

## ST600 TRANSMITTER OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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These operating instructions are intended to provide the user with sufficient information to install and operate the unit correctly.

The Wood and Douglas ST600 UHF transmitter is intended to fulfil the numerous OEM applications by virtue of its highly flexible synthesized design approach, miniature size and cost-effective performance. The transmitter can accept analogue and digital data input and provides an RF output power of 125mW (adjustable down to 1mW, refer to Sales Office for details).

## INSTALLATION





Figure 1 Physical Arrangement

## CONNECTION

Connection to the ST600 transmitter is via PL1, PL2 and PL3 which plug directly into the user's own equipment. The location of these connectors is shown in Figure 1 and detailed in the following tables. (The unit is fitted with a 10 pin connector when parallel frequency select facility is provided).

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION	REMARKS
1	0V	0 volts	common ground
2	RF O/P	RF output	50 ohms output
3	0V	0 volts	common ground

Connector PL1 pin detail

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION	REMARKS
1	+VIN	positive supply	+6.0V to +15.0V
2	0V	0 volts	common ground

Connector PL2 pin detail

PL1 PIN	NAME	FUNCTION	REMARKS
1	0V	0 volts	common ground
2	TXE	transmit enable	o/c = transmitter disabled LOW <+0.5V = transmitter enabled 1k nom. internal pull-up to +Vin
3	DIGITAL I/P	data input	0/+3V to 0/+12V, DC-coupled
4	ANALOGUE I/P	data input	> 50 mV p-p, AC-coupled
5	+5V <sub>OUT</sub>	+ 5 volt supply output	50mA maximum current drain
6	RS232 I/P	serial programming i/p	RS232 level programming input <b>Note:</b> Inverted TTL data can also be used. If not used, leave not connected, or connect to $\emptyset V$
7	0V	0 volts	common ground
8	RB1		
9	RB2	parallel frequency	internal pull-up to +5V, active low
10	RB3		

Connector PL3 pin detail

#### FREQUENCY PROGRAMMING

The ST600 has an internal memory which can store up to 128 RF channels (16 randomly programmed and 112 sequentially programmed). The frequency and set-up information is programmed into the unit by a synchronous PCM interface protocol.

The software supplied with the ST600 transmitter is the STSRn00.exe program. The software can be run on a PC with the serial port connected to PL1 of the ST600 transmitter via a suitable adaptor as shown in Figure 2. If the read-back function is desired, then PL1 pin 10 of the transmitter must be connected to pin 2 of the PC serial port via a buffer circuit. A 1k pull-up resistor to +5V must also be provided as shown.



Figure 2 Programming Adaptor

#### **RUNNING THE SOFTWARE**

- 1. Connect ST600 to a suitable supply and to the PC using the programming adaptor.
- 2. Insert the STSRn00.exe disk into drive A and type:

#### A:STSRn00 <return>

- 3. The user is then prompted to enter the serial port number of his PC which is used to communicate with the ST600 receiver. Enter 1 or 2.
- 4. Next there is a prompt to select STn00 or SRn00. Enter 1 for the ST600
- 5. Next is the prompt to select freq. range: 1 : ST100 (125 180MHz)
  - 2 : ST/SR500 (400 650MHz)
  - 3 : ST/SR800 (800 880MHz)

After the software has successfully loaded the main menu screen is displayed as shown in Figure 3. The screen shows the default settings which are entered at factory set-up. These default settings will be displayed whenever the STSRn00 software is run.

Please note that mouse operation is not supported with this program.

#### FREQUENCY STORAGE

The internal PIC processor allows for both random allocated frequencies and sequential channels. The program displays the 16 (as channel  $\emptyset$  to 15) random channels on the main screen. If a sequential table is used then these are stored in channels 16 to 127. These cannot be displayed or printed out.

To simplify the situation, the first 16 channels of the sequential table can be copied to the random channel by pressing the F2 button.

The first 8 channels (0 to 7) can be selected using the serial interface or the parallel interface, as described later.

STSRn00 Programme	er v.1.0.02	
Chan 0 458.5 MH   Chan 1 458.5125 MH   Chan 2 458.525 MH   Chan 3 458.5375 MH   Chan 3 458.5375 MH   Chan 4 458.55 MH   Chan 5 458.5625 MH   Chan 6 458.575 MH   Chan 6 458.5875 MH   Chan 7 458.5875 MH   Chan 8 458.6 MH	Hz << Compar Hz Ref. (TC Hz Parallel Hz Hz Hz Hz COMM/ Hz F2	ison freq. 12.5 KHz CXO) freq. 12. 8 MHz channel select ANDS: :copy Ch 16-31 to Ch 0-15
Chan 9 458.6125 MH Chan 10 458.625 MH Chan 11 458.6375MH Chan 12 458.65 MH Chan 13 458.6625MH Chan 14 458.675 MH Chan 15 458.6875MH	Hz F3 Hz F4 Iz F5 HZ F6 Iz F7 Hz F12 Iz	:change comparison frequency :set parallel ch. mode :read from unit :program unit :program serial channel :QUIT
Start table 458.7 MH Max. Freq. 458.95 MH Table step 1 x 12.5 kH	Hz Sequen Hz Sequen Hz	tial frequencies, Chan. 16 to 127

## Figure 3

NOTES:

- 1. The reference (TXCO) frequency is not programmable.
- 2. The readback function (F5) reads the current settings from the unit into the PC.
- 3. Function F6 (program the unit) is only enabled after the read-back, (refer to Figure 2). This function re-programs the unit connected.
- 4. A value for each parameters has to be entered.
- 5. Only channel 0 to 15 frequencies can be displayed by this software explicitly.
- 6. Sequential channel table is displayed as start, step and stop frequencies.

#### Serial channel selection

The unit defaults to serial channel selection whenever the software is run. Selecting the F7 function key prompts the user to enter the new serial channel number which is then displayed in 'Serial channel selected'.

## Parallel channel selection

To enable parallel channel selection mode press the F4 (Parallel channel mode) function key, The screen then displays 'parallel channel selected'.

Three inputs RB1, RB3 and RB3 applied via PL3 to pin 8, pin 9 and pin 10 respectively, select the operating channel as shown in the following table.

CHANNEL SELECTION			
PIN 10	PIN 9	PIN 8	CHANNEL
LOW	LOW	LOW	7
LOW	LOW	HIGH	6
LOW	HIGH	LOW	5
LOW	HIGH	HIGH	4
HIGH	LOW	LOW	3
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	2
HIGH	HIGH	LOW	1
HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	0

The logic levels are :

LOW < 0.8V

HIGH > 2V or floating

## **Programming random channels**

Random channels between 0 and 15 can be entered using the Up  $\uparrow$  and Down  $\downarrow$  arrow keys and then entering the required operating frequency. The entered value must be an integer multiple of comparison frequency otherwise an 'invalid' message is displayed.

## **Programming sequential channels**

To generate a new frequency table the following parameter values must be entered:

- start frequency
- the table step as a multiple of comparison frequency.

The maximum frequency is calculated from the start table frequency and the table step.. Therefore if the calculation exceeds the maximum frequency then this parameter will be increased automatically.

When the frequency table has been generated the user then selects F6 to program the unit, assuming the unit has been read before.

The function key F2 can be used to copy the contents of channel 16-31 to channel 0 - 15 to ease sequential programming.

## Programming from customer equipment

In the event of a customer wishing to program the ST600 transmitter from his own equipment then the following data sequence must be used allowing 5ms between the characters in the data stream:

1200 baud, RS232 levels, 1 start bit - 8 bit data - no parity - 1 stop bit

40 (decimal 64) synchronising code 7 bit channel 0 - 127 (bit 7 = 0) 95 (decimal 149) confirmation byte

#### **RANGE INFORMATION**

The following table gives an indication of the typical ranges to be expected between a transmitter and receiver that have simple end-fed dipole antennas.

The following assumptions have been made in the calculations:

line-of-sight between antennas

0dB gain for the transmitter and receiver antennas

0dB loss for connectors and cables between the antenna and the radio connector

20dB fade and environmental margin

-100dBm received signal strength, allowing for digital and analogue signals

Range versus TX power				
Frequency (MHz)	Power (mW)	Power (dBm)	Range (km)	Miles
600	1mW	0	0.4	0.3
600	10mW	10	1.3	0.8
600	25mW	14	2.0	1.2
600	100mW	20	4.0	2.5
600	500mW	27	8.9	5.5

# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

Frequency range	:	580 - 625 MHz
Switching bandwidth	:	8 MHz
Frequency stability	:	+/-2.5ppm
Number of RF channels	:	up to 128 (16 randomly programable, 112 sequential), serial select/reprogram, 1200 baud RS232 or 1 of 8 parallel select
RF output power into 50 ohm	:	25mW adjustable to 1mW
	:	1 - 10 mW version available
Adjacent channel power	:	<200nW (-37dBm)
TX switching time	:	<60 mS
Modulation input		
analogue	:	200 mV to 5V p-p AC coupled
digital	:	+3 to 12V square wave DC coupled
Frequency response	:	9Hz to 3kHz at -3dB
Deviation		
25kHz channel spacing	:	+/-3kHz nom (±5kHz max)
20kHz channel spacing	:	+/-2.3kHz nom (±4kHz max)
12.5kHz channel spacing	g :	+/-1.5kHz nom (±2.5kHz max)
Channel switching delay	:	<50mS across switching bandwidth
Channel spacing	:	25kHz
Modulation type	:	F3D
Spurious emissions		
(conducted & radiated)	:	in accordance with ETS/CEPT specifications
Supply voltage	:	6 - 12V DC -ve earth
Supply current at 7.2V	:	<60mA for 25mW output
Interface connections	:	2 and 10 pin 0.1" header
RF connection	:	3 pin 0.1" header
Operating temperature	:	-30°C to +55°C
Storage temperature	:	-30°C to +70°C
Size overall	:	60 x 39 x 15 mm (2.36 x 1.53 x 0.59 inches)
Weight	:	30gm
Type approval	:	designed to meet ETS 300/220
General facilities	:	+5V output
	:	analogue and digital inputs
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