DeltaNode Solutions

DMR USER MANUAL





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1 Introduction

This document contains quick guidelines on how to operate the DeltaNode DMR Repeater family and how to install, commission and maintain a Repeater unit.

The Rack Mount Repeater - DMR 400 Series is a medium power repeater for 19" rack mounting. It is developed for use in moving environments like trains and ships but can also be used in fixed multiband and multi operator indoor coverage solutions.

The DMR Repeater consists of a 19" Rack chassis, one or more Radio Frequency Unit (RFU)s, and a Power Supply Unit (PSU).

Standalone repeater applications can also be modified and used in the fiber DAS systems where base stations are not available for signal feeding to the system. In such cases DMR repeater is modified and equipped with a Fiber optical interface (FOI) inside the chassis.

2 DMR Operational Description

DeltaNode DMR 400 repeater series is a medium power radio repeater used in 19 inch rack mounted applications. The extremely light weight, convection fan cooled chassis secures the high quality performance in almost any environment.

DMR400 repeater can operate in the stand alone applications as well in the fiber fed DAS systems where the repeaters are used for off air feeding of the DAS network where Base stations are not available.

DMR400 Repeater unit series exists in a number of frequencies and system depended variants and rackmount chassis consists of following parts:

- Power supply Unit (PSU)
- Internal Duplex Filters (DPX) filtering Uplink and Downlink frequencies and necessary RF combiners depending on the Remote Unit configuration.
- Band selecting Repeater board.
- Optional- Remote Gateway unit (called RGW) used for remote access/configuration and alarm supervision

User has the possibility to set the following parameters in the Repeater unit via web based GUI application:

- Gain Values (UL & DL)
- Bandwidth (UL&DL)
- ALC threshold (UL & DL)
- Self-oscillation protection
- Gain Link symmetry-Gain trail (UL&DL)

3 DMR Specifications

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Gain		50 - 80	dB in 1dB steps	
Noise Figure		< 5	dB	
Delay		< 6	μs	
Power Supply (optional)	Mains	12 - 30	VDC	
Power Supply	Mains	85 – 264	VAC or VDC	
Power Consumption DC	12-28 V	< 35	W	
Dimensions	WxDxH	10 TE x 220mm x 3U		
Weight (Module)		< 0,7	Kg	
Weight (Frame)		2	Kg	
Operating Temperature		-25 - +55	ōC	
Casing		IP42		
Environmental standard		50155		
Safety standard		IEC60950		
EMC standard		EN50121-3-2		
Vibration and shock standard		EN50155	EN61373	

AVAILABLE PRODUCTS, AMERICAN CELLULAR

Product	System	UL Frequency MHz	DL Frequency MHz	Pout UL/DL, dBm	Standard
DMR404	700 UC	776 - 788	746 - 758	25	FCC
DMR405	700 LC	698 - 716	728 - 746	25	FCC
DMR407	iDEN	806 - 824	851 - 869	25	FCC
DMR408	Cellular	824 - 849	869 - 894	25	FCC
DMR419	PCS1900	1850 - 1915	1930 - 1995	25	FCC
DMR420	AWS	1710 - 1755	2110 - 2155	25	FCC

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Note for Canada: DMR 404 700 UC Frequency is UL 777-787 MHz and DL 746-756 MHz

4 Installation guidelines

4.1 Health and Safety

DeltaNode Repeater system is an advanced system and should be handled by skilled staff. DeltaNode is offering training of installation service providers in the case where this is necessary.

Read all available documentation and warnings before handling the equipment! Equipment failures due to improper handling are normally not covered by the product warranty!

Respect all warning signs on the equipment and in the documentation. Make sure to only operate the equipment on frequencies allowed to use. **Do not modify the equipment!** The equipment may from case to case contain a Class 3B laser and the equipment is Class 1. **Never look into the Laser beam directly or indirectly, it is strong invisible light and may cause serious damage to human eyes!**



Always use protective hat on fiber (if used in the application) and connector end when fiber is removed from socket! Always clean socket and connector after a fiber has been removed before you re-attach it again!

WARNING

This is NOT a consumer device.

It is design for installation by **FCC LICENSEES** and **QUALIFIED INSTALLERS.** You **MUST** have an **FCC LICENSE** or express consent of an FCC licensee to operate this device. Unauthorized use may result in significant forfeiture penalties, including penalties in excess of \$100,000 for each continuing violation.

WARNING: This is NOT a CONSUMER device. It is designed for installation by an installer approved by an ISED licensee. You MUST have an ISED LICENCE or the express consent of an ISED licensee to operate this device.

AVERTISSEMENT: Ce produit N'EST PAS un appareil de CONSOMMATION. Il est conçu pour être installé par un installateur approuvé par un titulaire de licence d'ISDE. Pour utiliser cet appareil, vous DEVEZ détenir une LICENCE d'ISDE ou avoir obtenu le consentement exprès d'un titulaire de licence autorisé par ISDE.

Keep passwords and other operational information away from unauthorized personnel!

- DeltaNode Repeater system is an advanced technology system and should be handled by FCC Licensee or FCC approved staff.
- Read all documentation and warnings before handling the equipment.
- Obey all warning signs on the equipment and in documentation.
- The equipment may get hot during operation, do not operate outside permitted temperature range and keep away from heat sensitive material!
- The equipment contains ESD sensitive components. Open the equipment ONLY in a safe location designed for handling ESD products and use grounding devices! Opening the unit is not intended for field maintenance!
- The equipment contains ESD sensitive components. If not handled with care critical components may be damaged or destroyed. To avoid any damage due to ESD standard ESD precautions shall be used when handling the equipment.
- The product transmits RF signals keep away from Antennas and other radiating devices.
- Repeaters generate radio signals which are transmitted by the connected antennas. Installations should always be done so that the radiation exposure doesn't exceed the recommendation set up by local authorities.
- Consult a FCC licensee or other applicable regulation body for details on RF requirements and safety issues on RF!
- Electrical installation shall be done in accordance with local safety regulations and laws.
- Make sure to use the equipment only in its intended applications and on the allowed frequencies.
- Avoid overheating by avoiding sunlight exposure!

4.2 Installing the DMR Repeater Unit

The DMR Chassis is a medium power repeater designed for 19" rack mounting. The Chassis is secured to the rack by four screws.

The chassis of the repeater should be grounded to a potential bar or safety grounding bar when operated.

All electrical installations should be done by an FCC Licensee or/and a certified electrician only!

RF Exposure Warning/Avertissement d'exposition RF

The DMR404, DMR405, DMR408 DL antenna(s) shall be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 7.5 m from nearby persons and the maximum DL antenna gain is 37 dBi for DMR404, DMR405 and 34 dBi for DMR408.

The DMR404, DMR405, DMR408 UL antenna(s) shall be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 7.5 m from nearby persons and the maximum UL antenna gain is 37 dBi for DMR404, DMR405 and 34 dBi for DMR408.

The DMR419, DMR420 DL antenna(s) shall be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 5.5 m from nearby persons and the maximum DL antenna gain is 37 dBi.

The DMR419, DMR420 UL antenna(s) shall be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 0.2 m from nearby persons and the maximum UL antenna gain is 8 dBi for DMR419 and 5 dBi for DMR420. L'antenne (s) DMR404, DMR405, DMR408 DL doit être installée pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 7,5 m des personnes voisines et le gain d'antenne DL maximum est 37 dBi pour DMR404, DMR405 et 34 dBi pour DMR408. les antennes DMR404, DMR405, DMR408 UL doivent être installé pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 7,5 m des personnes voisines et le gain d'antenne UL maximal est 37 dBi pour DMR404, DMR405 et 34 dBi pour DMR408. l'antenne (s) DMR419, DMR420 DL doit être installée pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 5,5 m de n et le gain maximal de l'antenne DL est de 37 dBi. l'antenne (s) DMR419, DMR420 UL doit être installée pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 0,2 m des personnes voisines et le gain d'antenne UL maximal est de 8 dBi pour DMR419 et 5 dBi pour DMR420.

The number of bands supported by the DMR Repeater unit will determine how many RFUs are installed in the chassis. The Chassis is mounted in the rack as shown in figure 1.

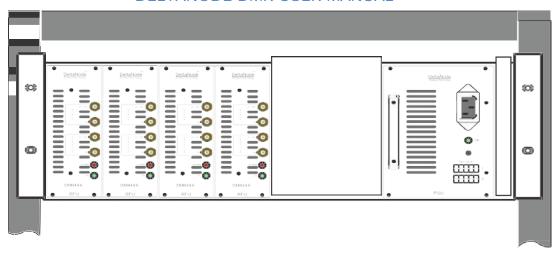


Figure 1. DMR Rack Mounted Chassis

4.2.1 Antenna Connections

Connectors and connections of the DMR RFU are shown in figure 2. Service and Donor Antenna jumpers are connected to the SMA connectors on the RFU.

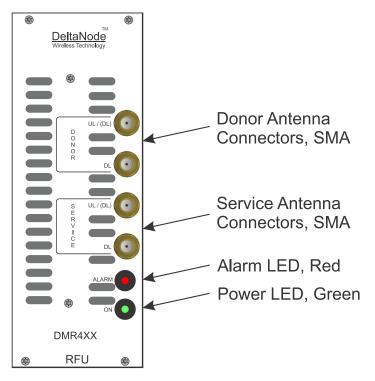


Figure 2. Connections on the RFU

If a DMR repeater unit is used for feeding the fiber optic DAS system where a base station is not provided, then the fibers should be connected to an optional Fiber-Optic Interface (FOI) Unit. The FOI would then be connected to the RFU with coax cable.

4.2.2 Power AC

All electrical installations should be done by an FCC Licensee or/and a certified electrician only!

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Connectors and connections of the DMR PSU are shown in figure 3.

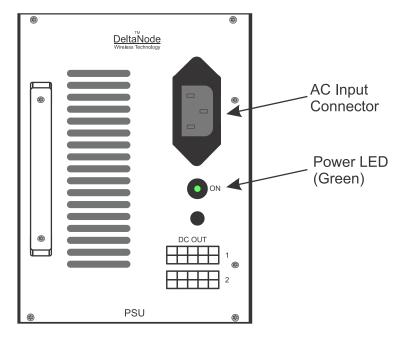


Figure 3. DMR Power Supply Unit

5 DMR Repeater Commissioning

After the successful mounting installation and powering of the DMR Repeater, user can now start commissioning the Repeater unit.

Accessing the DMR Repeater units is through the Remote Station Gateway (RGW).

Login and access information such as username and passwords are provided separately by DeltaNode application engineers.

5.1 Commissioning using Remote Gateway (RGW)

DeltaNode DMR Repeater units are equipped with an RGW. The RGW is basically a PC/server used for handling multiple units, alarm management, remote access, commissioning and configurations.

Follow the steps below to set up the repeater network. RGW uses a secure protocol and its IP is by factory default set to use 192.168.0.2 IP address.

After configuring the PC to use the static IP, open the Web browser and enter the following: https://192.168.0.2

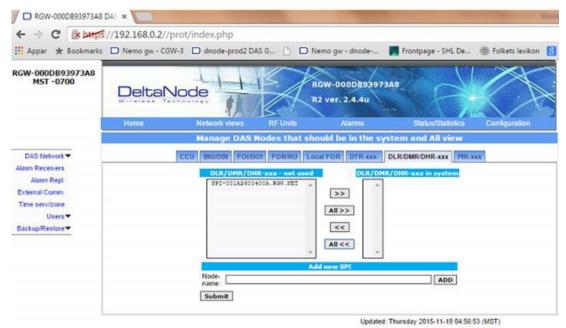
Log into the RGW with the username and password provided by DeltaNode application engineering.

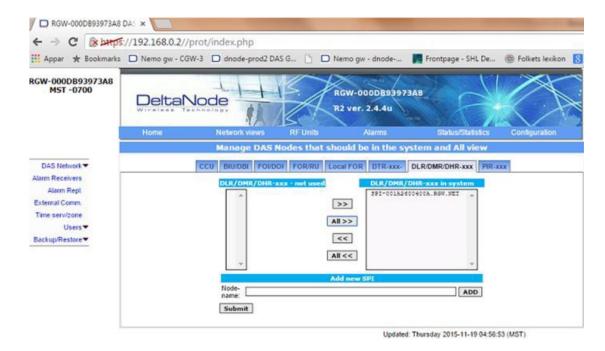


When logged in, navigate to the **configuration menu** and put the managed repeater unit into the **DNS** of the **RGW**. See pictures below for reference.



When in configuration menu, click on the **DLR/DMR/DHR-xxx** option. Move the managed **DLR/DMR/DHR** unit from **NOT USED** window to **DLR/DMR/DHR-xxx** in the system window and press **Submit**.

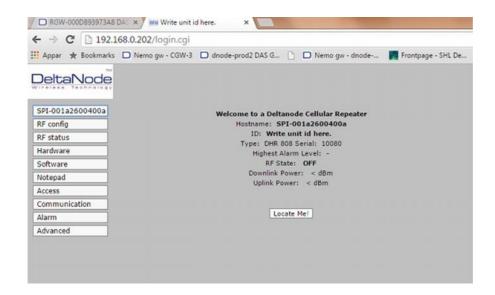




Now the managed Repeater unit has been added to the RGW DNS.

Navigate to the **Network views** menu and log into the managed repeater unit by clicking on it. See picture below for reference.





When logged into the managed repeater, the user can now begin with commissioning of the managed repeater unit.

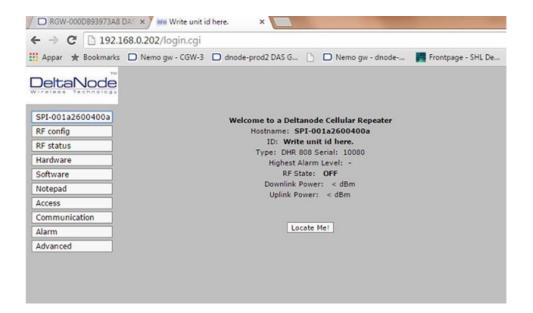
5.2 Repeater commissioning locally

5.2.1 Login

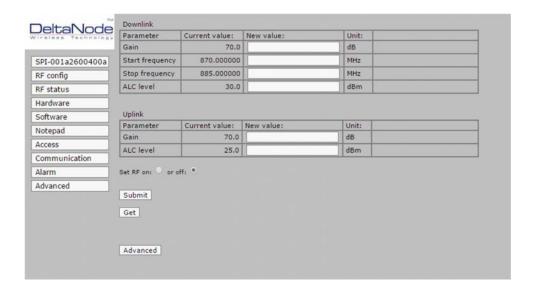
Log into the RGW with the username and password provided by DeltaNode application engineering.

5.2.2 Home page

When logged into the repeater, home page is displayed, showing the factory default name of the repeater, which is basically a unique MAC ID of the actual repeater, article and serial number, RF state (OFF/ON), and the current output power of the repeater. On the left hand side are the different configuration menu's.



5.2.3 RF Config



RF Config menu contains configuration fields for setting the **Gain, ALC level**, **frequency band** and the **bandwidth** of the actual DMR Repeater unit.

Gain and **ALC** level can be set for **Downlink** and **Uplink** separately. The resolution in setting is adjustable by the 0, 1 dB.

As mentioned the DMR Repeater unit has the **adjustable bandwidth**. User can set the Downlink start and stop frequency path. The uplink path uses a fix duplex distance.

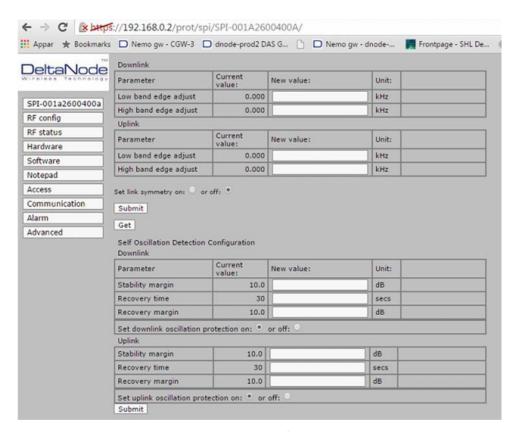
The threshold for the **Automatic Level Control (ALC)** is set in dBm for downlink and uplink respectively. The ALC feature controls the gain of the repeater so that the output power never ends up in exceeding the actual set level of the output power.

When changing any parameters a submit button must be pressed in order to send the data to the repeater. Get button reads current set parameters.

If a different parameter (other than the specified validation range) is entered and submitted, an Error message will be displayed on the right hand side of the configuration fields. Error message will even show the valid range of the actual parameter.

5.2.4 Advanced RF Config

Advanced mode in RF config menu gives user a possibility to control and fine tune the frequency band edges, set up link symmetry, and self-oscillation protection.



Band edges control gives user a possibility to fine tune the set band width with **0-100 kHz** up or down of the actual set frequency band.

Link symmetry is a function that is mainly developed for usage in moving application setups, like intrain, boats for example. What is does basically is that UL gain is controlled by the DL gain. When this feature is activated, the repeater will reduce the gain in UL as in DL with the same symmetrical pattern. The UL gain is determined by the actual automatically controlled gain used in DL. The originally set gain difference between Uplink and Downlink is kept as originally set.

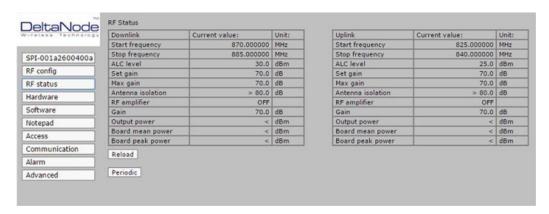
Link symmetry feature is used to minimize the amount of Noise level to the BTS and is developed mainly for moving applications as mentioned above such as trains, boats for example when/if the signal from the BTS fluctuates.

Self-oscillation protection is a function for detection of eventual issues/problems related to the **Antenna isolation** between **Service** and **Donor** Antenna's. In case of **low isolation** between the two antennas (**Service & Donor**) the repeater will begin to **self-oscillate** in the usual manner, but however self-oscillation protection in this case will immediately intervene and lower the gain to a safe level equal to the isolation minus the stability margin. There are separate settings for UL and DL respectively;

- ON/OFF
- Stability margin. The value set of how much lower the gain should be than the calculated isolation in case of issues with the isolation between the antennas. Range of this value is from 0.0 20 dB.
- Recovery time. This is the time limit before the repeater tries to reset the gain to the
 originally actual set gain in RF config. Range for the recovery time is between 30 86400
 seconds.
- **Recovery margin**. Set value of gain level above the actual set gain (specified in RF config) that is used when the repeater recovers after the **Recovery time**. Range is between 0.0 20.0 dB.

5.2.5 RF Status

Generally this menu gives a current status overview for both of the links in the repeater.



Start and stop frequency of both UL and DL are displayed in the firs field as seen in above screen shot

Set gain is gain value defined and set by the user. **Max gain** is the parameter that ALC and other algorithms, such as the link symmetry feature and antenna oscillation detection, defines/sets is the current maximum gain of the repeater.

For example, if the antenna oscillation detection algorithm detects antenna isolation issues, Max gain will be automatically be reduced to a new calculated value. The operation is performed as Antenna isolation minus set stability margin, which in that case is lower than the set gain. **Gain** field reflects the actual gain value set by the user.

If by any chance antenna isolation is an issue while commissioning for example, the field for antenna isolation will display a certain value measured in dB, and the alarm will be generated. Gain will be automatically reduced with a certain margin in respect to the Antenna isolation.

For example, if displayed Antenna isolation value is >90dB, then there should be no problem.

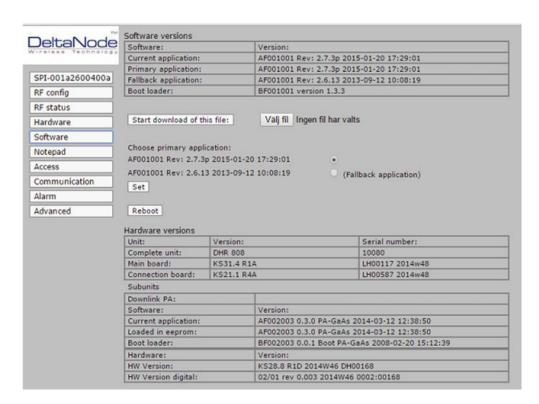
Automatic Level Control (ALC) threshold are also displayed and shown in tenths of a dBm. If the set gain differs from the Max gain for example, this a sign that the ALC is active.

Output power field is displaying RMS power of the repeater measured at the antenna port. Different modulation waveforms might have a slight impact on the measured value at the antenna port.

User has a possibility also to set up a **periodic mode**. The window will collect and update the data displayed every two seconds.

5.2.6 Software

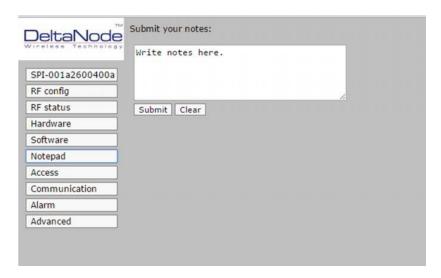
Software menu displays the actual application **SW version**, **fallback application**, **boot loader version**, **serial and article numbers**, **dates of manufacturing** of the unit and its board units used in the actual repeater product.



When logged in *Extended* user mode, there are allowed possibilities for Software upgrades, changing of current application versions, and Reboot option. All actions such as SW upgrades and application version swap require a command **Set** which must be followed by a **reboot** of the repeater in order for the changes to properly apply.

5.2.7 Notepad

Notepad menu is basically a small scratch pad for text. It is stored in a non-volatile memory. It is meant to be used as a feature to enter notes about the installation, repeater unit, commissioning etc. Maximum allowed character number is 255.



5.2.8 Access

In Access menu, user has the possibility to define other passwords for the 2 different level accesses, *Extended* and *Normal*.



When using the *Extended* level access, there a number of extra parameters and features displayed and allowance for change. *Extended* level can be explained as administrator access level, while the *Norma*l access level can be defined as a light version access level.

5.2.9 Communication

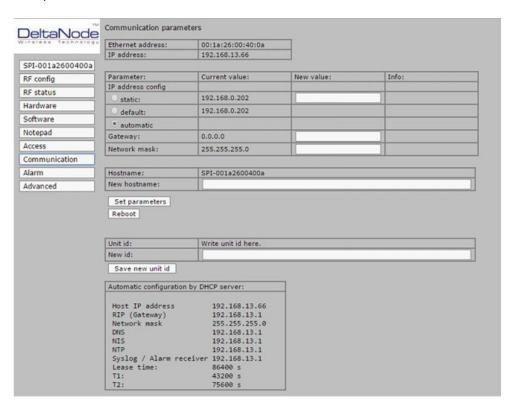
Communication menu contains a number of settings the user has a possibility to define the communication with the repeater. Ethernet IP addresses, MAC ID are displayed.

User has three options for the IP configuration settings.

- Static- IP address that is manually defined by the user.
- Default- IP address is set to the factory default address, 192.168.0.202
- Automatic. IP address is provided by a DHCP server. This option is used only when the Remote Gateway (RGW) is optionally used in the actual repeater.

User has a possibility to change the hostname and the Unit ID of the repeater. Unit ID is the name of the repeater seen in the web interface.

This change must be manually set which follows by a reboot command in order for the change to take place.



5.2.10 Alarms

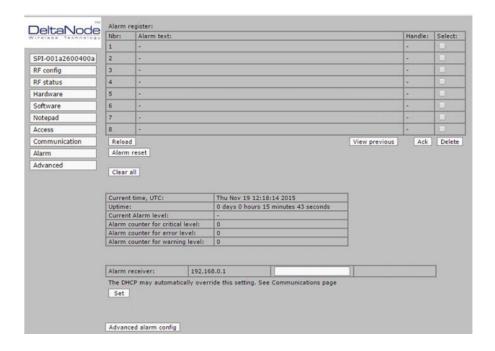
Alarm log clearly displays all alarm events in the repeater. The log itself is located in volatile memory and is cleared every time the repeater is restarted/ rebooted.

There are three levels of severity defined in the repeater.

- Warning
- Error
- Critical

All alarms can be forwarded to external alarm receiver. In order to forward the alarms from the repeater, **syslog UDP port 514** must be used and the correct IP address of external receiver must be defined. This change as every other mentioned in previous chapters must be manually **Set** and the repeater must be rebooted in order for the changes to apply.

The receiver IP address might be changed automatically by the DHCP server if a Remote Gateway (RGW) is used.

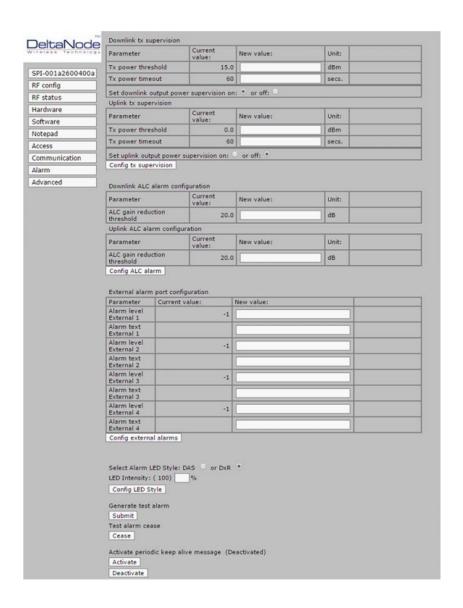


In the alarm menu is also a feature called **advanced alarm config,** where user has the possibility define the alarm power levels of UL and DL respectively, and the time out function for these. Further on the user has possibility to define the ALC gain reduction thresholds.

In case of where external alarm relay is used in combination with the repeater the user has the possibility to define own descriptions of External alarms generated by the repeater.

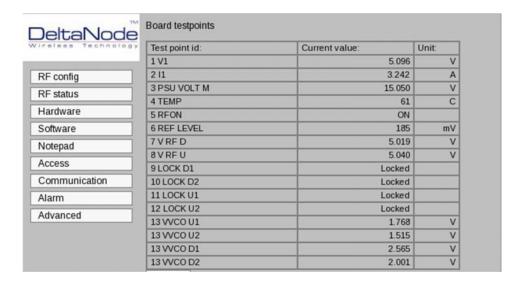
User can even generate the **Test Alarm** in order to test either **External Alarm** functionality or alarm forwarding feature.

There are even some cosmetic possibilities like **LED intensity** and **LED style** available for user to change if required.



5.2.11 Hardware

Hardware menu contains internal hardware test points like different driver and synth voltages, temperatures, etc. This menu is mainly helpful for the advanced users when troubleshooting for example.



5.2.12 Advanced

The Advanced menu displays DAC (Bit) hardware values. It is not of much interest for the normal use. As Hardware menu described above, this is mainly used for the troubleshooting and reference for the advanced users developers and RMA personnel.