



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FRDA Series

Fiber Optic Receiver/Distribution Amplifiers

Model	Stock No.
FRDA-S4A-860-FA	7400-P84-B
FRDA-S4A-860-SA	7400-P84-BS

WARNING!

The optical emission from the units are laser-based and may present eye hazards if improperly used. As always, be careful when working with optical fibers. Fibers can cause painful injury if they penetrate the skin.

**NEVER USE ANY KIND OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENT
TO VIEW THE OPTICAL OUTPUT OF THE UNIT.**

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Warning!

The optical emissions from the units are laser-based and present eye hazards.

Follow all safety precautions.



INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION EMITTED FROM END OF FIBER OR CONNECTION. AVOID EXPOSURE TO BEAM. Class 3B Laser Product IEC-60825 1993 Max. Output: 30mW Wavelength: 1.3µm

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER FROM THIS UNIT. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Safety Precautions

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Laser Safety Procedures

ALWAYS read the product data sheet and the laser safety label before powering the product. Note the operating wavelength, optical output power, and safety classifications.

If safety goggles or other eye protection are used, be certain that the protection is effective at the wavelength(s) emitted by the device under test **BEFORE** applying power.

ALWAYS connect a fiber to the output of the device **BEFORE** power is applied. Power should never be applied without an attached fiber output. If the device has a connector output, a connector should be attached that is connected to a fiber. This ensures that all light is confined within the fiber waveguide, virtually eliminating all potential hazard.

NEVER look in the end of a fiber to see if light is coming out. **NEVER!** Most fiber optic laser wavelengths (1310 nm and 1550 nm) are totally invisible to the unaided eye and will cause permanent damage. Shorter wavelength lasers (e.g. 780 nm) are visible and are very damaging. Always use instruments, such as an optical power meter, to verify light output.

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER look into the end of a fiber on a power device with **ANY** sort of magnifying device. This includes microscopes, eye loupes, and magnifying glasses. This **WILL** cause permanent, irreversible burn on your retina. Always double check that power is disconnected before using such devices. If possible, completely disconnect the unit from any power source.

If you have questions about laser safety procedures, please call Blonder Tongue before powering your product.

Laser safety classes for the FRDA are as follows:

Class	Wavelength Range	Optical Power Accession Limits
IIIb	180 nm to 400 nm 400 nm to 10 ⁶ nm	Varies with λ and exposure time. 0.5 Watt

Storing the Unit

If a unit is to be out of use for an extended period of time, the following steps should be taken to ensure the preservation of the unit:

1. The storage temperature range is -20°C to +70°C.
2. A low humidity environment is preferable for long term storage.
3. All connectors should be covered with active device receptacle caps.

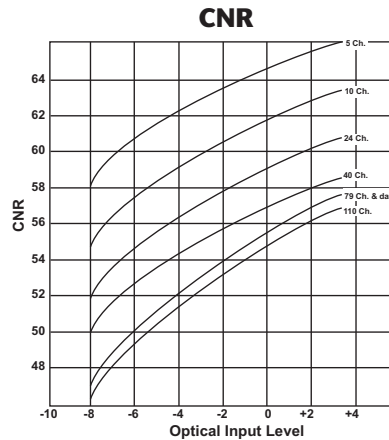
Description

The FRDA is a fiber optic receiver integrated with the Blonder Tongue BIDA distribution amplifier. The FRDA may be used as a launch amplifier in a coaxial distribution network after networking with fiber. The fiber receiver provides a robust system for transferring 110 channels VSB/AM modulated signals over a single mode fiber. The FRDA operates with the FIBT Series of transmitters as well as with the transmitters of many other leading manufacturers. The FRDA can transfer 79 channels of VSB/AM signals, plus 57 digital QAM channels in the upper frequency range.

Specifications-LINK(d) @ 25°C, Single-mode Fiber (Typical)

Optical

Bandwidth: 47 to 860 MHz
 Bandpass Flatness: 1.5 dB P/V
 Operating Wavelength: 1310/1550 nm
 Optical Input Range: -4.0 to +3.0 dBm
 Output Impedance: 75 Ohm
 CNR -1 dBm Input, 110 Ch. Load: 53 dB
 Input Connector: FRDA=FA: FC/APC
 FRDA=SA: SC/APC



Distribution Amplifier

Impedance - All Ports: 75 Ohm
 Return Loss Output: 16 dB
 Test Port: -30, ±2 dB
 Gain Control Range: 10 dB
 Slope Control Range: 8 dB
 Operating Temperature: -20 to +45°C
 Power Supply Requirements 117 VAC, 60 Hz: 28 W
 Size (W x H x L): 7.25 x 3.25 x 10.25 in., 18.42 x 8.26 x 26.04 cm
 Weight: 5.75 lbs., 2.61 kg
 Number Of Hybrids: 2
 Hybrid Technology: Power Doubling

Varying Specifications

	FRDA-860
Channel Loading:	110
Flatness:	± 0.5
Output Level (Low/High)	34/42
Composite Triple Beat (CTB) ^(a,b,c) :	-60
Composite Second Order (CSO) ^(a,b,c) :	-58
Hum Modulation:	-70

NOTES:

- (a) At specified channel loading at rated output capability
- (b) Distortion levels improve as output level is reduced
- (c) Distortion specifications at 8 dB sloped output

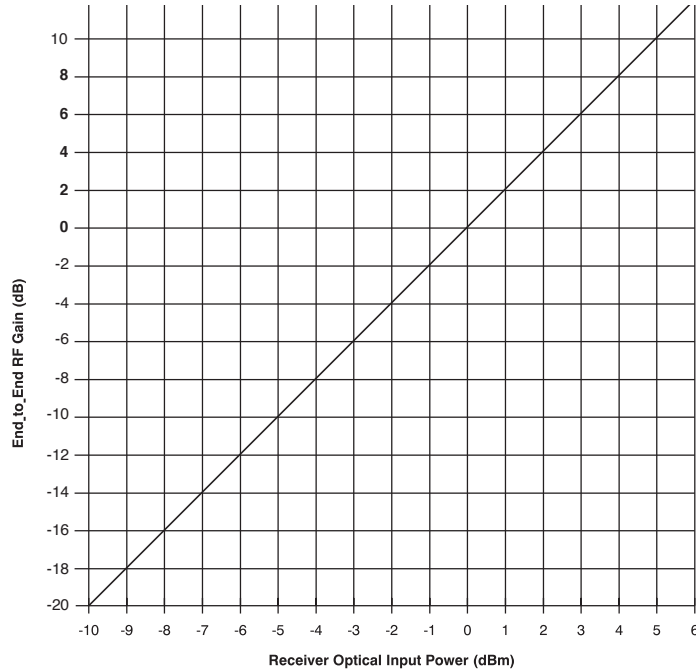


Figure 1 - End-to-End Link

Figure 1 shows the end-to-end RF gain of the Transmitter/Receiver combination. The main factor that determines the end-to-end gain is the amount of light that reaches the receiver. A typical transmitter/receiver combination will have unity gain (0 dB) at a received optical power of 0 dBm (1 milliwatt). The RF gain changes by 2 dB for every 1 dB change in received optical power. This curve will shift up and down by 3 or 4 dB due to variations in the lasers and amplifiers, however the slope will always be 2.

The receiver contains a tri-colored indicator LED that may be used to determine the optical signal strength reaching the receiver. When the LED is green, the signal is at optimum input levels. When the LED is yellow, the optical signal has dropped to insufficient levels (<-6 dBm), and when the LED is red, the signal is overloading the receiver (>+3 dBm). Because the LED is always lit, it also serves as a positive indication that the unit is turned on.

The Fiber Optic Link is optimized for single-mode operation only. Use of multi-mode fiber is not recommended, even for short distances, because of the large amount of modal noise that could result.

This product conforms to European Community Directive #89-336-EE-C for electromagnetic compatibility requirements.

Operating Instructions

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Input Optical Power

The FRDA's power monitor provides a proportional DC voltage output to optical milli-Watt input. The scale is 1 Volt DC equals 1 mW or 0 dBm of optical input. A standard voltmeter can be used to accurately determine the optical input level into the node. **Prior to applying AC power**, make sure the gain and slope controls are fully counter-clockwise. Connect the optical input and apply AC power. Insert the voltmeter's positive probe into the jack marked "Optical Power 1V/mW.", and the negative probe into the "ground" jack (see Figure 3). Measure the DC voltage and refer to the FRDA Configuration Table in Figure 4 for the corresponding optical input level conversion to mW and dBm.

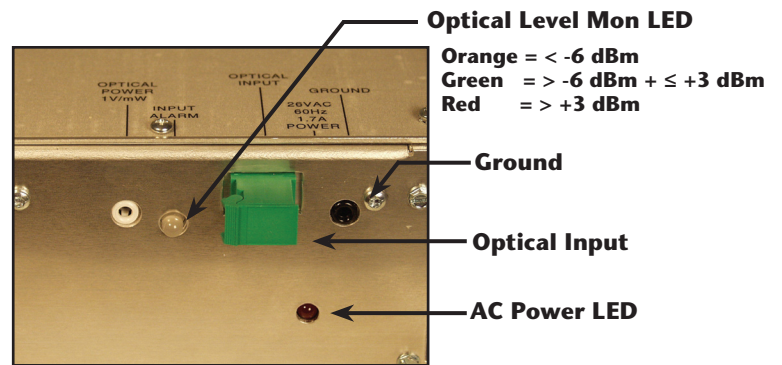


Figure 3
Optical Input & Level Mon.

Internal Attenuator Selection

The RF output level from the optical receiver module varies considerably over its operational optical input range. It is also dependent upon the transmitter's channel loading, its resultant RF input level and the FRDA's RF output capability. In order not to overload the amplifier section input, an internal attenuator must be installed. To find the recommended attenuator value, first determine the nodes optical input level as noted in the Input Optical Power" section of this manual. Refer to the FRDA Configuration Table in Figure 4, locate the power monitor voltage or input dBm in the left hand columns. Read across on the corresponding row to find the value required for the particular FRDA model used.

To install the attenuator, first make sure that AC power has been disconnected. Remove the top cover and the factory installed "0 dB" jumper wire (J2-J4, see Figure 2). Install the flat attenuator (Blonder Tongue Stock No. 9320-xx). Replace cover, reapply AC power and set RF output level and slope per specifications.

Model	FRDA-S4A-860P		
Ch. Loading	110 Ch.		
Output Level	34/42		
Optical Input		Increase Opt. Input Power Orange Opt. LED Indication	
dBm	mW		
-10	0.10		
-9	0.13		
-8	0.16		
G R E E N	-7	0.20	Recommended Plug-in Attenuator Value (Stock # 9320-XX)
	-6	0.25	
	-5	0.32	
	-4	0.40	
	-3	0.50	
	-2	0.63	
	-1	0.79	
	0	1.00	
	1	1.26	
	2	1.58	
L E D	3	2.00	18 dB
	4	2.51	Decrease Opt. Input Power
	5	3.16	Red Opt. LED Indication

Figure 4
Configuration Table

Maintenance

Cleaning

If the units need to be cleaned, avoid the use of all solvents and use low-pressure clean air to remove loose dirt. Use low-pressure clean air to clear the connectors of any debris. Dirty or scratched connector end faces will greatly reduce the unit's performance. Foam-tipped swabs such as the 2.5mm Mini Foam Swab offered by Fiber Instrument Sales (P/N F1-0005) may be saturated with denatured alcohol* and inserted into the optical port for cleaning. **DO NOT INSERT A DRY SWAB INTO THE OPTICAL PORT AS THIS MAY DAMAGE THE FIBER END FACE.** Many fiber optic installations experience degraded performance due to dirty optical connector end faces. The following procedure should be used to properly clean the optical connector end faces.

Required Cleaning Equipment

- Kimwipes® or any lens-grade, lint-free tissue. The type sold for eyeglasses work quite well.
- Denatured Alcohol.*
 - * NOTE: Use only industrial grade 99% pure isopropyl alcohol. Commercially available isopropyl alcohol is for medicinal use and is diluted with water and a light mineral oil. Industrial grade isopropyl alcohol should be used exclusively.
- 30X Microscope.
- Canned Dry Air.

Directions for Cleaning

- 1) Fold the tissue twice so it is four layers thick.
- 2) Saturate the tissue with alcohol.
- 3) First clean the sides of the connector ferrule. Place the connector ferrule in the tissue, and apply pressure to the sides of the ferrule. Rotate the ferrule several times to remove all contamination from the ferrule sides.
- 4) Now move to a clean part of the tissue. Be sure it is still saturated with alcohol and that it is still four layers thick. Put the tissue against the end of the connector ferrule. Put your fingernail against the tissue so that it is directly over the ferrule. Now scrape the end of the connector until it squeaks. It will sound like a crystal glass that has been rubbed when it is wet.
- 5) Use the microscope to verify the quality of the cleaning. If it isn't completely clean repeat the steps with a clean tissue.
- 6) Mate the connector immediately! Don't let the connector lie around and collect dust before mating.
- 7) Air can be used to remove lint or loose dust from the port of a transmitter or receiver to be mated with the connector. Never insert any liquid into the ports.

Connector Handling

- 1) **NEVER TOUCH THE FIBER END FACE OF THE CONNECTOR.**
- 2) Connectors not in use should be covered over the ferrule by a plastic dust cap. It is important to note that inside of the ferrule dust caps contains a sticky gelatinous residue that is the by-product of the making of the dust cap. This residue will remain on the ferrule end after the cap is removed. Therefore it is critical that the ferrule end be cleaned thoroughly **BEFORE** it is mated to the intended unit.

Troubleshooting

Commercially available test equipment such as an Optical Signal Locator (OSL) is an effective tool for locating problems with the fiber optic cables. The OSL can also be used to verify that the transmitter is indeed putting out light. Other common problems include using a transmitter as a receiver and vice versa, lack of continuity in the optical fiber, lack of power, or improper input levels. If problems persist contact Blonder Tongue’s System Engineering Department.

Problems and Comments

Problem / LED Status	LED Status-Check	Comments
No optical power at the Node. Orange Optical Power LED	Check power at the Tx.	If there is power at the Tx, verify proper fiber is connected to the node. If the proper fiber is connected, ensure the integrity of the fiber.
Signal out of node is noisy. Orange Optical Power LED	Check optical power input via power monitor jack at the node.	See Specifications on Page 3 for proper minimum levels (≥ -6 dBm).
No RF signal out of node. Green Optical Power LED	Check the node power connection. Check attenuator/jumper installation	Check 117 VAC at the power supply.
Signal out of node is distorted. Status LED - Green or Red	Verify RF input signal on Tx.	Fiber must be 9/125 μ m. The Rx optical input power and RF output level are within specifications. If RF output is >48 dBmV, the RF amplifier is being overdriven. Use plug-in attenuator (Stock No. 9230-xx) to decrease RF output from optical board to the RF amplifier stage. Refer to Figure 4, Configuration Table on Page 6.
	Verify fiber size/singlemode. Check optical power at the node input. Verify RF output level.	
	Verify RF output level.	

Returning Product for Repair (or Credit)

A Return Material Authorization (RMA) Number is required on all products returned to Blonder Tongue, regardless if the product is being returned for repair or credit. Before returning product, please contact the Blonder Tongue Service Department at 1-800-523-6049, Ext. 4256 or visit our website: www.blondertongue.com for further information.

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To obtain service under this warranty, the defective product, together with a copy of the sales receipt or other satisfactory proof of purchase and a brief description of the defect, must be shipped freight prepaid to: Blonder Tongue Laboratories, Inc., One Jake Brown Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

This warranty does not cover damage resulting from (i) use or installation other than in strict accordance with manufacturer's written instructions, (ii) disassembly or repair by someone other than the manufacturer or a manufacturer-authorized repair center, (iii) misuse, misapplication or abuse, (iv) alteration, (v) lack of reasonable care or (vi) wind, ice, snow, rain, lightning, or any other weather conditions or acts of God.

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