



# DA1-100-10: 1 MHz -100 MHz Wide Band Distribution Amplifier



## Key Features

- 1 -100 MHz Wideband Operation, or narrow bands such as 5 MHz, 10 MHz etc.
- AGC Level Controlled. Output level remains stable to 0.02 dB even if input varies from +7 to +20 dBm.
- Five, Ten or Fifteen sinewave outputs. Each output can be independently set to 0 dBm to > +12 dBm.
- Alarm monitoring. All outputs have alarm monitoring. Indication by LEDs or rear panel DC outputs.
- Ultra low phase noise. Typically -130 dBm @ 1 Hz with floor noise to -171 dBc/Hz available.
- 90 dB channel isolation and 130 dB reverse isolation. Protects reference input and prevents cross-talk.
- Optional second frequency “Back-up” input. Automatically switched in if first input fails.
- Optional internal back-up oscillator. Automatically switched in if external input fails.
- Optional Redundancy (two units with automatic switchover)
- Many other options and customized options.

## General Description

The DA1-100-10 is a wide band distribution amplifier with a wide bandwidth of 1 MHz to 100 MHz (usable to 150 MHz). It can be used to synchronize up to fifteen instruments to a frequency reference input. The reference input will typically be an OXCO, Rubidium, Caesium or Hydrogen Maser Frequency Standard. Typical frequencies are 5 and 10 MHz, but any frequency from 1 MHz to 100 MHz can be used.

The DA1-100-10 has features not found in any competitive unit. This makes the DA1-100-10 the industries leading distribution amplifier.

The DA1-100-10 has outstanding phase noise. Therefore the DA1-100-10 will not add any noise to the reference input.

Phase noise is typically <-130 dBc @ 1 Hz. This low phase noise enables units to be cascaded for over 1000 outputs.

## Amplifier with Gain and Automatic Gain Control (AGC)

Unlike most competitive units, the DA1-100-10 accepts inputs from +7 dBm to +20 dBm and provides an output of 0 dBm to +10 dBm (+13 dBm with > +10 dBm input). The output will not vary with input variations. This is very useful when long cable runs are being used or equipment have different input level requirements. Lower input levels ranges are also available. Input ranges can span -20 dBm to +30 dBm.

## Outputs

There are five, ten or fifteen sinewave outputs with a bandwidth from 1 to 100 MHz (usable to 150 MHz). Each output is completely isolated from the input and each other. Therefore the reference oscillator connected to the DA1-100-10's input is protected against load variations, short circuits etc. that may be applied to the outputs.

Channel to channel isolation is > 90 dB at 10 MHz and > 65 dB at 100 MHz. Output to input isolation is > 130 dB at 10 MHz and > 100 dB at 100 MHz.

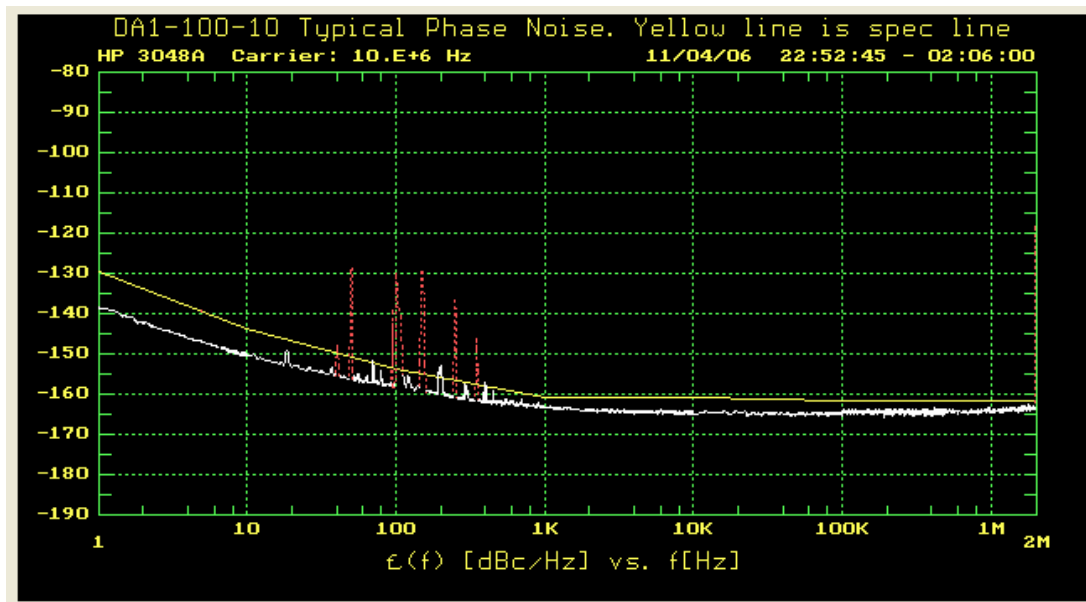
Each output port can be independently set to any level from 0 to > +10 dBm on the standard unit and outputs to +13 dBm to +20 dBm are optional available.

Over 1000 outputs can be obtained without any significant increase in close-in phase noise.

## Phase Noise

The DA1-100-10 has very low phase noise. This enables units to be connected in series without adding any appreciable noise to the reference input. With only three DA1-100-10's in series, up to 1000 outputs can be derived from one reference input.

A typical plot of phase noise is shown below. The yellow line is the DA1-100-10's specifications. The red lines are spurious outputs. These spurs are all line related (50 or 60 Hz) and are present in any equipment connected to the AC 115 or 230 VAC supply. The white line is the actual phase noise. The far out noise (offsets > 1 kHz) can even be improved upon by careful selection of the output level and amplifier gain. Floor noise to -171 dBc/Hz is achievable. Contact Precision Test for details.



## Phase Stable with matched outputs

The wide frequency bandwidth allows the outputs to have stable phase. The phase stability is 10 ps/°C. Also the delay match between outputs is better than 2.2 ns overall and typically less than 500 ps between groups of five outputs.

## Alarms

Every output has alarm monitoring. Should the RF level drop on any output, an alarm will be raised. Also front panel LED's shows the status of the alarms. The alarm signals are also available on the rear panel.

## Applications

The DA1-100-10 Distribution Amplifier is ideal for use in calibration or standard laboratories, space research, satellite systems, communication systems or anywhere where ultimate performance is needed.

## Miscellaneous Information

The DA1-100-10 is a highly reliable unit. The DA1-100-10 is housed in a fully screened 19" rack mount case and operates from a 100 to 240 VAC supply (usable 90 to 260 VAC). The DA1-100-10 is CE marked for sale within the EEC.

## Options and Other Amplifiers available from Precision Test Systems

- Fully isolated outputs. Useful in preventing ground loops on long cable runs.
- Squarewave outputs. Either at the same frequency as the input, or at different frequencies.
- Multiplied or divided outputs. E.g. 10 MHz, input with 5 MHz output. 10 MHz input with 100 MHz output. Any type of multiplication / division can be incorporated.
- Low pass filter on outputs. This reduces the harmonic output.
- Guaranteed phase noise specifications. Measured phase noise specifications supplied with unit.
- Higher output levels, up to +20 dBm.
- Different amplifier gains allowing different input levels from -20 dBm to +30 dBm to be accommodated.
- Additional five or ten outputs, giving fifteen outputs in all
- External DC Power Input. The DA1-100-10 can also have an external 12VDC input (12 - 15 VDC). This can be used to provide back up power. If AC power is lost, the DA1-100-10 will immediately switch to the 12VDC supply.
- Redundancy. Two units operate together. If one unit fails, the outputs are automatically switched to the secondary unit.
- Internal backup oscillator. This oscillator is automatically enabled should the input signal fail. The oscillator can be specified in any frequency from 1 to 100 MHz.
- Two reference inputs. Each reference input will have five isolated outputs derived from it. So the DA1-100-10 can operate at two different frequencies at the same time. E.g. 1 MHz and 5 MHz, 5 MHz and 10 MHz.



DA1-100-10 Rear view (with option 04 TNC Connectors).

Precision Test Systems also manufactures the PTS50 and DA1010 series of distribution amplifiers. These models are lower cost alternatives to the DA1-100-10 but still give very good performance.

### DA1-100-10 SPECIFICATIONS

Specification Parameter	Specification	Comments
<b>Input</b>		
Frequency	1 MHz to 100 MHz	Wideband Frequency Input
Bandwidth (2 MHz - 100 MHz)	$\pm 1.5$ dB (typically $\pm 1$ dB)	( $\pm 3$ dB from 1 to 150 MHz)
Impedance	50 $\Omega$	
Input VSWR	< 1.50	Slave output terminated in 50 $\Omega$
Input Level	+7 dBm to +20 dBm	AGC Controlled. Optional lower inputs
<b>Sinewave Outputs</b>		
Output Waveform	Sinewave	50 $\Omega$ BNC Connector on rear panel
Output Frequency	Exactly the same as the input	

Output VSWR	< 1.15: 1 @ 10 MHz	<1.8:1 @ 100 MHz
Output level (individually adjustable)	Adjustable 0 dBm to > +10 dBm	0 dBm to +13 dBm with > +10 dBm input
Output Level Stability	< 0.05 dB / °C	Typically < 0.02 dB / °C
Harmonic Distortion (10 dBm input)	-25 dBc	Typically -35 dBc @ 10 MHz
Spurious Outputs (> 500 kHz)	-125 dBc	Typical
Channel to Channel Isolation	> 90 dB @ 10 MHz.	> 60 dB @ 100 MHz
Input to Output Isolation	> 130 dB @10 MHz	> 105 dB @ 100 MHz
Delay match between outputs	< 2.5 ns (<500 ps / 5)	< 500 ps within group of 5 outputs
Temperature Stability of delay	10 ps/°C	
<b>Slave Output</b>		
Slave Output	Passive output derived from input	Level = input level - 7 dB.
<b>Allan Variance</b>		
Allan Variance	< 5 x 10 <sup>-14</sup> (1 sec)	Calculated from phase noise
<b>Phase Noise &amp; Broadband Noise</b>		
Phase Noise (dBc/Hz)	-130 / -144 / -154 / -160 / -161 / -162	1 /10 / 100 /1k /10k/100k Hz offsets
Phase Noise (dBc/Hz) typical with +10 dB Input and +10 dBm Output	-134 / -148 / -157 / -162 / -163 / -164	1 /10 / 100 /1k /10k/100k Hz offsets. Options to -171 dBc available.
<b>General</b>		
Power (AC)	100 - 240 VAC (usable 90 - 260)	50 Watts max
Size and weight	483 x 300 x 44 mm and 2.8 kg	Width x Depth x Height
Ambient Operating Temperature	-10°C to +40 °C	
Alarm Output	Alarm Outputs on rear panel	
<b>Options (not all options can be fitted at the same time)</b>		
Option 01	Dual changeover alarm relay	Activated in the event of an alarm
Option 02A	Ground Isolated Input	
Option 02B	Ground Isolated Outputs	
Option 03	Redundancy	Requires two units
Option 09	Additional five sinewave outputs	15 o/p's in all. AGC range 10-19dBm
Option 10	Squarewave outputs	TTL/CMOS or ECL output levels
Option 11	Divided frequency output	E.g. 2.048 MHz, 5 MHz
Option 12	Multiplied output	E.g. x 10, x 100
Option 13	Low Pass filter on output	Improved harmonic rejection
Option 14	External 12VDC input	Operates from 12.0 to 15.0 VDC
Option 15	Internal temperature controlled fan for increased ambient temp.	Allows operation to 50 °C
Option 16-XXX	Internal backup oscillator	XXX = frequency in MHz.
Option 17-XXX	Different Gain Levels	Customer to advise gain requirement
Option 19	Second External Input	Automatic switchover if 1 <sup>st</sup> input is lost
Option 20	Two reference inputs	With two sets of five outputs
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