

GPS-12RG

GLONASS/GPS-Controlled Rubidium Frequency Standard

- GLONASS and GPS-disciplined Rubidium clock for near-Cesium stability
- Frequency and timing outputs are traceable to both GPS and GLONASS
- Use of both GLONASS and GPS gives better signal coverage
- Internal battery option for ultimate stability during transportation and mains-free field use
- 5 & 10 MHz outputs standard for metrology use
- 1-pps timing output
- 1.544 or 2.048 MHz outputs for telecom applications



The Pendulum GPS-12RG Portable Reference clock is an ultra-stable GLONASS and GPS-disciplined Rubidium reference, targeted for both laboratory and telecommunications applications. The built-in battery option enables transportation of lab accuracy to field applications. When locked to GLONASS and/or GPS, its near-Cesium performance makes the GPS-12RG an ideal calibrator for metrology and test systems.

Very high stability

The GPS-12RG is a very precise GLONASS- and GPS-controlled Rubidium reference clock for various telecom and metrology applications. In its standard configuration, the 10 MHz or 5 MHz outputs provides a calibration reference and a reference for other measurement instruments in the lab or in the test rack.

The combined use of both GLONASS and GPS received signals, improves the geographic coverage and leads to a better signal reception also in urban areas, and for field use.

Its telecom outputs can be set to either 1.544 MHz (T1) or 2.048 MHz (E1) reference clock outputs, for calibration or synchronization of telecom test instruments and network elements.

The 1-pps output provides an ultra-stable timing reference, with excellent hold-over specifications (less than 1 ms after 24h hold-over). This is useful in applications where timing is critical, like synchronization of DAB, DVB or WCDMA transmitters or for synchronization of radar antenna array systems.

Optional configurations

The GPS-12RG is equipped with both metrology and telecom clock frequencies as standard. There are three 10 MHz and one 5 MHz outputs, plus two user selectable front-panel telecom outputs (1.544 MHz/T1 or 2.048 MHz/E1), plus a 1-pps (1-pulse-per-second) output.

There are also additional optional output frequency possibilities like extra 1, 5 and 10 MHz outputs or extra telecom outputs of 2.048/1.544 MHz and 2.048/1.544 Mbps.

Truly portable

The GPS-12RG is compact, lightweight and has an internal battery option to maintain stability during transportation or to allow field use without access to AC mains for over 2 hours.

It is now possible to transport an atomic frequency standard into the field and have instant access to the full stability, with zero warm-up time.

The GPS-12RG provides a portable reference clock for ALL kinds of instrumentation. It can also be used as a permanent ultra-stable in-house frequency reference for R&D, test systems, or manufacturing.

Flexible and easy-to-use

Its configurable alarm outputs give urgent or non-urgent alarms for hardware failures, loss of Rubidium oscillator lock, entering Hold-over mode, and more.

User settings and display are selectable for six languages.

The GPS-12RG is an excellent metrology reference for calibration of test equipment such as Wandermeters (WM-11 from Pendulum Instruments), SDH/SONET network analyzers, and general test and measurement equipment time bases.

Distribution systems

The GPS-12RG can be used with Pendulum Instruments' distribution amplifier systems, to distribute the ultra-stable reference from GPS-12RG. The DA-35 and DA-36 distribute the reference signal via optical fibers over long distances (up to 2 km) to other rooms, floors or even buildings. This fiber distribution is free from electromagnetic noise pick-up and ground current loops. Pendulum also offer the 900-series; a very flexible system for distribution of both reference frequencies and 1-pps timing signals over coax cables, with optional full redundancy master-slave switching.

GPS-12RG Technical Specifications

GPS-12RG Frequency stability

Frequency stability

(Allan dev.), at temperature 20° - 26° C:

$<2 \times 10^{-12}$ ($t = 24h$), locked to GPS

$<5 \times 10^{-12}$ ($t = 100s$)

$<1.7 \times 10^{-11}$ ($t = 10s$)

$<5 \times 10^{-11}$ ($t = 1s$)

Phase noise: -140 dBc/Hz @ 10 kHz offset

Warm up (+25°C): 10 minutes to 1×10^{-9} (typ.)

Frequency stability - Hold-over

Aging/month: $<5 \times 10^{-11}$

Temp. (0°C - 50°C): $<1 \times 10^{-10}$

Standard Outputs

1.544 MHz or 2.048 MHz (2 front-panel outputs, user selectable):

Connectors: BNC female (2)

Frequency: 1.544 MHz (T1) or 2.048 MHz (E1) square wave, user selectable on the front panel

Output level: -1.2V to +1.2V $\pm 10\%$ in 75 W (G.703:10)

3x 10 MHz and 1x 5 MHz (rear panel)

Connector: BNC female

Output level: Sine wave, $>1V$ rms in 50 W load

1 pps (1 front-panel output):

Connector: BNC female

Output level: approx. 0 V to +2.0V in 50 W load

Duty cycle: approx. 20% (GPS-locked)

Jitter (GPS-locked): <1 ns rms relative to UTC or GPS (position hold)

Hold-over accuracy: approx. 1 μ s drift after 1 day of Hold-over

Alarm output (rear):

Signal coding: relay open: alarm mode;
relay closed: normal mode

1 urgent output

1 non-urgent output

Max switching voltage: 60 Vdc

Max switching current: 200 mA

GPS Antenna Input (rear)

Connector: Type 'N', female

DC Antenna Supply: +5 VDC, center-pin positive, through 'N' connector

Options Available

Option 70B outputs

Frequency: 3x 10 MHz, 1x 5 MHz

Output level: Sine wave, $>1V$ rms in 50 W

Option 71B outputs

Frequency: 0.1, 1, 5, 10 MHz

Output level: Sine wave, $>1V$ rms in 50 W

Option 72B

2x 2.048 MHz and 2x 2.048 Mbps (G.703)

Option 74B

2x 1.544 MHz and 2x 1.544 Mbps (G.703)

Option 78

Internal battery (2h) and an inlet for +12 VDC external power supply/charging

Antenna (option 01/90)

Type: active, combined GLONASS/GPS L1 band; 1575-1615 MHz

Dimensions: 100mm x 45 mm

Temperature range: -40 °C to +85 °C

Gain: >30 dB

Environmental

Temperature: 0°C to +50°C (operating)

-40°C to +70°C (storage)

Internal temperature controlled fan

Safety: Compliant to CE: EN 61010-1 2nd edition, Cat II, Pollution degree 2

EMI: Compliant to CE: EN61326-1 (1997)

Power consumption

Line voltage: 100V to 240Vrms ($\pm 10\%$); 50 Hz to 400 Hz ($\pm 10\%$)

$<60W$ during warm-up, $<35W$ during normal operation

Optional external DC supply:

+12 VDC (option 78)

Optional Battery

Via internal NiMH battery, capacity 45 Wh, $>2h$ operation, external 12 VDC connector for charging and continuous operation (option 78)

Frequency Stability: $<2 \times 10^{-12}$ when switching between any power source; AC MAINS, internal battery, or external +12 VDC.

Mechanical Data

WxHxD: 210 x 108 x 395 mm (8.25" x 3.6" x 15.6")

Weight: Net 3,1 kg (6.6 lbs); excl batteries

Shipping 4.1 kg (8.8 lbs); excl batteries

Ordering information

GPS-12RG: Glonass/GPS-controlled Rubidium Frequency Standard with 3x 10 MHz, 1x 5 MHz, 1x 1 pps, and 2x 1.544 MHz or 2.048 MHz outputs

Included with shipment

User manual on CD

Calibration certificate

18 months warranty

Built-in options

Option 70B: 3x 10MHz plus 1x 5MHz extra outputs, sine, 1Vrms

Option 71B: Multiple reference outputs 0.1/1/5/10 MHz, sine, 1Vrms

Option 72B: 2x 2.048 MHz outputs plus 2 x 2.048 Mbps outputs

Option 74B: 2x 1.544 MHz outputs plus 2 x 1.544 Mbps outputs

Option 78: Internal Battery and external +12 VDC power supply inlet

Optional accessories

Option 22/90: 19" rack mount kit

Option 27: Soft carrying case

Option 27H: Heavy-duty transport case

Option 01/00: GPS only (L1) Antenna

Option 01/90: Combined Glonass/GPS Antenna

Option 01/50: GPS Antenna Mounting Kit

Option 02: Antenna cable, 20m

Option 02/50: Antenna cable, 50 m

Option 02/130: Antenna cable, 130 m

Option 90/10: Calibration certificate with protocol

Option 90/00: Calibration certificate hold-over ageing/week

Option 95/03: Extended warranty to 3 years

Option 95/05: Extended warranty to 5 years

OM-12: Printed Users Manual (PDF-file is included as standard)

Specifications subject to change without notice

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