

# INTELLIGENT REFERENCE/TM-4™ and TM-4/OEM™



## PRECISE FREQUENCY AND SYNCHRONIZATION REFERENCE FROM SPECTRUM INSTRUMENTS

The Intelligent Reference/TM-4 is our most advanced standard product, and we designed it to achieve new levels of performance, quality and value. The TM-4 and TM-4/OEM deliver a vast and useful array of standard and optional features in a very small and easy to integrate package. Even better, it isn't limited to our idea of what a reference should be. The flexibility of the TM-4 platform allows for custom modifications to meet your exact requirements, often at little or no additional cost.



### FEATURES and PERFORMANCE

- ï State-of-the-art 12-channel GPS timing receiver
- ï Choice of oscillator type and qualities, including ultra-low power OCXO and low cost TCVCXO
- ï MTIE Stratum-1 compliant
- ï Intelligent Holdover<sup>o</sup> provides near-Rubidium stability during temporary GPS unavailability
- ï FastStart<sup>o</sup> technology provides high accuracy within just minutes of startup
- ï Simultaneous event time-tag and programmed output pulse functions
- ï Optional programmable wide-range filtered timing pulse, synchronous to PPS, with ultra-low jitter
- ï Optional GPS-corrected PLL frequency synthesizer generates almost any frequency up to 125 MHz
- ï Multiplexer outputs for divide-down multiples of the primary oscillator output, TTL level
- ï Optional CTCSS tone generator
- ï Standard 1PPS output with separate ASCII serial time message
- ï 25ns timing accuracy
- ï Optional Network Time Protocol output
- ï Optional IRIG and NASA-36 time codes
- ï Very high spectral purity sine wave output
- ï Very low phase noise (OCXO versions)
- ï Small size (4.125" x 4.0" x 1.50" excluding connectors)
- ï Available as OEM board-only product
- ï Simple RS-232C ASCII command and message set, includes navigation information and NMEA-0183 subset
- ï Wide input power range: 9-35 VDC
- ï Standard input and output connectors
- ï Windows<sup>®</sup> based control software included
- ï Choice of GPS antennas (antenna kit sold separately)
- ï Optional multiple sine wave outputs
- ï Highly customizable



# Specifications: INTELLIGENT REFERENCE/TM-4™ and TM-4/OEM™

## PHYSICAL (In Enclosure)

<b>HEIGHT:</b>	1.50 in.	(38.1 mm)
<b>WIDTH:</b>	4.125 in.	(104.8 mm)
<b>DEPTH:</b>	4.00 in.	(101.6 mm)
<b>WEIGHT:</b>	13.0 ozs.	(0.369 kg)

## ENVIRONMENTAL

**OPERATING TEMPERATURE:** -20 to +70°C, extended range optional

**STORAGE TEMPERATURE:** -40 to +85°C

**HUMIDITY:** Up to 95% R.H., non-condensing

## POWER

**INPUT SUPPLY VOLTAGE:** 9 to 35 VDC, 24 VDC nominal

**INPUT CONNECTOR:** DB-15HD (female)

**POWER CONSUMPTION:** 3.4 watts after warm-up. Low-power option available.

**ANTENNA POWER OUT:** 5 VDC, 20 mA

**GPS BACKUP:** Rechargeable lithium battery

## OSCILLATORS

**HIGH-PERFORMANCE OCXO:** standard

**LOW-POWER OCXO:** optional

**TCVCXO:** optional

**STANDARD FREQUENCY:** 10 MHz

**OPTIONAL FREQUENCIES:** 5, 12.8, 13 MHz

ï consult factory for additional oscillator options



## PERFORMANCE (GPS)

**RECEIVER TYPE:** Twelve parallel channel, code + carrier tracking, CA code, L1 carrier

**TIME TO FIRST FIX (typical):**

**Hot Start:** <15 seconds (valid

almanac, time, date, position & ephemeris)

**Warm Start:** <40 seconds (valid almanac, time, date & position)

**Cold Start:** <60 seconds (no information)

**POSITION UPDATE RATE:** Once per second, nominal.

**POSITION ACCURACY:** Less than 25m SEP

## PERFORMANCE (TIME)

**1 PPS OUTPUT: (Referenced to UTC)**

**Accuracy:** 25ns RMS

**Accuracy while coasting:** Same as primary frequency output



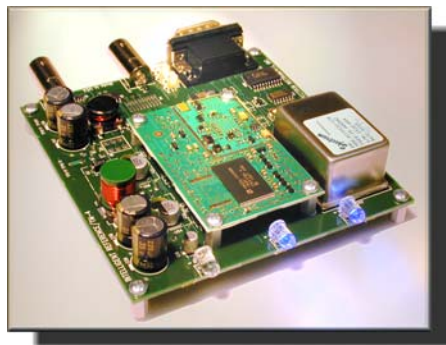
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## PERFORMANCE (FREQUENCY)

**PRIMARY FREQUENCY:** 10 MHz. Meets MTIE requirement for Stratum-1 primary clock source.

**LONG-TERM STABILITY:**  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  after 24 hours of tracking. ( $\Delta t=24$  hours)

**SHORT-TERM STABILITY:**

$1 \times 10^{-11}$  ( $\Delta t=1$  second)

**ACCURACY WHILE COASTING:**  $5 \times 10^{-10}$  per day after 3 days of locked operation, standard OCXO.

**PHASE NOISE, 1 HZ BANDWIDTH:**

10 Hz: < -124 dBc

100 Hz: < -139 dBc

1 kHz: < -149 dBc

10 kHz: < -151 dBc

100 kHz: < -155 dBc

**HARMONIC OUTPUTS:** <-50 dBc

**SPURIOUS OUTPUTS:** <-70 dBc

## OPTIONS

- ï IRIG and/or NASA-36 serial time code
- ï NTP output
- ï Filtered timing pulse
- ï GPS-corrected PLL frequency synthesizer
- ï GPS-corrected auxiliary frequency output
- ï CTCSS (PL) tone generator
- ï Higher baud rates for serial time messages
- ï Low-power OCXO and other oscillator choices
- ï Extended operational temperature range
- ï Substitute other frequency for primary output
- ï Custom multiplexer and/or other output
- ï Multiple sine wave outputs
- ï Custom functions
- ï Customized user software

## ACCESSORIES

- ï GPS antenna kits
- ï Power/Control/Data cable
- ï 1U Rack mount kit
- ï Distribution amplifiers
- ï Connection (breakout) board
- ï AC power adapter, US or by country
- ï Rechargeable battery pack/UPS

## INPUTS & OUTPUTS

### 1 PPS OUTPUT

**Connector:** BNC

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Rise Time:** 10 ns, maximum

**Pulse Width:** Positive pulse, 1 ms nominal.

Rising edge on-time. PPS connector can be factory-reconfigured to deliver IRIG, multiplexer, or other output instead of PPS.

### 10 MHz OUTPUT

**Connector:** BNC

**Drive:** High spectral-purity sine wave, +10 dBm into 50 $\Omega$ ,  $\pm 2$ dB

### GPS ANTENNA

**Connector:** TNC

### CONTROL and AUXILIARY I/O

**Connector:** DB-15HD (female)

**SERIAL CONTROL I/O:** RS-232C, 9600bps

**ALARM OUTPUT:** Open collector

**SERIAL TIME MESSAGE:** RS-232C, 1200-19200 bps standard, ASCII date and time of next 1 PPS epoch. NMEA-0183 message subset. Factory configurable for optional NTP output. Optional rates of 38400, 57600 and 115200 bps.

**EXTERNAL EVENT INPUT:** TTL/CMOS level, edge-triggered, polarity selectable

**PROGRAMMED OUTPUT PULSE:**

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Rise/Fall Time:** 10 ns, maximum

**Pulse Width:** User-selectable, 1 $\mu$ sec-250 ms

**Polarity:** Selectable

**MULTIPLEXER OUTPUTS:**

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Rise/Fall Time:** 10 ns, maximum

**Mux 1:** 1, 10, 100 kHz, 1, 5, 10 MHz, PPS, baseband IRIG (optional)

**Mux 2:** 10 MHz, Mux 1 mirror, PPS, baseband IRIG (optional), baseband NASA-36 (optional), custom outputs 1-3 (special option)

**OPTIONAL IRIG/NASA-36 OUTPUT:**

**Type:** TTL and modulated

**Output Level:** 2.7 V<sub>pp</sub> into 600 $\Omega$

**Modulation Level:** 3.3:1

**OPTIONAL PLL FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER:**

**Frequency:** Virtually any frequency desired from 2.5 to 125 MHz. Factory set.

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Accuracy:** Same as primary frequency output.

**Rise/Fall Time:** 2 ns, maximum

**Output:** 50% duty-cycle

**OPTIONAL AUXILIARY FREQUENCY OUTPUT:**

**Frequency:** VCXO-derived. Divide or multiply possible. Factory set.

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Accuracy:** Same as primary frequency output.

**Rise/Fall Time:** 10 ns, maximum

**Output:** 50% duty-cycle

**OPTIONAL FILTERED TIMING PULSE:**

**Frequency:** Virtually any frequency up to 100 kHz, such as 1 Hz, 25 Hz, 216.66 Hz, etc. Factory set.

**Drive:** TTL levels into 50 $\Omega$

**Rise/Fall Time:** 10 ns, maximum

**Output:** Positive pulse, 10  $\mu$ sec, nominal. Rising edge on-time.

**Accuracy:** Same as primary frequency output.

**Characteristics:** Coherent with primary frequency output. Leading edge synchronized with average value of PPS from GPS receiver. Extremely low jitter.