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# SignalOn<sup>®</sup> Series

## L-Band Splitter Module User Manual



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## Introduction

The SignalOn Series L-Band Module is designed to be installed in the 4-, 8-, or 20-position SignalOn Series chassis. Each module occupies one positions in the chassis. The mechanical dimensions, cable management, and aesthetics of the L-Band Module are compatible with the SignalOn product line. The system is designed to accommodate superior cable management and ease of use.

## Admonishments

Important safety admonishments are used throughout this manual to warn of possible hazards to persons or equipment. An admonishment identifies a possible hazard and then explains what may happen if the hazard is not avoided. The admonishments — in the form of Dangers, Warnings, and Cautions — must be followed at all times. These warnings are flagged by use of the triangular alert icon (seen below), and are listed in descending order of severity of injury or damage and likelihood of occurrence.



**Danger:** *Danger is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that **will** cause severe personal injury, death, or substantial property damage if the hazard is not avoided.*



**Warning:** *Warning is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that **can** cause severe personal injury, death, or substantial property damage if the hazard is not avoided.*



**Caution:** *Caution is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that **will** or **can** cause minor personal injury or property damage if the hazard is not avoided.*

## General Safety Precautions



**Warning:** *Wet conditions increase the potential for receiving an electrical shock when installing or using electrically-powered equipment. To prevent electrical shock, never install or use electrical equipment in a wet location or during a lightning storm.*

## Certification

SignalOn Forward Path products have been tested and found to comply with the requirements of UL 60950, and CSA 22.2 No. 0.7, emissions EN55022 radiated and conducted.

## FCC Compliance Statement

The SignalOn Forward Path Amplifier product line has been certified to comply with the requirements for class A computing devices per part 15 of the FCC regulations.



**Warning:** *This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause interference to radio communications. It has been tested and found to comply with limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when operated in a commercial environment. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference to TV and radio reception in which case the user, at their own expense, will be required to take whatever measures may be required to correct the interference.*

*This equipment does not exceed Class A limits for radio emission for digital apparatus, set out in the radio interference regulation of the authorization methods of Industry Canada. Operation in a residential area may cause unacceptable interference to TV and radio reception requiring the owner or operator to take whatever steps are necessary to correct the interference.*

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# GENERAL

## 1. General

The SignalOn system is a modular system that permits high isolation splitting and switching of headend signals in a CATV system. The system is designed to accommodate strong cable management, EMI shielding, and ease of use. This facilitates easy reconfiguration and high performance within a dynamic headend environment.

The SignalOn L-Band Splitter Module is designed for use with the SignalOn 4-position, 8-position, or 20-position chassis. All RF connections to the splitter are made through standard 75 Ohm BNC, or F connectors located on the rear. Each SignalOn Splitter Module occupies one position in a chassis. A splitter module is shown on the front of this publication. Each module can be used as either a splitter or a combiner.



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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

### 2. Product Description

L-Band microwave signals operating in the 950 MHz to 2.145 GHz frequency band are received from a satellite downlink antenna. Signals are then typically fed to multiple satellite receivers such as analog receivers, analog Integrated Receiver/Decoders or digital Integrated Receiver/Transcoders. When these multiple receiving devices are fed from the same satellite antenna, it is necessary to split the downlink signal into several equal outputs. These split signals are then fed to each receiving device individually.

Each splitter configuration has two ports that pass DC voltage(s) from the receiver(s) assigned to supply power to the Low Noise Block (LNB). Table 1 shows the power pass port assignment for each individual module type.

MODULE TYPE	DC POWER PASSING PORTS	MAXIMUM POWER RATING
2-Way	1 & 2	24 VDC at 1 Ampere
4-Way	1 & 4	24 VDC at 1 Ampere
8-Way	1 & 8	24 VDC at 1 Ampere

Table #1: Power Passing Ports

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# SPECIFICATIONS

## 3. Specifications

Specifications are noted in Table 2, and Table 3. Module specifications are given in Table 4, through Table 8.

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATIONS	REMARKS
<b>Physical</b>		
Dimensions (W × D × H)	0.8 × 3.8 × 8.5 inches (2.0 × 9.7 × 21.6 cm)	
Weight	1.4 pounds (0.6 kg)	
<b>Environmental</b>		
Operating Temperature	0°C to +50°C (+32°F to +122°F)	
Storage Temperature	−40°C to +70°C (−40°F to +158°F)	
Storage Humidity	20 to 90%	No condensation

Table #2: Physical and Environmental Specifications

DESCRIPTION	PARAMETER
DC Power (Pass through)	24 VDC at 1 Ampere Max.
Impedance	75 Ohms
Frequency Range of Operation	950 MHz to 2150 MHz
EMI (Near Field)	−100 dB Min.
EMI - Radiated and Conducted Emissions CISPR22	Class A

Table #3: Electrical Interface Specifications

ASSEMBLY TYPE 2-WAY	SPECIFICATIONS			UNITS
	950–1450 MHz	1450–1750 MHz	1750–2150 MHz	
<b>Insertion Loss Ports 1–2 to C–Port</b>	−3.7±0.5	−3.7±0.5	−3.9±0.5	dB
<b>Return Loss Min. Ports 1–2</b>	−18	−18	−16	dB
<b>Return Loss Min. Common Port</b>	−17	−17	−16	dB
<b>Isolation Min. Adjacent Ports</b>	−20	−20	−20	dB

Table #4: 2-Way Splitter Module

ASSEMBLY TYPE 4-WAY	SPECIFICATIONS			
	950–1450 MHz	1450–1750 MHz	1750–2150 MHz	UNITS
Insertion Loss Ports 1–4 to C-Port	-6.8±0.5	-6.8±0.5	-7.1±0.5	dB
Return Loss Min. Ports 1–4	-18	-18	-16	dB
Return Loss Min. Common Port	-17	-17	-16	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Ports	-20	-20	-20	dB

Table #5: 4-Way Splitter Module

ASSEMBLY TYPE 8-WAY	SPECIFICATIONS			
	950–1450 MHz	1450–1750 MHz	1750–2150 MHz	UNITS
Insertion Loss Ports 1–8 to C-Port	-10.3±0.5	-10.6±0.5	-11.0±0.5	dB
Return Loss Min. Ports 1–8	-18	-16	-16	dB
Return Loss Min. Common Port	-17	-17	-16	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Ports	-20	-20	-20	dB

Table #6: 8-Way Splitter Module

ASSEMBLY TYPE 3 CIRCUIT 2-WAY	SPECIFICATIONS			
	950–1450 MHz	1450–1750 MHz	1750–2150 MHz	UNITS
Insertion Loss Ports 1–8 to C-Port	-3.7±0.5	-3.7±0.5	-3.9±0.5	dB
Return Loss Min. Ports 1–8	-18	-16	-16	dB
Return Loss Min. Common Port	-17	-17	-16	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Ports	-20	-20	-20	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Circuits	-70	-70	-70	dB

Table #7: 3 Circuit 2-Way Splitter Module

ASSEMBLY TYPE 2 CIRCUIT 4-WAY	SPECIFICATIONS			
	950–1450 MHz	1450–1750 MHz	1750–2150 MHz	UNITS
Insertion Loss Ports 1–8 to C-Port	-6.8±0.5	-6.8±0.5	-7.1±0.5	dB
Return Loss Min. Ports 1–8	-18	-18	-16	dB
Return Loss Min. Common Port	-17	-17	-16	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Ports	-20	-20	-20	dB
Isolation Min. Adjacent Circuits	-70	-70	-70	dB

Table #8: 2 Circuit 4-Way Splitter Module

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# INSTALLATION

## 4. Installation

Each splitter module occupies a single slot in the chassis. Use the following procedure to install modules in the SignalOn Series chassis.

1. Make sure the ATX logo (or any other front panel lettering) is readable. Slide the plug-in module into its designated location in the chassis.



**Warning:** *Never install equipment in a wet location or during a lightning storm.*

2. Secure the module using its two captive retaining screws.
3. After each module is loaded into the chassis, refer to your work order, and connect the designated RF cables to the appropriate BNC or F connectors on the modules in the chassis.
4. Carefully route cables through the cable management slots located on each side of the rear of the chassis. Use the cable management guidelines found in this manual to route cable from the chassis to the rack/cabinet.
5. Perform any cabling or operational tests required at your facility.

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## SERVICE & SUPPORT

### 5. Service & Support

#### 5.1. Contact ATX Networks

Please contact ATX Technical Support for assistance with any ATX products. Please contact ATX Customer Service to obtain a valid RMA number for any ATX products that require service and are in or out-of-warranty before returning a failed module to the factory.

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#### 5.2. Warranty Information

All of ATX Networks' products have a 1-year warranty that covers manufacturer's defects or failures.

#### 5.3. Safety

**IMPORTANT! FOR YOUR PROTECTION, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**

**WATER AND MOISTURE:** Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into the enclosure through openings.

**POWER SOURCES:** The device should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the device.

**GROUNDING OR POLARIZATION:** Precautions should be taken so that the grounding or polarization means of the device is not defeated.

**POWER CORD PROTECTION:** Power supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the device.

**SERVICING:** The user should not attempt to service the device beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel.

**FUSING:** If your device is equipped with a fused receptacle, replace only with the same type fuse. Refer to replacement text on the unit for correct fuse type.



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