# 64 x 64 Vortex L-band Combining Switch Matrix / Router Low noise \& enhanced RF performance 

## Typical applications:

- Live news \& sport traffic for larger teleports.
- High capacity signal monitoring of satellite traffic.
- RF content acquisition for TVRO \& IPTV headends.
- Remote controlled unmanned satcom sites.

ETL's Vortex Extended L-band matrix has been redesigned to now offer an extremely compact form factor, and enhanced RF performance. Vortex uses leading edge technology switching cards, giving excellent RF performance in a compact chassis. The VTXC-101 benefits from a low noise figure.


850-2150 MHz
operating frequency range
Improved RF Performance including especially low noise figure.

Expansion in blocks of 16 or with additional matrix modules for larger systems


Resilience from dual redundant power supplies \& CPU modules
Minimal impact from failure with hot-swap RF cards, power supplies, CPU \& fans
Compact up to 64 inputs \& 64 outputs housed in a 5 U high chassis

Local control \& monitoring via front panel capacitive touchscreen

## Secure

Communications with SNMPv3, HTTPS
Remote control \&
monitoring via RJ45 Ethernet port with SNMPv3 \& web browser interface

Self diagnostics with continuous monitoring of amplifiers, CPU's \& PSU's

Note: Rear image shows distributive model


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Technical specifications and operating parameters

| General Parameters |  |  |  |  |  | Environmental |  |  |  |
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| Capacity |  | 64 inputs x 64 outputs. (Can be configured in steps of 16 from $16 \times 16$ to $64 \times 64$ in symmetric and asymmetric configurations). |  |  |  | Operating Temperature |  | 0 to $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Routing |  | Combining, non-blocking |  | Many inputs can be routed to each output |  | Gain Stability versus Temperature |  | $0.05 \mathrm{~dB} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
|  |  | Location | Indoor use only |  |
| Frequency Range |  |  |  | $850-2150 \mathrm{MHz}$ | Storage Temperature |  | $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Switching Time |  | $<50 \mathrm{~ms}$ |  |  |  | From receipt of a command to implementation of path change |  | Humidity |  | 20 to 90\% non-condensing |  |
|  |  | Altitude | operational | 10,000 ft AMSL (above mean sea level) |  |  |  |
| Input RF Power |  |  | +20dBm |  | Absolute maximum |  | storage | 30,000 ft AMSL (above mean sea level) |  |
| RF Parameters |  |  |  |  |  | Power |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | PSU Power |  | $85-264 \mathrm{Vac} 50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | Fused 2A |
| RF Connectors \& Impedances |  | $50 \Omega$ SMA | $50 \Omega \mathrm{BNC}$ | $75 \Omega$ BNC | $75 \Omega$ F-type | AC Consumption |  | 350W | Max. consumption at steady state |
| Gain <br> (Typical, mean across band) |  | $0 \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $0 \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $0 \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $0 \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$ | Reliability |  |  |  |
| Gain Flatness | Full band | $\pm 1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 2.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 2.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ | PSU |  | Dual redundant \& alarmed Hot-swap |  |
|  | Any 36MHz | $\pm 0.30 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 0.30 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 0.50 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\pm 0.50 \mathrm{~dB}$ | CPU |  | Dual redundant Hot-swap |  |
| Input Return Loss | Typical | 20 dB | 20 dB | 14 dB | 14 dB |  |  |  |  |
|  | Minimum | 12 dB | 12 dB | 8 dB | 8 dB | Input Cards |  | Hot-swap |  |
| Output Return Loss | Typical | 20 dB | 20 dB | 14 dB | 14 dB | Output Cards |  | Hot-swap |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Matrix Cards |  | Hot-swap |  |
|  | Minimum | 14 dB | 12 dB | 8 dB | 8 dB | MTTR |  | 20 minutes <br> 15 minutes to retrieve spare part \& 5 minutes to replace |  |
| Isolation (Minimum between any two ports) | I/P - I/P | 75 dB |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | O/P - O/P | 75 dB |  |  |  | MTBF (H | Chassis | >250,000 chassis excludes HMI \& RF cards |  |
|  | I/P - O/P | 60 dB |  |  |  |  | Switch Card | >250,000 |  |
| Noise <br> Figure <br> (Typical, with one input routed to one output) | Typical | 12 dB |  |  |  |  | Divider Card | >300,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Matrix Card | >100,000 |  |
|  | Maximum | 16 dB |  |  |  |  | System Control \& Monitoring |  |  |  |
| 1 dB GCP <br> Output power. |  | Typ. -3 dBm |  |  |  | Local Control \& Monitoring |  | Via Front Panel HMI capacitive touchscreen |  |
|  |  | Remote Control \& Monitoring |  | Ethernet via RJ45, 10BaseT/100BaseTx <br> ETL TCPIIP protocol <br> SNMPv3 <br> HTTPS <br> Built-in Web Server |  |  |  |  |
| OIP3 <br> 3rd order intercept point, output power | Typical |  |  | 12 dBm |  |  |  |
|  | Minimum | 10 dBm |  |  |  | Alarms |  | Via Ethernet (RJ45) |  |
| OIP2 <br> 2nd order intercept point, output power | Typical | 24 dBm |  |  |  | Physical |  |  |  |
|  | Minimum | 20 dBm |  |  |  | Dimensions |  | 5 U high $\times 550 \mathrm{~mm}$ deep $\times 19$ " wide |  |
| Group Delay |  | $\leq 1 \mathrm{~ns}$ <br> Variation across the operational bandwidth. |  |  |  | Weight |  | 40 kg |  |
|  |  | Colour | RAL9003 - White (semi-matte) |  |  |  |  |

Note 1: The specification is subject to regular reviews and will be updated from time to time as part of our continuing product development and improved spec accuracy.
Note 2: Operation beyond the quoted limits stated above may cause instantaneous and permanent damage.
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