinet Style:	19" rack monting standard, table-top option
	with tilt-bail included.
Size:	$3.50 \text{ H} \times 12 \text{ D} \times 19 \text{ W}$ (rack mtg) ( $8.9 \times 30.5$
SILC:	$\times$ 48.3 cm)
	4.125 H $\times$ 12 D $\times$ 17 W (table case) (10.5 $\times$
	$30.5 \times 43.2$ cm)
Weight:	15 lbs (6.8 kg) net, 20 lbs (9.1 kg) shipping.
Power:	100-120 or 200-240 VAC, 44-440 Hz; 36 Watts.
Power Line	100 120 10 10 10 10 10 112, 50 Walls.
Protection:	Fused with type 3AG, 1.0 A SB Fuse; Type 1EF2
riotection.	RFI/EMI Filter (22 dB at 0.15 MHz, 49 dB at 30
	MHz).
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#### VERSIONS AND OPTIONS:

ST-8000	Standard rack-monting HF Modem
ST-8000/DC	HF Modem with 13.8VDC power input
LP-1200	Dual Current-Loop Power Supply