

Terrace TC600E

QAM to Analog – MDU Gateway



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The Challenge – QAM to Analog Conversion

- CATV MSOs have moved to All Digital Simulcast (ADS)
- CATV networks are deploying increasingly more HD services
- Conversion of services from analog to digital and analog bandwidth reclamation
- Cost effectively converting from HD to analog at the MDUs remains a challenge
- The following are the problem locations:

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» Hotels, hospitals, work camps and other commercial locations



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QAM to Analog – The Past



- Very expensive (product cost, setup time and re-occurring maintenance)
- Unmanaged and no redundancy
- Consumes a huge amount of space for the electronics plus wiring





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Apartment / Hospital / Hotel

Equipment Closet

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Gateway

- Product installation location is typically:
 - Centrally located in a electronics equipment room
 - » Limited in size
 - » Not environmentally controlled
 - » Hot, Humid and Dusty



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CATV Headend

or

Node





Basic Hardware Architecture



- 36 Independent QAM carriers in \rightarrow 36 NTSC Analog channels out
- 6 Multistream CableCARDs[™] (ARRIS-Motorola or Cisco-SA)
- Remote configuration/monitoring via eCM or Ethernet





36 NTSC Analog Channels

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Chassis (Front & Rear)



- Front panel access to CableCARD slots
- 10/100 Ethernet port
- USB Console port
- Integrated Gigabit Ethernet media port for Unicast and Multicast IP Input
- RF (CATV) Input port
- RF (Analog channel) Output port

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Basic Product Specifications

- **RF Input:**
 - Demodulated QAMs **>>**
 - » Modulation
 - » Frequency Range
- **RF** Output
 - Number of RF Channels 36 channels within a 48 channel (294 MHz) block

36 independent

64/256 QAM Annex B

54 – 1002 MHz (Band Edges)

- 54 to 600 MHz (EIA channels 2 to 86, 95 to 99) » Frequency Range FCC and per channel offsets supported
 - The TC600E supports flexible channel plans via web GUI and console port
- Output Level

+26 dBmV per Channel (Downstream)





Basic Product Specifications (cont'd)

- General
 - » Enclosure
 - » Connector type
 - » Power

1.75" x 19" x 22" F-type, female 100 – 240VAC (<175 watts)





Transport Stream Details

Video Format

- Video Bitrate
- Video Decode Channels

- Audio Licensed
- Audio Formats
- Audio Bitrate
- Audio Sample Rates
- Audio Downmix

MPEG-2, MP@ML MPEG-2, HP@HL H.264, High Profile, Level 4.0 Up to 17 Mbps Up to 36 MPEG-2 HD/SD or 24 MPEG-4 AVC / H.264 HD Certain combinations of MPEG-2 HD/SD and MPEG-4 AVC / H.264 HD channels are also possible **BTSC/SAP** Dolby Digital® (AC-3) Dolby Audio 512 kbps max 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz Multichannel downmix to stereo or mono as necessary





Channel Lineup Examples

TC600E Channel Plan	Contiguous Encrypted Lineup (with FM)	Contiguous Encrypted Lineup (no FM)	Number of CableCARDs Required*
Single Unit	36 Channels		6 Total
TC600E (EIA = 2)	2-32, 95-99	2-37	6
TC600E (EIA = 33)	33-68 42-77	33-68 42-77	6
TC600E (EIA = 39)	42-77 51-86	42-77 51-86	6
Dual Stack	72 Channels		12 Total
TC600E (EIA = 2)	2-32, 95-99	2-37	6
TC600E (EIA = 33)	33-68	38-73	6
Triple Stack	90 Channels	85 Channels	15 Total
TC600E (EIA = 2)	2-32, 95-99	2-37	6
TC600E (EIA = 33)	33-68	38-73	6
TC600E (EIA = 39)	69-86	74-86	3

* CableCARDs required assumes fully encrypted channel lineup with 6 channels per CableCARD. Unencrypted channels are not counted against the CableCARD decryption limit.

⁽¹⁾ The TC600E supports flexible channel plans via web GUI and console port. Select the lowest EIA number of the desired Channel Plan and the TC600E will derive the appropriate channels for that plan.

The TC600E can output up to 36 channels within a 294 MHz (48 channel) frequency block allowing the user to enable 36 non-contiguous channels *For example:* 2, 4-7, 9-15, 17-30, 33-41, 45





Key Features

- Highly integrated Combines QAM demodulation, decryption, NTSC modulation and RF upconversion
- Supports MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 AVC / H.264 video decoding
- Demodulate up to 36 QAM channels and/or receive up to 36 IP streams
- Convert up to 36 MPEG-2 HD/SD or 24 MPEG-4 AVC / H.264 HD programs to analog channels
- Supports up to 6 Multi-Stream CableCARDs to decrypt up to 36 streams





Key Features (cont'd)

- SCTE-18 Force Tune EAS Support
- SCTE-20,21 Closed Captioning / VBI support
- Integrated DOCSIS 3.0 cable modem
- Supports IPv4 and IPv6 on Ethernet Management Port
- Supports unencrypted Unicast and Multicast IP Input
- Scalable Generate up to 90 contiguous channels with 3 colocated units





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Key Features (cont'd)

- Single point of control for remote management of all services
 - » Includes demodulation, CableCARDs, analog modulation and interface for cable modem control in one chassis
 - » Ethernet management port
 - » Capable of central management
- Management Interfaces
 - » Front mount USB craft interface port for local technician diagnostics
 - » Embedded DOCSIS 3.0 cable modem for remote management
 - » 10/100 Ethernet management port
 - » SNMP monitoring with traps for critical events and alarms
 - » Password-protected web GUI showing status, alarms and logs





Key Features (cont'd)

- Secure Software Download
 - » Firmware image verification similar to DOCSIS Secure Download
- Automatic Video Provisioning
 - » Automatic parsing of SI/PSI
 - Output channels mapping
 - » Configurable Front End Tuners
 - Source ID and/or VCN program mapping





Summary

- Solves the MDU challenge:
 - » Most Cost effective lowest capital, installation and maintenance costs
 - » High performance decoding happens right at the last 100 ft
 - » Remotely manageable embedded cable modem
 - » Most flexible platform (long term solution)

» Compatible with HITS QT+

- Highly integrated Combines QAM demodulation, decryption, NTSC modulation and RF upconversion in a single product
- Supports MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 AVC / H.264 video decoding
- Supports HD downscaling





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