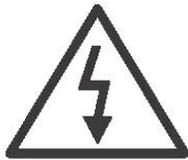




INSTALLATION MANUAL

CTA-35-1000PR Wall Mount Distribution Amplifier

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

WARNING : TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE. DO NOT OPEN THE CABINET, REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ONLY.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

This package contains:

- One CTA-35-1000PR Wall Mount Distribution Amplifier
- One CTA-35-1000PR Installation Manual

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The CTA-35-1000PR is a wall mount push-pull amplifier producing signals with extremely low distortion and harmonic content. The unit is capable of full channel operation from 54MHz to 1000 MHz. The CTA-35-1000PR's low-noise and low distortion specs allow it to be used in large networks requiring amplifier cascading. Key features include: adjustable slope control, adjustable gain control, input and output test ports, easy access controls, and shielded RFI enclosures.

SPECIFICATIONS

CTA-35-1000PR

Wall Mount Distribution Amplifier Specifications (Typical)

RF	
1. Bandwidth	54-1000 MHz
2. Gain	35 dB
3. Gain Adjust Range	0 – 16 dB variable
4. Flatness	±1 dB maximum (54-1000MHz)
5. Input Capability 1 dB Compression	29 dBmV @ 55.25MHz
6. Noise Figure	7 dB (54-1000MHz)
7. Maximum Output Level per Channel	40 dBmV minimum @70 channel load
8. Composite Second Order	-57 dBC
9. Composite Triple Beat	-57 dBC
10. Return Loss In	12 dB @75Ω
11. Return Loss Out	12 dB @75Ω
12. Test Ports	-20 dB
GENERAL	
1.Power Requirements	117 VAC, 60Hz, 30W
2.Operating Temperature	32 °F ~ 122 °F
3.Connectors	All "F" Type
MECHANICAL	
1.Dimensions	9" (W) x 5.4" (H) x 2" (D)
2.Weight	3 lbs

– INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

NOTE TO SYSTEM INSTALLER

System installer must adhere to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to *the grounding system of the building*, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

1. UNPACKING and HANDLING

Each unit is shipped with all equipment assembled, and factory tested.

Ensure that all accessories are removed from the container before discarding packing material

2. MECHANICAL INSPECTION

Inspect the front and rear of the equipment for shipping damage. Make sure the equipment is clean, and no connectors are broken, damaged, or loose. If equipment appears to be damaged or defective please contact us at 1-610-429-1511 for assistance.

3. PRODUCT DIAGRAM



1	Gain Adjust	For RF gain adjustment
2	Tilt Adjust	For Slope adjustment over the entire bandwidth
3	Input	Input RF signal
4	Output	Amplified RF signal available for output
5	-20 dB Input Test Port	Input test port to monitor input level to the amplifier
6	-20 dB Output Test Port	Output test port for amplifier setup and monitoring
7	Power Cable	For connection to a 120 VAC, 60Hz outlet

4. HARDWARE CONNECTIONS

- a. Mount the CTA-35-1000PR securely onto a wall or equipment rack using screws or bolts through the mounting tabs.
- b. Connect a 75ohm coaxial cable with F-connectors from the RF source output to CTA-35-1000PR's Input port.
- c. Connect a 75ohm coaxial cable with F-connectors from the CTA-35-1000PR's Output port to the RF distribution network.
- d. Terminate the Input Test port with a Cabletronix F-59T terminator when not in use.
- e. Terminate the Output Test port with a Cabletronix F-59T terminator when not in use.
- f. Connect the CTA-35-000PR to an appropriate power source capable of powering this device. Be certain that power source is capable of handling the load if the CTA-35-1000PR and other equipment are being powered by it.

5. ADJUSTMENT

The chart below shows the proper operation levels for the CTA-35-1000PR. Note the listed performance criteria are for specific numbers of channels, and must be de-rated accordingly when inserting additional channels. However, the amplifier's gain does not change. Therefore, as the number of channels increases from seven (7) channels, the input level and the output level must be reduced. Exceeding the input levels listed below will product intermodulation and picture distortion.

Number Of Channels	Maximum Level Input (dB)	Maximum Level Output (dB)
7	36	65
12	33	57
36	24	50
54	16	46
77	13	44

Connect an RF spectrum analyzer or signal level meter to the CTA-35-1000PR's Input Test port.

Turn the CTA-35-1000PR's Gain Adjust control to achieve the input and output levels identified above. Additional attenuators may be needed to further reduce the input level.

The CTA-35-1000PR's Tilt Adjust control should be used to set the appropriate slope per system specifications. Note that the Tilt Adjust allows the adjustment of the gain-to-frequency

characteristic of the amplifier.

When making adjustments always apply the following principles:

- ✓ Input signal levels should ALWAYS exceed the noise figure of the amplifier by 3 to 6 dB.
- ✓ The primary purpose of tilt (equalization) in a cable TV plant is to compensate for the slope generated in coaxial cable between the high and low TV frequencies. When various TV channels, with respect to frequency, are transmitted through coaxial cable they are subjected to increasing attenuation (loss). Simply put, as the frequencies of the TV carriers are increased, attenuation loss (dB) increases. A variable tilt control is installed in this amplifier to compensate for this slope in cable resulting in a flat frequency response at the output

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- a. Ensure you are using quality multiple shielded cables with quality radial or compression F-connectors.
- b. Ensure the F-connector's center conductor is making solid contact with the CTA-35-1000PR's Input and Output ports, and the appropriate RF source and RF distribution network connectors.
- c. When taking measurements it is always best to use an RF spectrum analyzer or quality signal level meter. Initially, level measurements should be taken from the CTA-35-1000PR's Output port. However, for testing while the amplifier is in service use the Input Test and Output Test ports for setup and field maintenance. Note that each Test port is padded down -20 dB and the 20 dB must be added back in when determining level settings and output.

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