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1. General

1.1. Used Abbreviations

3GPP	3 rd Generation Partnership Project
AC/DC	Alternating current / Direct Current
AIMOS	Andrew Integrated Management and Operating System
ALC	Automatic Level Control
BITE	Built-In Test Equipment
BTS	Base Transceiver Station
CE	"Conformité Européenne" ("European Conformity")
CD	Compact Disk
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DL	Downlink
DoC	Declaration of Conformity
EDGE	Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution
EN	European Norm
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
ETS	European Telecommunication Standard
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
GND	Ground
GUI	Graphical User Interface
ICP3	Intercept Point 3rd order
ID No	Identification Number
ION	Intelligent Optical Network
IP	Ingress Protection
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LTE	Long Term Evolution
MS	Mobile Station
MU	Main Unit
NF	Noise Figure
OTRx	Optical Transceiver = SRMU (Subrack Master Unit)
PG	Packing Gland
PIM	Passive Intermodulation
RED	Radio Equipment Directive
RF	Radio Frequency
RoHS	Directive on Restriction of certain Hazardous Substances
RU	Remote Unit
RX	Receiver
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
TX	Transmitter
UL	Uplink
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
WCDMA	Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
WDM	Wavelength Division Multiplex

1.2. Health and Safety



1. **Danger:** Electrical hazard. Danger of death or fatal injury from electrical current. Obey all general and regional installation and safety regulations relating to work on high voltage installations, as well as regulations covering correct use of tools and personal protective equipment.



2. **Danger:** Electrical hazard. Danger of death or fatal injury from electrical current inside the unit in operation. Before opening the unit, disconnect mains power.



3. **Caution:** Laser radiation. Risk of eye injury in operation. Do not stare into the beam; do not view it directly or with optical instruments.



4. **Caution:** High frequency radiation in operation. Risk of health hazards associated with radiation from the unit's inner conductor of the antenna port(s). Disconnect mains before connecting or replacing antenna cables.



5. **Caution:** High frequency radiation in operation. Risk of health hazards associated with radiation from the antenna(s) connected to the unit. Implement prevention measures to avoid the possibility of close proximity to the antenna(s) while in operation.

1.3. Property Damage Warnings

1. **Attention:** Due to power dissipation, the remote unit may reach a very high temperature. Do not operate this equipment on or close to flammable materials. Use caution when servicing the unit.

2. **Attention:** Only authorized and trained personnel are allowed to open the unit and get access to the inside.

3. **Notice:** Although the Remote Unit is internally protected against overvoltage, it is strongly recommended to ground (earth) the antenna cables close to the antenna connectors of the Remote Unit for protection against atmospheric discharge. In areas with strong lightning, it is strongly recommended to install additional lightning protection.



4. **Notice:** ESD precautions must be observed. Before commencing maintenance work, use the available grounding (earthing) system to connect ESD protection measures.

5. **Notice:** Only suitably qualified personnel are allowed to work on this unit and only after becoming familiar with all safety notices, installation, operation and maintenance procedures contained in this manual.

6. **Notice:** Keep operating instructions within easy reach and make them available to all users.

7. **Notice:** Read and obey all the warning labels attached to the unit. Make sure that all warning labels are kept in a legible condition. Replace any missing or damaged labels.

8. **Notice:** Only license holders for the respective frequency range are allowed to operate this unit.
9. **Notice:** Make sure the repeater settings are correct for the intended use (refer to the manufacturer product information) and regulatory requirements are met. Do not carry out any modifications or fit any spare parts, which are not sold or recommended by the manufacturer.

1.4. Compliance

1. **Notice:** For installations, which have to comply with FCC RF exposure requirements, the antenna selection and installation must be completed in a way to ensure compliance with those FCC requirements. Depending on the RF frequency, rated output power, antenna gain, and the loss between the repeater and antenna, the minimum distance D to be maintained between the antenna location and human beings is calculated according to this formula:

$$D_{[cm]} = \sqrt{\frac{P_{[mW]}}{4 * \pi * PD_{[mW/cm^2]}}}$$

where

- P (mW) is the radiated power at the antenna, i.e. the max. rated repeater output power in addition to the antenna gain minus the loss between the repeater and the antenna.
- PD (mW/cm²) is the allowed Power Density limit acc. to 47 CFR 1.1310 (B) for general population / uncontrolled exposures which is
 - F (MHz) / 1500 for frequencies from 300MHz to 1500MHz
 - 1 for frequencies from 1500MHz to 100,000MHz

RF exposure compliance may need to be addressed at the time of licensing, as required by the responsible FCC Bureau(s), including antenna co-location requirements of 1.1307(b)(3).

2. **Notice:** For installations which have to comply with European EN50385 exposure compliance requirements, the following Power Density limits/guidelines (mW/cm²) according to ICNIRP are valid:
 - 0.2 for frequencies from 10 MHz to 400 MHz
 - F (MHz) / 2000 for frequencies from 400 MHz to 2 GHz
 - 1 for frequencies from 2 GHz to 300 GHz
3. **Notice:** Installation of this equipment is in full responsibility of the installer, who has also the responsibility, that cables and couplers are calculated into the maximum gain of the antennas, so that this value, which is filed in the FCC Grant and can be requested from the FCC data base, is not exceeded. The industrial boosters are shipped only as a naked booster without any installation devices or antennas as it needs for professional installation.

- 4. Notice:** For installations which have to comply with FCC requirements:
This device complies with FCC Part 15. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.
This device complies with Health Canada's Safety Code. The installer of this device should ensure that RF radiation is not emitted in excess of the Health Canada's requirement. Information can be obtained at http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-smemt/pubs/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-eng.php.
Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- 5. Notice:** The unit complies with Overvoltage Category II. It also complies with the surge requirement according to EN 61000-4-5 (fine protection); however, installation of an additional medium (via local supply connection) and/or coarse protection (external surge protection) is recommended depending on the individual application in order to avoid damage caused by overcurrent.
For Canada and US, components used to reduce the Overvoltage Category shall comply with the requirements of IEC 61643-series. As an alternative, components used to reduce the Overvoltage Category may comply with ANSI/IEEE C62.11, CSA Certification Notice No. 516, CSA C22.2 No. 1, or UL 1449. Suitability of the component for the application shall be determined for the intended installation.
- 6. Notice:** Corresponding local particularities and regulations must be observed. For national deviations, please refer to the respective documents included in the manual CD that is delivered with the unit.
- 7. Note:** For a Class A digital device or peripheral:
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.
- 8. Note:** For a Class B digital device or peripheral:
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference.
- 9. Note:** This unit complies with European standard EN62368-1.
- 10. Note:** This unit must be installed in areas with restricted access for skilled employees only.

Equipment Symbols Used / Compliance

Please observe the meanings of the following symbols used in our equipment and the compliance warnings:

Symbol	Compliance	Meaning / Warning
---	FCC	For industrial (Part 20) signal booster: WARNING: This is NOT a CONSUMER device. It is designed 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.
		For (Part 90) signal booster: WARNING: This is NOT a CONSUMER device. It is designed 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. You MUST register Class B signal boosters (as defined in 47 CFR 90.219) online at www.fcc.gov/signal-boosters/registration . Unauthorized use may result in significant forfeiture penalties, including penalties in excess of \$100,000 for each continuing violation.
CE	CE	To be sold exclusively to mobile operators or authorized installers – no harmonized frequency bands, operation requires license. Intended use: EU and EFTA countries
		Indicates conformity with the RED directive 2014/53/EU and/or RoHS directive 2011/65/EU.
CE 0700	CE	Indicates conformity with the RED directive 2014/53/EU and RoHS directive 2011/65/EU certified by the notified body no. 0700.

Required Antenna Distances

ION-M Model	Antenna gain without cable loss [dBi]	Maximum Distance			
		FCC		ISED	
		m	inches	m	inches
ION-M23 SDARS	9	.355	13.97	---	---

1.5. About CommScope

CommScope is the foremost supplier of one-stop, end-to-end radio frequency (RF) solutions. Part of the *CommScope* portfolio are complete solutions for wireless infrastructure from top-of-the-tower base station antennas to cable systems and cabinets, RF site solutions, signal distribution, and network optimization. For patents see www.cs-pat.com.

CommScope has global engineering and manufacturing facilities. In addition, it maintains field engineering offices throughout the world.

Andrew Wireless Systems GmbH based in Buchdorf/Germany, which is part of *CommScope*, is a leading manufacturer of coverage equipment for mobile radio networks, specializing in high performance, RF and optical repeaters. Our optical distributed networks and RF repeater systems provide coverage and capacity solution for wireless networks in both indoor installations and outdoor environments, e.g. tunnels, subways, in-trains, airport buildings, stadiums, skyscrapers, shopping malls, hotels and conference rooms.

Andrew Wireless Systems GmbH operates a quality management system in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001 and TL 9000. All equipment is manufactured using highly reliable material. To maintain highest quality of the products, comprehensive quality monitoring is conducted at all fabrication stages. Finished products leave the factory only after a thorough final acceptance test, accompanied by a test certificate guaranteeing optimal operation.

Hereby Andrew Wireless Systems declares that the radio equipment type Repeater is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU.

The full text of the EU declaration is available at the following internet address: www.commscope.com/collateral/Declarations_of_Conformity/.

According to the DoC, our “CE”-marked equipment can be used in all member states of the European Union.

Note: Exceptions of and national deviations from this intended use may be possible. To observe corresponding local particularities and regulations, please refer to the respective documents (also in national language) which are included in the manual CD delivered.

To make the most of this product, we recommend you carefully read the instructions in this manual and commission the system only according to these instructions.

For technical assistance and support, please also contact the local office or *CommScope* directly at one of the addresses listed in the following chapter.

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table 1-1 List of international contact addresses

2. Introduction

2.1. Purpose

If the direct satellite link does not provide sufficient signal strength in a certain area due to topological conditions, the optical terrestrial repeater is a suitable means to cover this area with sufficient signal strength.

Such an optical terrestrial repeater contains an optical Master Unit and one or several Remote Units. The number of the Remote Units depends on the hardware and software configuration. The Remote Units are connected to the Master Unit with optical links. The optical loss must be less than 10 dB inclusive optical couplers or splitters.

The Master Unit is the interface to the supplied signals. The configuration of a Master Unit depends on the number of the Remote Units and the frequency range.

The ION uses lasers in the wavelength range 1310 nm and 1550 nm. The maximum optical output power of the lasers is 6.7 mW.

2.2. The ION-M23 SDARS 3-Sector

The ION-M23 SDARS 3-Sector is a Remote Unit configuration used in conjunction with a Master Unit, both forming an optical terrestrial repeater. This system transports signals in the frequency range 2324 to 2341.5 MHz, providing a cost-effective solution for coverage.

The ION system allows the distribution of RF over long distances without affecting signal quality. The combination of these units gives maximum flexibility while providing a scalable solution. The system is optimized for OFDM signals in the band 2324 - 2341.5 MHz. and an integrated 3-way divider allows the symmetrical distribution of transported signals to three antenna ports. Furthermore, it is provisioned for future modulation schemes and frequency bands.

The ION can be easily set-up and supervised from a graphical user interface (GUI). Remote units are commissioned through the use of built-in test equipment. An auto levelling function compensates for the optical link loss making installation easy and quick.

The entire system as well as complete network of systems can be managed remotely most efficiently by Commscope's A.I.M.O.S, which includes alarm monitoring, task automation, statistics, inventory management, and many more features. Should a sophisticated interface not be required, the Master Unit can be directly connected to the alarm interface of a base station via its contact relay.

Features at a glance

- Reduced visual impact form factor
- Optimized power consumption
- Efficient, high power amplifier
- Complete operations and management system for configuration and alarming
- OMC with SNMP according to X.733 standard
- Compliant with FCC requirement $90 + 10 \log (P)$ dB on all frequencies outside of 2320 - 2345 MHz
- Single fiber for multiple bands and multiple remotes
- Easy installation and commissioning

3. Functional Description

3.1. General

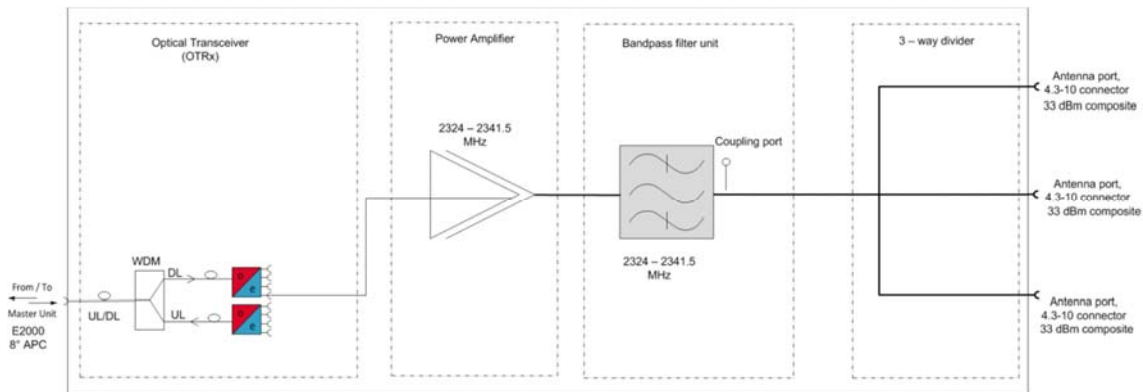


figure 3-1 Block diagram ION-M23 SDARS

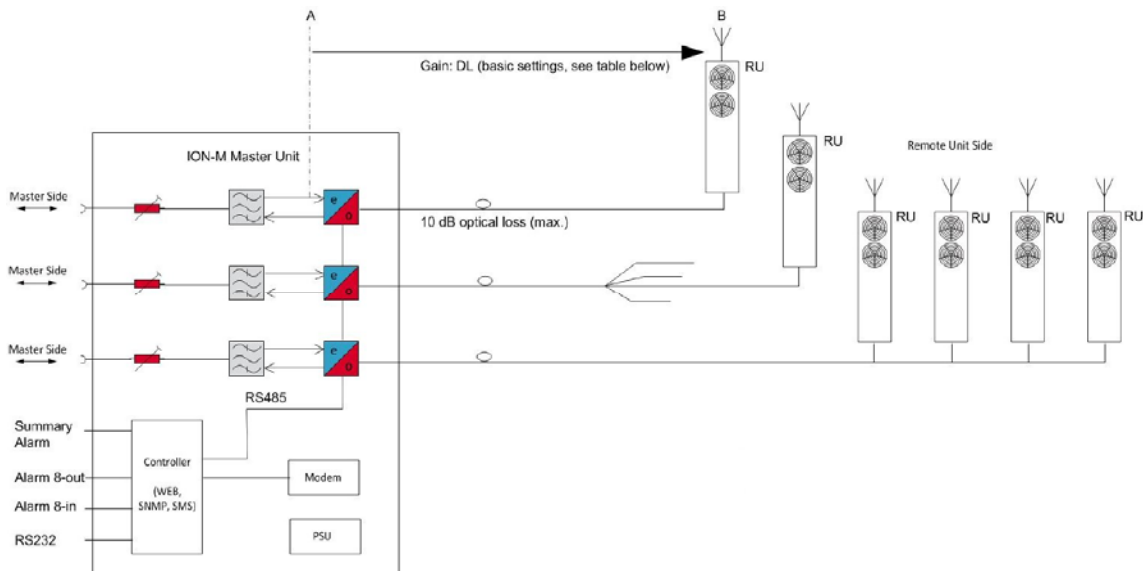


figure 3-2 System overview with an ION-M23 SDARS Remote Unit

3.2. Accessory Equipment

3.2.1. Fan-Protection Kit

In order to protect the fan unit (e.g. against rain), a protective cover to be mounted over the air inlet is delivered with the unit. For more details see section 4.1.5 Mounting of Fan Protection.

Mounting of the fan-protection kit is only mandatory for outdoor applications, however, not mandatory for indoor applications.

3.2.2. Accessories

For the accessories available for the Remote Unit, e.g. overcoat housing, connecting box or iso-trafo kit, a separate manual is available.

4. Commissioning

Read and observe the health, safety, and property damage warnings as well as the description carefully to avoid mistakes and proceed step-by-step as described.

- **Attention:** Do not operate the Remote Unit without terminating the antenna connectors. The antenna connectors may be terminated by connecting them to their respective antennas or to a dummy load.
- **Notice:** Only qualified personnel should carry out the electrical, mechanical, commissioning, and maintenance activities that require the unit to be powered on when open.
- When opening the Remote Unit do not damage the warranty labels on the internal devices. The warranty is void if the seals are broken.

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CommScope, CommScope's general limited product warranty (<http://www.commscope.com/Resources/Warranties/>) shall be the warranty governing the Remote Units, including the installation, maintenance, usage and operation of the Remote Units.

4.1. Mechanical Installation

4.1.1. Health and Safety for Mechanical Installation



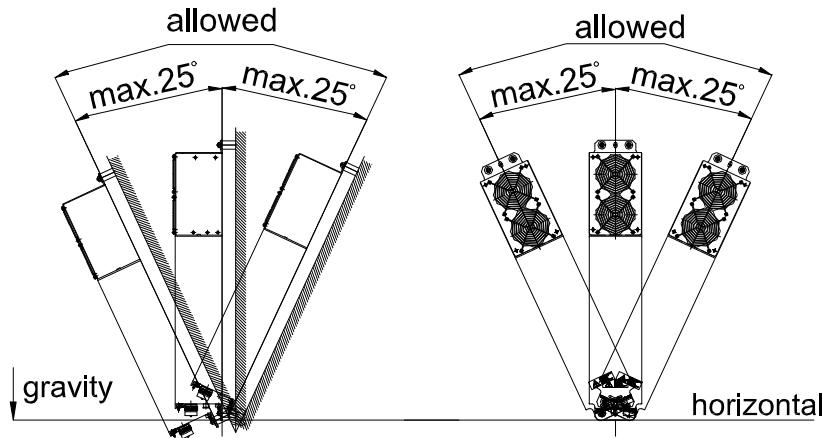
1. **Caution:** Risk of injury by the considerable weight of the unit falling. Ensure there is adequate manpower to handle the weight of the system.



2. **Caution:** Risk of serious personal injury by equipment falling due to improper installation. The installer must verify that the supporting surface will safely support the combined load of the electronic equipment and all attached hardware and components. The screws and dowels (wall anchors) used should also be appropriate for the structure of the supporting wall.

4.1.2. Property Damage Warnings for Mechanical Installation

1. **Attention:** Do not install the unit in a way or at a place where the specifications outlined in the Environmental and Safety Specifications leaflet of the supplier are not met.
2. **Attention:** Due to power dissipation, the Remote Unit may reach a very high temperature. Ensure sufficient airflow for ventilation.
3. **Notice:** Exceeding the specified load limits may cause the loss of warranty.
4. **Notice:** When connecting and mounting the cables (RF, optical, mains, ...) ensure that no water can penetrate into the unit through these cables.
5. **Notice:** Also observe all additional rules or restrictions regarding mounting that depend on the type of Remote Unit. For details refer to section *7.2.2 Mechanical Specification*. Install the unit vertically with the fan unit at the top. A maximum tilt angle of 25° from a vertical position must be kept, as in the following illustrations:



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6. **Notice:** A spacing of 40 mm (1.58 inch) around the unit is required.
7. **Notice:** To ensure sufficient airflow when mounting the unit in enclosed spaces, two lid openings (one for the air inlet and the other for the air outlet) must be provided. Do not block these air inlets and outlets when mounting the Remote Unit. The size of each opening must equal at least 16 x 16 cm (>250 cm²). Ensure that there is no thermal short circuit between the air inlet and air outlet. Make sure free airflow is not deflected or otherwise obstructed.
8. **Notice:** Depending on the installation type (wall or pole), the corresponding mounting kits must be ordered from the manufacturer. If any different or additional mounting material is used, ensure that the mounting remains as safe as the mounting designed by the manufacturer. The specifications for stationary use of the Remote Unit must not be exceeded. Ensure that the static and dynamic strengths are adequate for the environmental conditions of the site. The mounting itself must not vibrate, swing or move in any way that might cause damage to the Remote Unit.
9. **Notice:** To avoid damage when mounting the unit, always make sure that the M8 washers (DIN9021 or DIN125 depending on the mounting kit) are placed behind and in front of the mounting drillings of the unit.

Specified torques have to be observed for certain mounting procedures according to the following table:

Type	Tallow-drop screws	Hex nuts	Spacing bolts		PG (plastic)	PG (aluminium)
Thread	M 4	M 8	M 4	M 8	PG 13.5	PG 29
Specified torques	3.3 N-m	27 N-m	2.3 N-m	27 N-m	3.75 N-m	10 N-m

table 4-1 Specified torques

The mounting procedures for a stand-alone Remote Unit without optional accessories are described and illustrated in the following sections. For further information regarding special mounting procedures including mounting of accessory equipment, please see separate manual.

4.1.3. Wall-Mounting Procedure

- Check the suitability of the wall-mounting kit and the wall.
- Mark the position of the drilling holes (for measurements refer to figure 4-1 Wall mounting). Drill four holes at the marked positions and insert dowels *.
- Use a cap nut or lock nut to screw the four dowel screws into the dowels and put the distance tubes over the screws.
- Hang the mounting brackets of the Remote Unit into the screws, and fasten them immediately using the washers and nuts.
- Ensure that there is free access to the electrical connections as well as to the cabinet. The approved bending radius of the connected cables must not be exceeded.

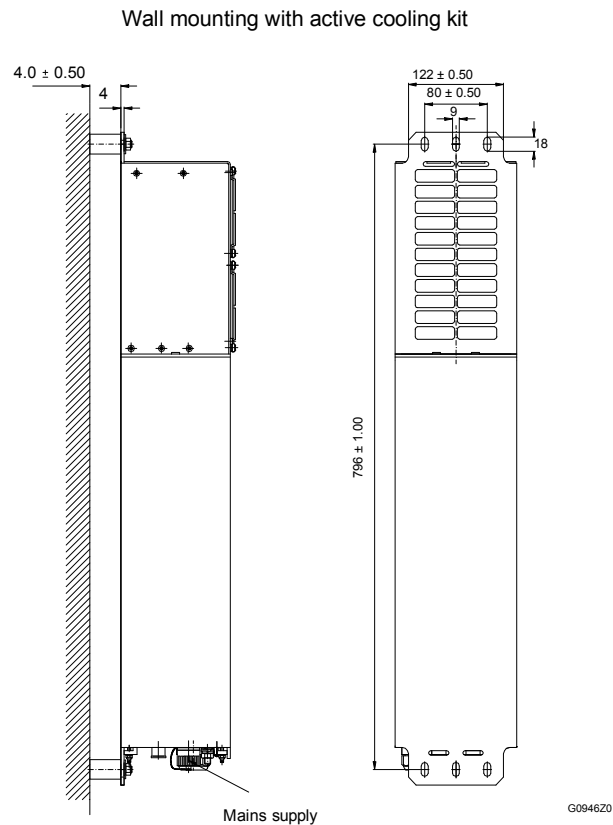


figure 4-1 Wall mounting, (metric dimensions)

- * The dowels are not part of the delivery since the suitable type depends on the on-site conditions (material of wall). Therefore, use dowels that are appropriate for the mounting surface.

4.1.4. Pole Mounting

Standard mounting hardware cannot be used to mount the Remote Unit to a pole, a column or other similar structures. Additional hardware must be used for this type of installation. Such a pole-mounting kit could include two threaded rods M8, two U-beams and mounting material like bolts and nuts.

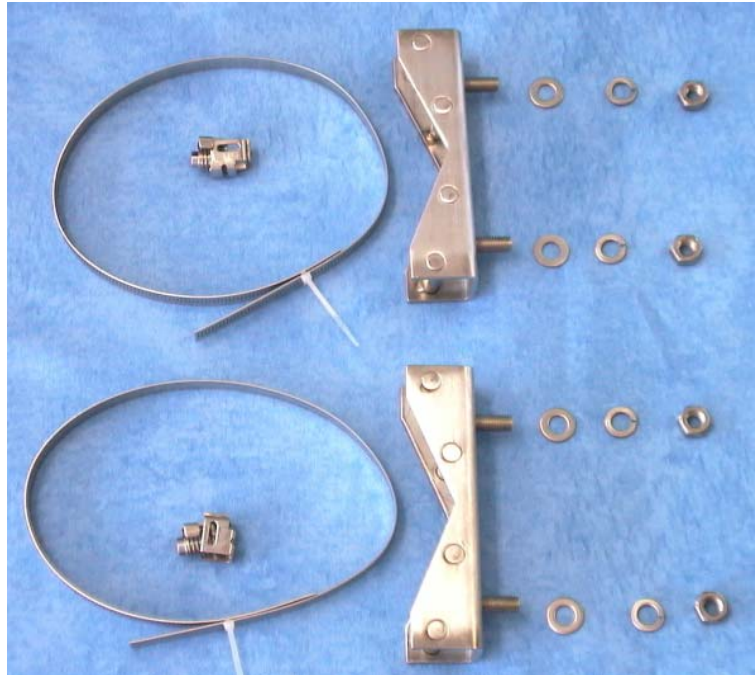


figure 4-2 Pole-mounting kit

- Use the screw bands to fasten the two U-beams to the pole as illustrated in *figure 4-3 Pole mounting*.
- ☞ **Note:** When fastening the U-beams make sure that they are installed congruently and not at an angle to each other. To determine the distance between the beams refer to chapter *4.1.3 Wall-Mounting Procedure* for measurements.
- Hang the mounting brackets of the Remote Unit into the threaded bolts of the U-beam, and fasten them immediately using the washers and nuts.

Ensure that there is free access to the electrical connections as well as to the cabinet. The approved bending radius of the connected cables must not be exceeded.

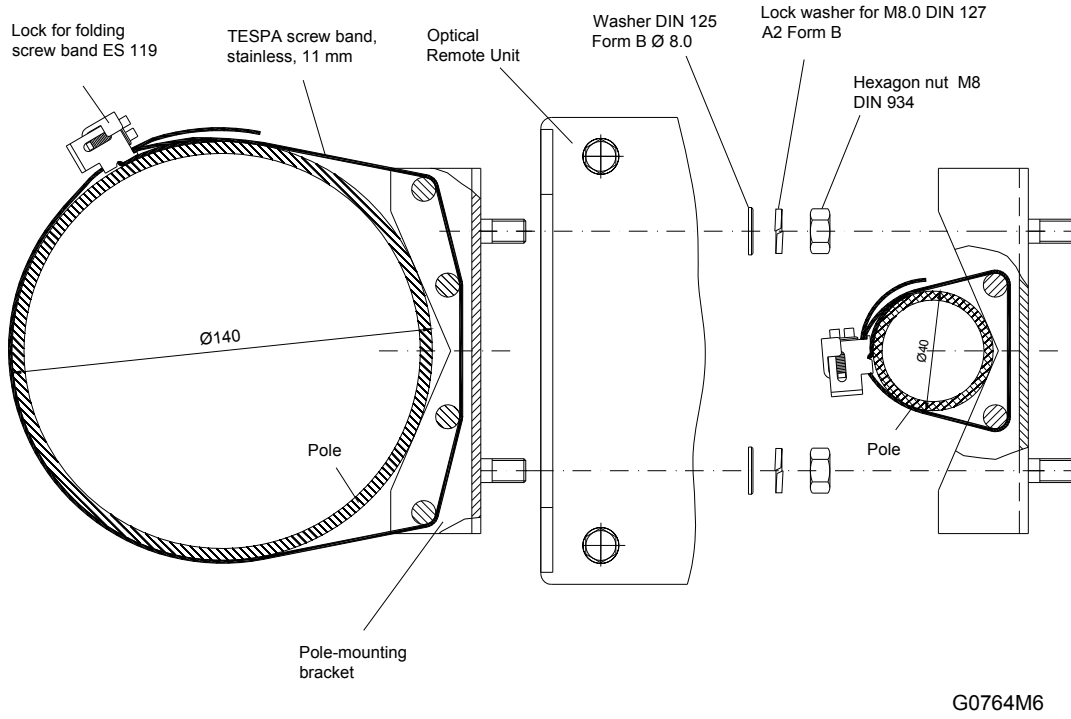


figure 4-3 Pole mounting (metric dimensions)

4.1.5. Mounting of Fan Protection

Since the fan protection is required for the outdoor usage of a stand-alone Remote Unit, the mounting of this optional equipment is also described in this manual.

- To install the protective cover of the fan protection kit, first unscrew the four screws with the respective lock washers from the cover of the air inlet of the Remote Unit, and instead, screw in the four spacing bolts M4.0x30 with the four lock washers M4.0 DIN125 that are part of the fan protection kit.
- Place the protective cover into the right position by fitting its four bore holes over the spacing bolts and fasten it using the original lock washers and screws of the Remote Unit. (These lock washers and screws are also part of the fan protection kit and can be used as spare parts in case of loss.)

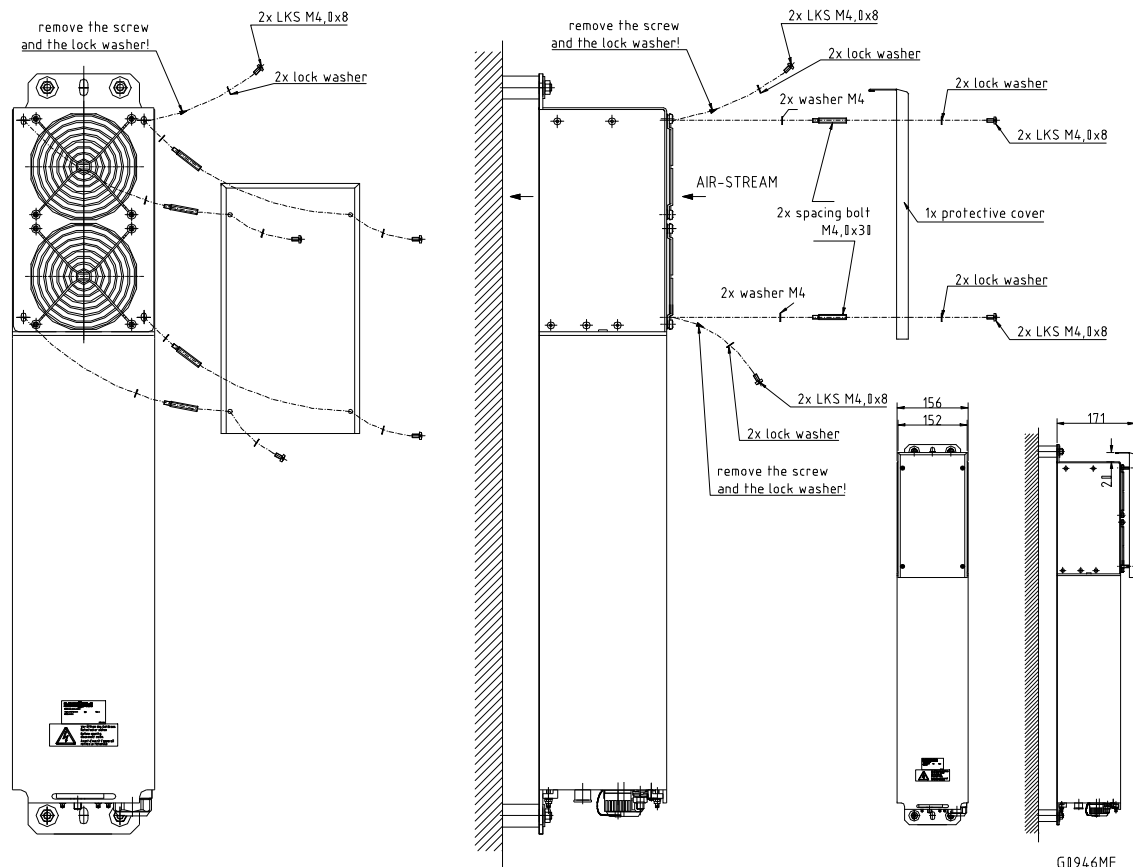


figure 4-4 Mounting procedure for fan protection, (metric dimensions)

- This figure shows the long version of the RU. For dimensions of the short version, see Mechanical Specifications in chapter 7.2.3 or figure 7 3.

4.2. Electrical Installation

4.2.1. Health and Safety for Electrical Installation

Read and observe chapter 1.2 *Health and Safety*.



Danger: Electrical hazard. Danger of death or fatal injury from electrical current. Obey all general and regional installation and safety regulations relating to work on high voltage installations, as well as regulations covering correct use of tools and personal protective equipment.

4.2.2. Property Damage Warnings for Electrical Installation

1. **Attention:** It is compulsory to ground (earth) the unit before connecting the power supply. Grounding bolts are provided on the cabinet to connect the ground-bonding cable.
2. **Attention:** If the mains connector of the Remote Unit is not easily accessible, a disconnect device in the mains power circuit must be provided within easy reach.
3. **Attention:** A connection of the mains supply to a power socket requires the power socket to be nearby the Remote Unit.
4. **Attention:** Before connecting or disconnecting the mains connector at the Remote Unit, ensure that mains power supply is disconnected.
5. **Attention:** Make sure that an appropriate circuit breaker acting as a disconnect device (as required by IEC/EN60950-1) and an overcurrent limiting device are connected between mains power and the Remote Unit.
6. **Attention:** Incorrectly wired connections can destroy electrical and electronic components.
7. **Notice:** To avoid corrosion at the connectors caused by electrochemical processes, the material of the cable connectors must not cause a higher potential difference than 0.6 V (see electrochemical contact series).
8. **Notice:** Use an appropriate torque wrench for the coupling torques:
 - for 4.3-10 type connectors (5 N-m, 44 in lb) with 22mm (7/8) in opening, e.g. item no. TW-4310Do NOT use your hands or any other tool (e.g. a pair of pliers). This might cause damage to the connector and lead to a malfunction of the Remote Unit.
9. **Notice:** For unstabilized electric networks, which frequently generate spikes, the
10. **Notice:** Observe the labels on the front panels before connecting or disconnecting any cables.
11. **Notice:** Unused connectors must be closed with their protective covers to ensure watertightness.

4.2.3. Connections

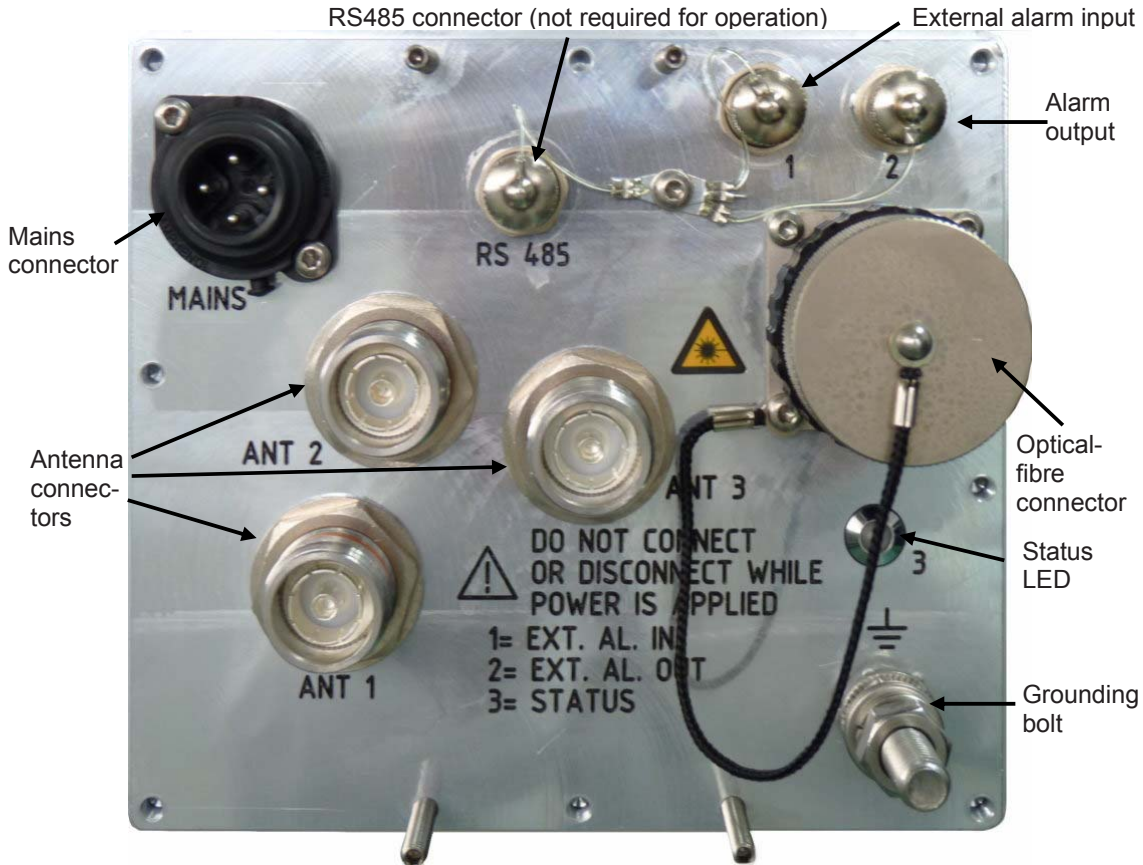


figure 4-5 Connector flange of ION-M23 SDARS

4.2.4. Grounding (Earthing)

Grounding must be carried out. Connect an earth-bonding cable to the grounding connection provided at the outside of the Remote Unit (see section 4.2.3). Do not use the grounding connection to connect external devices.

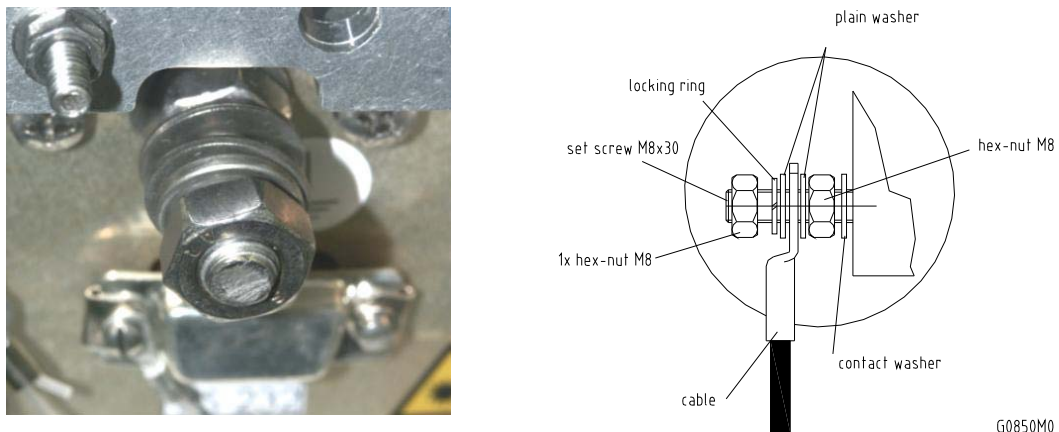


figure 4-6 Grounding bolt (left) and schematic view (right)

After loosening the hex nut, connect the earth-bonding cable between the two washers as illustrated in the above. Then, fasten all parts again with the hex nut.

☞ **Note:** Ground of a second unit (for example RU + EU) has to be connected to the same equipotential bonding terminal as the Remote Unit. Use bonding cables of the same length, as short as possible and with a large wire cross section. Follow local electrical code practices.

4.2.5. Connection of the Antenna Cables

The Remote Unit has three 4.3-10 type antenna connectors labeled “ANT1”, “ANT2”, and “ANT3”. Please refer to section 4.2.3 for their location. Refer to the corresponding documentation of the connector manufacturer for mounting the cable connectors. The bending radius of the antenna cables must remain within the given specifications.

Choose the type of cable best suited for the antenna. Consider that a cable with higher loss is less expensive but impairs performance.

Notice: Use an appropriate torque wrench for the coupling torques:
→ for 4.3-10 type connectors (5 N-m, 44 in lb) with 22 mm (7/8) in opening, e.g. item no. TW-4310

Do NOT use your hands or any other tool (e.g. a pair of pliers)! This might cause damage to the connector and lead to a malfunction of the RU.

Attention: To minimize passive inter-modulation (PIM) distortion, attention has to be paid to the physical condition of the connector junctions:

- Do not use connectors that show signs of corrosion on the metal surface.
- Prevent the ingress of water or dirt into the connector.
- Use protective caps for the connectors when not mounted.
- Before mounting clean the connectors with dry compressed air.
- Before mounting clean the mating surfaces of the connector with a lint-free alcohol-drenched cloth on a wooden or non-metallic item.
- Attach and torque the connectors properly.
- Avoid metallic abrasion when mounting the connectors by only screwing the connecting nut, but not turning the whole connector.
- Use a torque wrench to fasten the connector, see above.
- Clean the protective caps before mounting for antenna cable replacement.

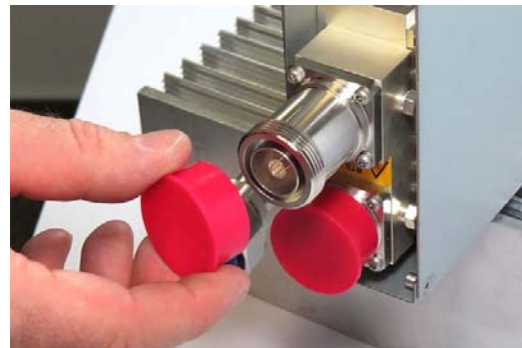
4.2.6. Cleaning Procedure for RF Cable Connectors

The figures in this chapter illustrate the cleaning procedure and do not show the actual RU.

1. What is needed for the cleaning?
 - a. Isopropyl alcohol
 - b. Compressed air
 - c. Lint-free wipe
 - d. Cotton buds

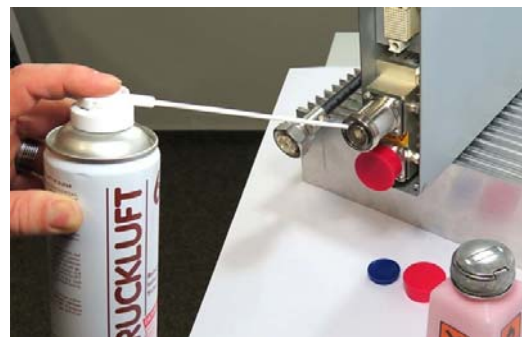


2. Remove protective cap from the RF connector.



Caution: Risk of injury by flying particles when compressed air is used. Wear protective clothing, especially protective glasses.

3. Remove metal chips and small particles from the mating and inner surfaces of the connector using compressed air.





Warning: Flammable material. Risk of fire. Keep away from sources of ignition.

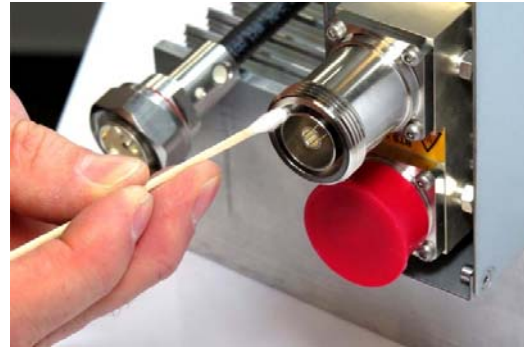


Caution: Eye irritant product. Risk of eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear protective clothing, especially protective glasses.

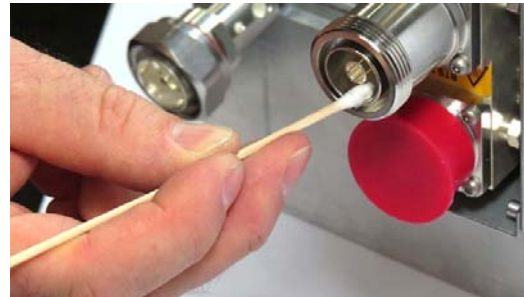
4. Clean the connector winding with lint-free wipe drenched with isopropyl alcohol.



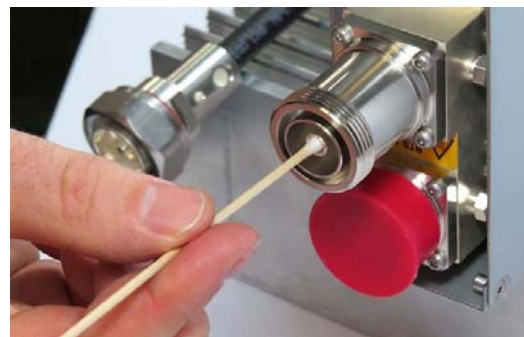
5. Clean the lip of the inner ring with a cotton bud drenched with isopropyl alcohol.



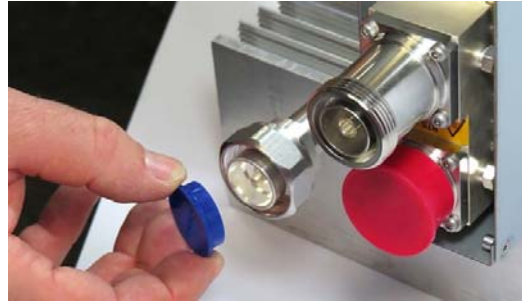
6. Clean the inside surface of the inner ring with a cotton bud drenched with isopropyl alcohol.



7. Clean the inside of the center conductor spring tines with a cotton bud drenched with isopropyl alcohol.



8. Clean in the similar way the connector of the connected cable. Remove protective caps from the unit connector first.



9. Remove metal chips and small particles from the mating and inner surfaces of the connector using compressed air.



10. Continue with the winding area using lint-free wipe drenched with isopropyl alcohol.



11. Continue with the inside mating surface of the inner ring.



12. Clean the outside surface of the center pin.



4.2.7. Antenna Cable Connector Assembly

The figures in this chapter illustrate the connection procedure and do not show the actual RU.

1. What is needed for the connector assembly?
 - a. Torque wrench.
 - b. (Adjustable) counter wrench



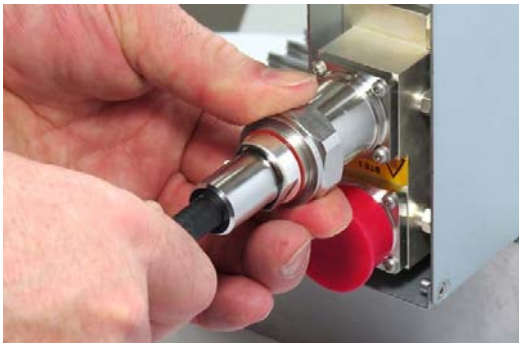
2. Join the connectors and turn the coupling nut until the thread grips.



3. Push in the connector until it clicks.

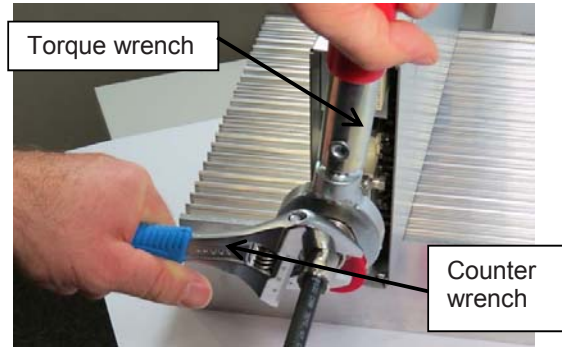


4. Fasten the coupling nut hand-tight. Do not turn the connector but the coupling nut only.



5. Retain the cable connector with the counter wrench and fasten the coupling nut with the torque wrench until the torque is applied (torque wrench clicks).

For angled antenna connectors use your hand to retain the cable connector and fasten the coupling nut with the torque wrench. Make sure only the coupling nut is turned, not the cable connector.



4.2.8. Optical-Fiber-Cable Connection - Rules

Main optical system parameters:

Fiber:

- Single mode fiber, type is E9/125 μm
- Attenuation: $<0.36 \text{ dB / km @ } 1310 \text{ nm}$ / $<0.26 \text{ dB / km @ } 1550 \text{ nm}$
- Dispersion: $<3.5 \text{ ps / nm km @ } 1310 \text{ nm}$ / $<18.0 \text{ ps / nm km @ } 1550 \text{ nm}$
- Fibre-cable connectors E2000 APC 8°

ION-M system:

- The pigtails for the connection between Master Unit and Remote Unit must have a sufficient length. Protection for the optical fibers must be provided where the fibers feed into the units.
- The system attenuation of the optical fibers, including the connectors, must not exceed 10 dB.

System attenuation and attenuation of optical components must be determined. This can be achieved by measuring attenuation with an appropriate measuring instrument. For pigtails, a total value of $<0.4 \text{ dB}$ (measured to a reference plug) can be assumed due to the dead zone of the reflectometer. These measurements must be made with a sufficient length of optical fiber, at the input and output of the device which has to be measured.


Fiber-System Installation:

Fiber-cable connectors have to be of the same type (E2000 APC 8°) as the connectors used for the unit. The fiber-optic cables are connected to the optical transceiver.

Note: Angled connectors are not compatible with straight optical connectors; non-compatibility of connectors will result in permanent damage to both connectors.

Before connecting the fiber cables, follow the procedure below to ensure optimized performance. It is important for these procedures to be carried out with care:

- Remove fiber-optic protective caps.
- Do not bend the fiber-optic cable in a tight radius (<4 cm) as this may cause cable damage and interrupt transmission.
- Using high-grade alcohol and lint-free cotton cleaning swabs, clean the end of the fiber-optic cable that will be inserted in the optical connectors on the donor interface box. Use a fiber end-face inspection tool to scan both, the glass fiber and its surrounding area.
- Check for dirt on the cladding, chips/pits, dirt on the ferrule, and scratches.
- Connect the fiber-optic cables by inserting the cable end into the laser receptacle and aligning the key (on the cable end) with the keyed slot.
Notice: In order to keep the specified IP class, using the protective plug as explained in chapter 4.2.9 is required.
- Do not use any index-matching gels or fluids of any kind in these connectors. Gels are intended for laboratory use and attract dirt in the field.

 **Note:** Care should be taken when connecting and disconnecting fiber-optic cables - use the connector housing to plug or unplug a fiber. Scratches and dust significantly affect system performance and may permanently damage the connector. Always use protective caps on fiber-optic connectors not in use.

Cleaning Procedure for Fiber-Optical Components:



Caution: Laser radiation. Risk of eye injury in operation. Do not stare into the beam; do not view it directly or with optical instruments.

Any impurity in the fiber connection results in additional optical transmission loss which could cause whole system failure. It is thus recommended that every fiber connector be inspected and cleaned prior to mating.

When you clean fiber components, always complete the following steps carefully:

1. Turn off the ION system (laser sources) before you inspect fiber connectors.
2. Check the connectors or adapters with a fiberscope before cleaning.
3. If the connector is dirty, clean it with a lint-free wipe (dry cleaning).
4. Inspect the connector.
5. If the connector is still dirty, repeat the dry cleaning technique.
6. Inspect the connector.
7. If the connector is still dirty, clean it with 99% isopropyl alcohol (wet cleaning) followed immediately with a dry clean in order to ensure no residue is left on the end face.
8. Repeat steps 5 through 7 until end face is clean.

Note: For a more detailed description, please refer to:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk482/tk876/technologies_white_paper09186a0080254eba.shtml

4.2.9. Protective Plug

A protective plug is provided for the connection of the fibre-optic cables. If the optical connection is done without this kit, the RU no longer has the stated IP class. Dust, humidity or water might ingress into the housing and damage the RU.

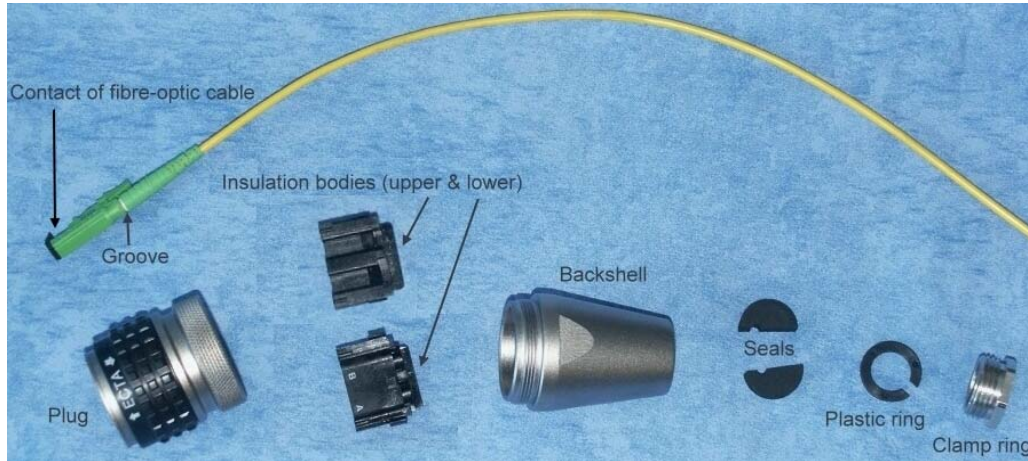


figure 4-7 Protective-plug assembly

Note: Only high-quality connectors must be used for this type of plug. Qualified brands are Diamond or Huber & Suhner.

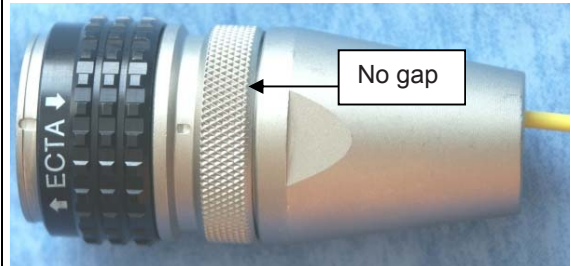
For plug assembly, observe the following instruction:

<p>1. Pass one or two contacts through the backshell and the clamp ring.</p>	
<p>2. Place the contact(s) on the lower insulation body by pushing the groove of the contact into the cavity. If there is only one contact, cavity A must be used. *</p> <p>3. Then, mount the upper insulation body on the lower insulation body. **</p>	
<p>4. Bring the insulator into the plug. The narrow groove of the insulator must be fitted into the stamp of the plug.</p>	

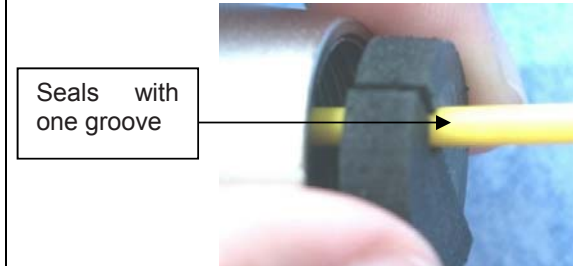
* To release the contact for disassembling, push the inner snap to the side and pull the contact out.

** To release upper and lower insulation bodies for disassembly, use a small screwdriver to carefully open the snap-connections at the left and right side of the insulator without damaging them.

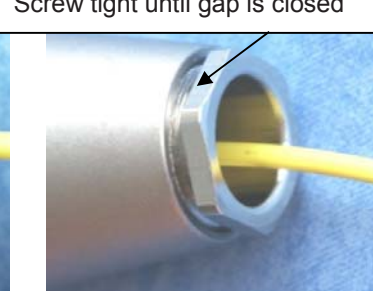
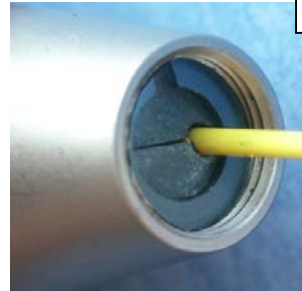
5. Fasten the insulator by screwing the backshell tight onto it. Use a spanner with opening 32 to screw the backshell tight (no gap).



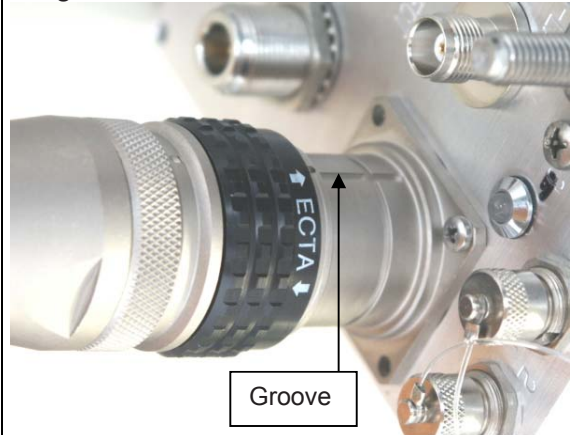
6. Place the appropriate seal parts (with one groove for one contact or two grooves for two contacts) over the cable(s) and push them into the backshell.



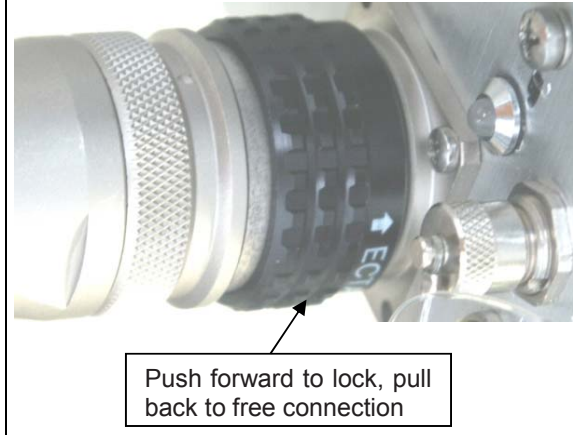
7. Bring the plastic ring over the cable(s), push it into the backshell and compress the seals and plastic ring by screwing the clamp ring tight (no gap) using a spanner with opening 20. ***



8. Connect the plug to the optical-fibre connector of the Remote Unit, again by fitting a stamp on the plug into the groove of the connector.



9. To lock the connector, push the black locking ring forward.****



*** For disassembling, release the clamping ring and remove the seals and the plastic ring first.

**** Locking mechanism: The system of locking the plug is based on a “push-pull” mechanism. The locking ring has to be pushed forward to lock the connector and pulled back to free the connection.

4.2.10. Protective-Tube Kit

As additional protection for the optical fibres, this connector type can be supplemented by a special tube kit. To fasten the tube correctly, first unscrew the clamp ring (if already installed) of the original plug kit. Then, proceed according to the following instruction:

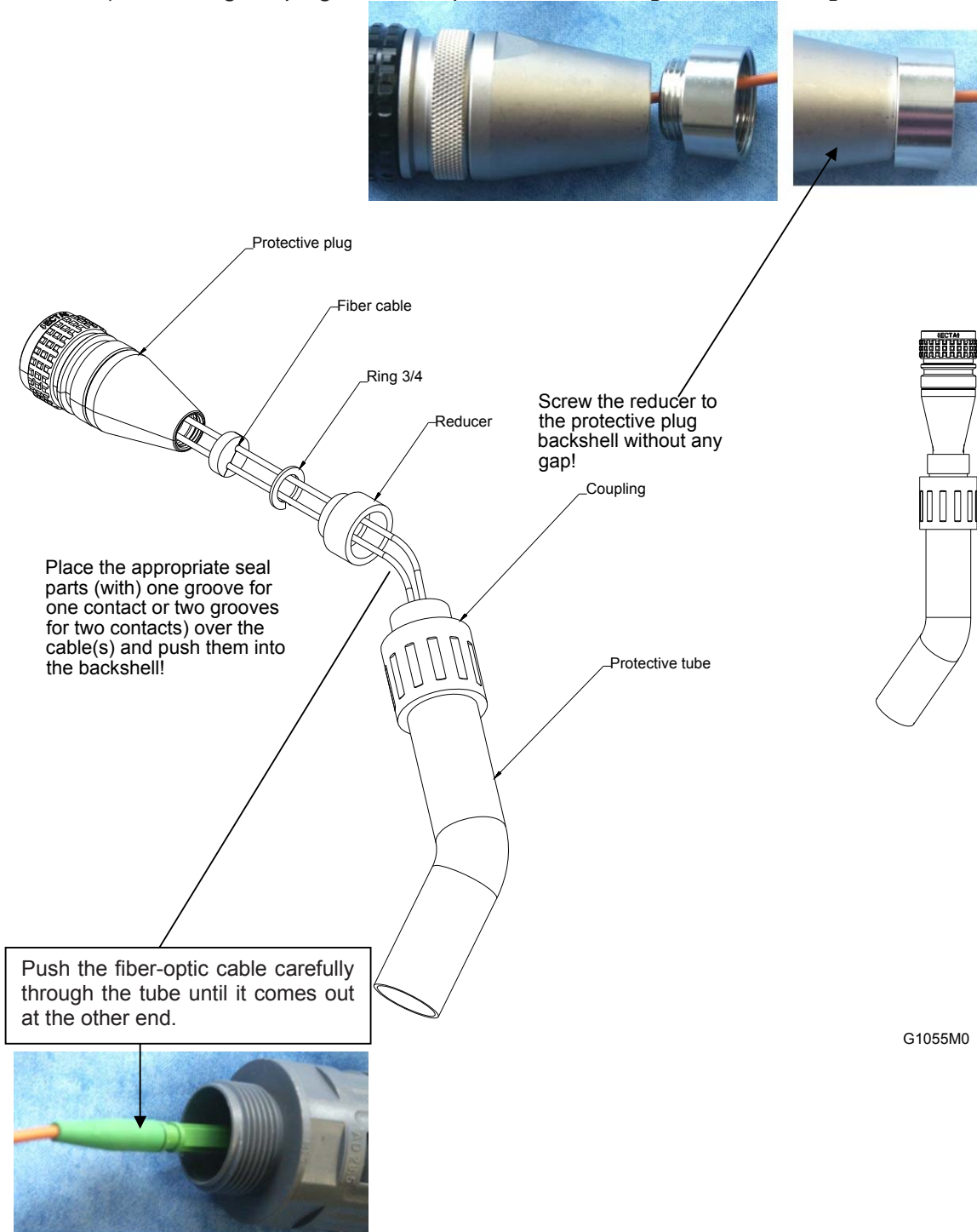


figure 4-8 Tube-kit installation

4.2.11. External-Alarm Inputs and Outputs

There are four alarm inputs and four alarm outputs. Each alarm output can be assigned individually to any alarm at the Remote Unit. Settings need to be made via the ION-M Master Controller. For details please refer to the corresponding chapter in the User’s Manual of the ION-M Master Controller.

Note: The manufacturer / supplier of this system assumes no liability for damage caused by equipment connected to external outputs or by effects from such equipment.

As accessory equipment the alarm kit is available to connect external devices to the external alarm inputs and outputs. For the exact ID No., please refer to section 7.3 Spare Parts. Subminiature circular connectors series 712 with five and seven contacts, which are contained in the alarm kit, can be ordered directly from the Binder Connector Group, the manufacturer, or indirectly from CommScope.

For the location of the external-alarm inputs and outputs see figure “Connector Flange”.

Optocoupler-Alarm Inputs

With the external alarm inputs it is possible to monitor the status of connected devices, e.g. a UPS, via software. All alarm inputs are normally high (5 V) without connection. The polarity (high/ low) can be set via the software at the Master Unit (for details please see corresponding software manual).

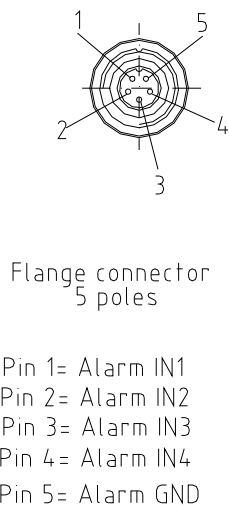


figure 4-9 Flange connector, 5 poles

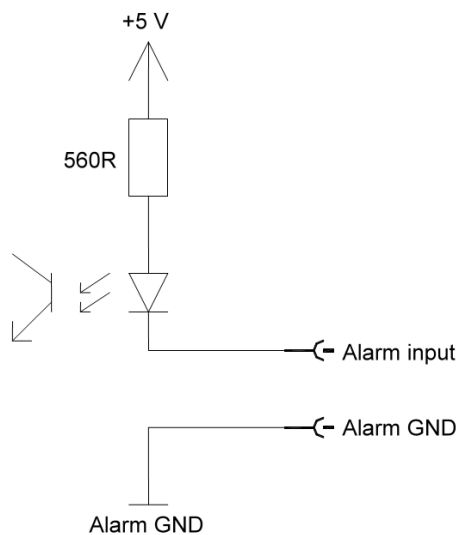


figure 4-10 Alarm inputs (optocoupler)

Alarm Inputs:
(decoupled via optocoupler)

Input signal/switch dimensioning:	control/alarm contact
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$U_{MAX} = 5 \text{ VDC}$
(from alarm input out)

$I_{MAX} = 5 \text{ mA}$
(from alarm input out)

$R_{(ON)MAX} = 1\text{k}\Omega$
(of the external switch)

$|\phi_{GND} - \phi_{IN \text{ GND}}| \leq 60 \text{ V}$

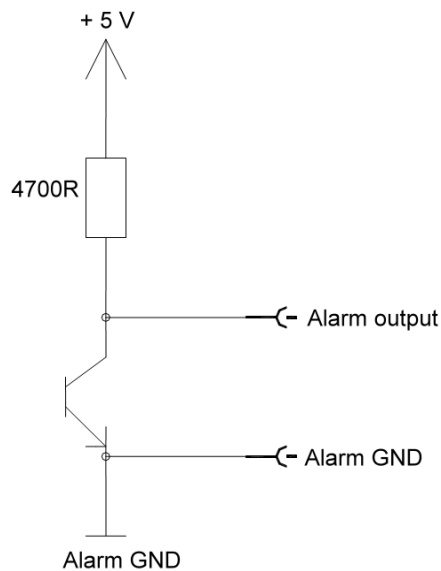
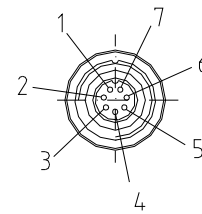
Alarm Outputs

figure 4-11 Alarm outputs (optocoupler)

Flange connector
7 poles

Pin 1= OUT1
 Pin 2= OUT2
 Pin 3= OUT3
 Pin 4= OUT4
 Pin 5= Alarm GND
 Pin 6= GND
 Pin 7= +28 V

figure 4-12 Flange connector, 7 poles

The alarm outputs (pins 1 to 4: output with pull-up resistor 5 V / 1 mA; see figure 4-12) are normally low. In case of an alarm they are high active (5 V). They can be used to monitor alarms with an external alarm indicator.

The +28 V pin (pin 6&7) is specified to 28 VDC / 0.5 A and is protected by a thermoswitch. In case of exceeding this current between pin 7 and GND, the thermoswitch turns into a high-resistive status. In this case no fuse needs to be replaced. Just wait a few minutes until the thermoswitch reaches the normal operating temperature again.

Note: The manufacturer / supplier of this system assumes no liability for damage caused by equipment connected to external outputs or by effects from such equipment.

4.2.12. Power Connection

Before connecting electrical power to the RU, the system must be grounded as described in section 4.2.4 *Grounding (Earthing)*.

Mains power must be connected at the mains connector of the unit (see section 4.2.3). The power supply plug with cable is part of the delivery. Depending on the location / requirements of your site, one of the following cables is provided:

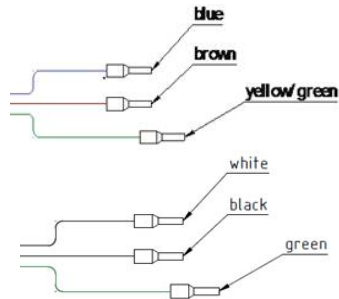


figure 4-13 Power supply cables (AC)

blue	neutral
brown	phase
yellow/green	protection earth

white	neutral
black	phase
green	protection earth

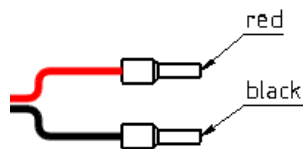


figure 4-14 Power supply cable (DC)

red	+ (volts)
black	- (volts)

Connect the cable ends of the power cable to your local power supply.

Note: Observe the applicable national regulations regarding loop impedance, voltage drop, and methods of installation. Make sure to connect the correct voltage to the unit.

Note: Do not connect or disconnect the power cord at the mains connector while power is on. Turn off mains power * before connecting the power cord at the Remote Unit, then, engage mains again.

* Mains power must be interruptible with an external delay-actions mains breaker. For the mains breaker, observe the following recommendation:

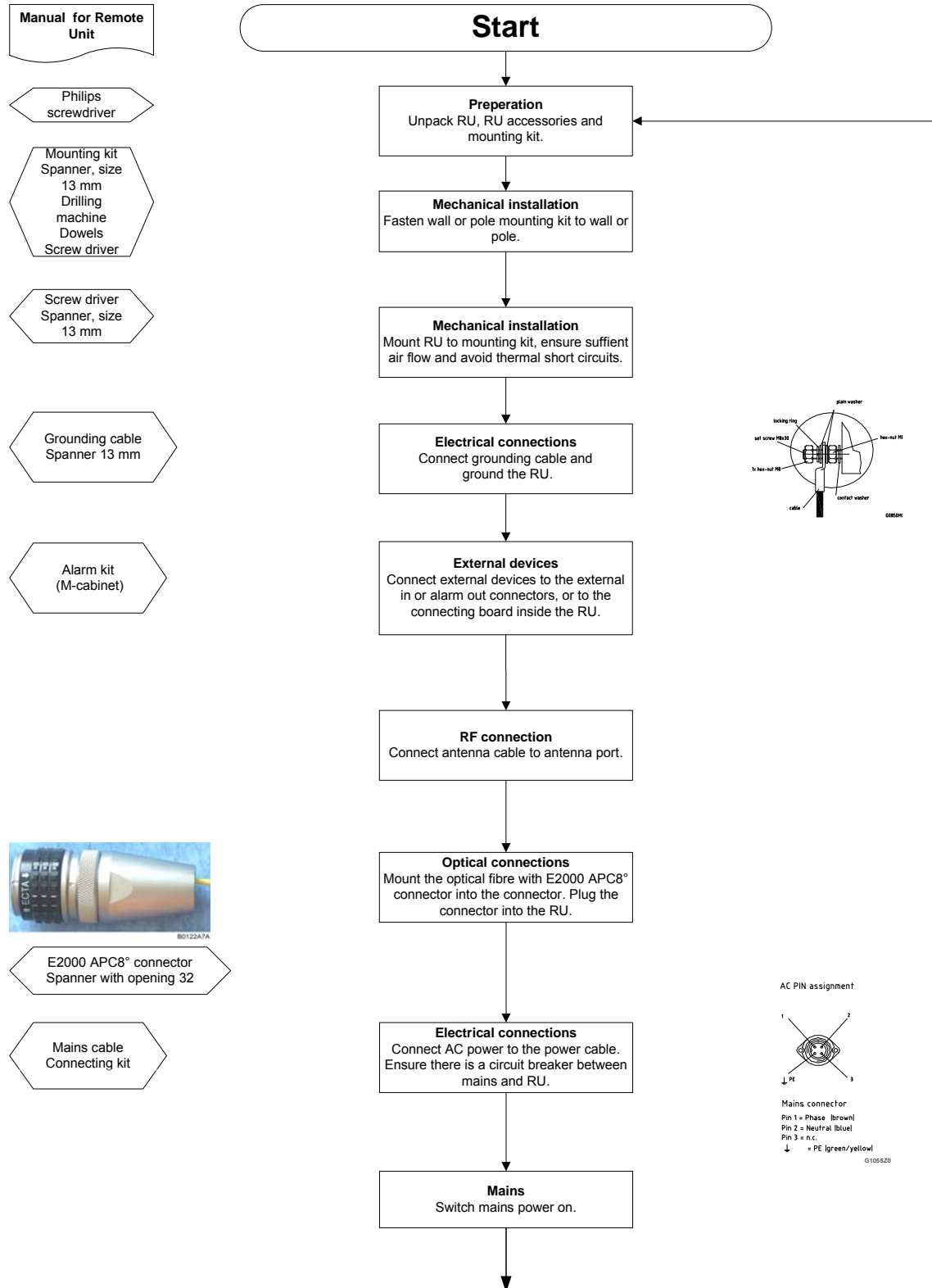
120 Volt / 20 Amp max. or 240 Volt / 16 Amp, single-phase, 50 / 60 Hz AC service is needed, i.e. the external AC breaker should be 20 Amps max. for 120-Volt service or 13 to 16 Amps for 240-Volt service. Always make sure that your local requirements are kept.

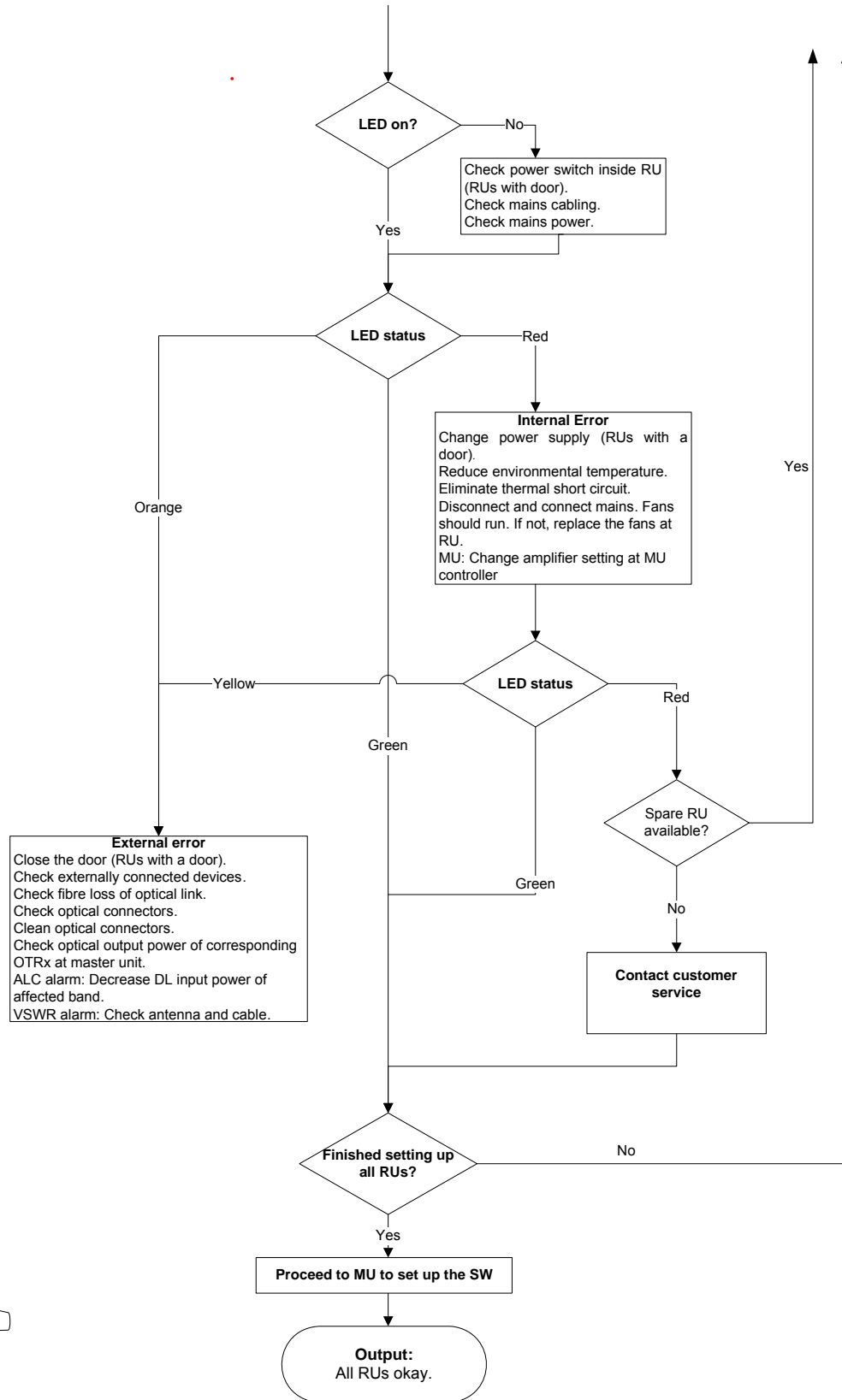
For the DC power supply, observe the local regulations of the DC service provider.

With the mains power turned off, the power supply plug must be connected to the Remote Unit's mains connector.

4.2.13. Commissioning Flowchart

Commissioning an ION-M Remote Unit





5. Alarms and Troubleshooting

All alarms occurring can be checked via software at the Master Unit to where a message is transmitted when the software acknowledges a valid alarm. A new alarm message will not be repeated if the reason for the alarm is cleared or if the alarm continues.

A new alarm message will be generated if the alarm is interrupted for at least five seconds after acknowledgement. Refer to the corresponding software documentation of the Master Unit for details.

For local supervision, a status LED on the connector flange of the unit (position see section 4.2.3) gives an indication of possible reasons for alarms. This table shows possible on-site measures that could be checked before referring to the Master Unit alarm list.

LED	Alarms	Possible on-site measures
Green	No alarm → Status ok	
Orange	<i>Alarms not directly related to RU/EU:</i>	
	External alarms (RU only)	Check externally connected devices.
	Optical alarm Rx (RU only)	Check fibre loss of optical link. Check optical connectors. Clean optical connectors. <i>(MU: Check optical output power of corresponding OTRx at Master Unit).</i>
	ALC alarm	<i>(MU: Decrease DL input power of affected band).</i>
Red	<i>Alarms directly related to RU/EU:</i>	
	Power 28 V	Change power supply (RUs with door). Replace the affected Remote Unit.
	Temperature	Reduce environmental temperature. Eliminate thermal short circuit.
	Fan (RUs/EUs with fan)	Disconnect and connect mains. Fans should run. If not, replace the fans at RU.
	I ² C	Disconnect and connect mains.
	Optical alarm Tx	Exchange RU/EU.
	Amplifier "Power Down"	<i>(MU: Change amplifier setting at MU controller).</i>
Status LED off	Mains	Check power switch inside of RU/EU (RUs/EUs with door). Check mains cabling. Check mains power.

table 5-1 Status LED alarms

The status of the RU/EU can be checked via the Master Unit (for details please refer to the software manual of the Master Controller). Explicit troubleshooting is also available in the MU software (software manual or WEB Interface).

The connection of the external alarms inputs and outputs provided is described in chapter 4.2.11.

6. Maintenance

6.1. General

Read and observe chapter 1.2 *Health and Safety*.



Caution: Rotating fans. Risk of injury in operation. Wear tight-fitting clothes and disconnect mains before connecting or replacing or cleaning the fan unit.



Caution: The unit reaches high temperature in operation. Risk of burns by hot surface. Do not touch the unit before it has sufficiently cooled down.

- ☞ **Note:** The Remote Unit does not require preventative maintenance measures.
- ☞ **Note:** We recommend checking the cleanliness of the unit and in particular of the heat sink / fan(s) at appropriate intervals depending on the degree of dust and dirt at the installation site. If necessary, any dusty or dirty areas / parts should be cleaned at regular intervals, which also depend on the degree of dust and dirt at the installation site.

Maintenance of the RU should be performed by replacing only components that are contained in this section. Take care not to unintentionally damage the seals on the modules to maintain warranty. Please keep these guidelines in mind during maintenance:

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CommScope, CommScope's general limited product warranty (<http://www.commscope.com/Resources/Warranties/>) shall be the warranty governing the Remote Units, including the installation, maintenance, usage and operation of the Remote Units.

The spare parts list, consequently, contains only units which can be replaced without tuning or soldering work.

- ☞ **Note:** **Ensure the Remote Unit has been disconnected from mains power during maintenance.**
- ☞ **Note:** When sending back the unit, use appropriate packaging (see also section 7.2.3 Mechanical Specifications for details). Use of the original packaging for shipping the unit is strongly recommended.
- ☞ **Note:** Defective parts should only be replaced by original parts from the supplier. All service work performed inside the housing is performed at the users own risk.
- ☞ **Note:** Label any unlabelled cables before disconnecting them to ensure correct reconnection.

For most maintenance procedures, appropriate tools are required to ensure correct handling. All of these tools can be ordered from the supplier.

- ☞ **Note:** All Remote Unit screws have a right-hand thread, and are tightened by turning the screws clockwise and loosened by turning them counter-clockwise with an appropriate tool.

Due to the design of the Remote Unit the only component recommended to be replaced is the fan unit. For replacing any other component, please contact the supplier.

6.2. Replacing the Fan Unit

Replacement of the fan unit is not required as a preventative measure. Only if an alarm indicates a malfunctioning of a fan must the unit be exchanged.

Note: Please observe that the fan unit can only be replaced as a whole. Do not remove the fans separately.

Read and observe chapter *1.2 Health and Safety* as well as the instructions in section *6.1 General* before starting with the replacement.

1. **Switch off the Remote Unit. Make sure mains is disconnected for the following replacement procedure.** Then, proceed as follows:

2. Loosen the four tallow-drop screws M4x8 by which the fan plate is screwed to the cabinet. Remove the four screws and the corresponding washers.



3. Remove the fan unit – by putting slight pressure on the fan plate cover – to a position that allows access to the fan connector and the earth-bonding cable.

4. Unscrew the fan connector and then disconnect the earth-bonding cable.



5. To mount the new fan unit, re-connect the earth-bonding cable and the fan connector (see *step 4*). Then, place the fan unit back into its original position and fasten it tight:



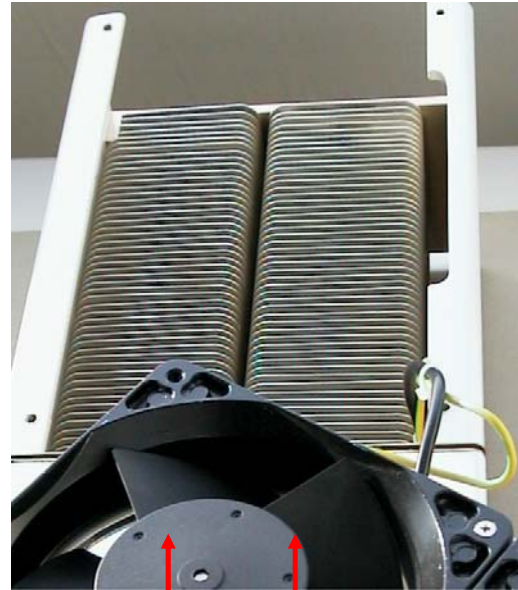
6. Screw the whole fan unit to the cabinet with the four tallow-drop screws M4x8 (see *step 2*). In order not to exceed the specified torque of 3.3 N-m, use an appropriate tool.

6.3. Cleaning the Heat Sink

☞ **Note:** Read and observe chapter *1.2 Health and Safety* as well as the instructions in section *6.1 General* before starting with the replacement procedure. Then, proceed as follows:

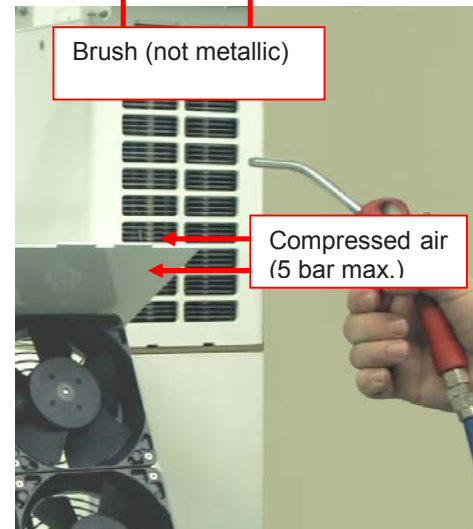
1. Switch off the Remote Unit. For the following procedure ensure that mains has been disconnected before.

2. Remove the fan plate with the fan unit from the Remote Unit as described in section *6.2 Replacing the Fan Unit*, steps 1 and 2:



Caution: Risk of injury by flying particles when compressed air is used. Wear protective clothing, especially protective glasses.

3. Use compressed air (max. 5 bar) to blow out the heat sink from back to front.



4. In case the dirt cannot be blown out completely and parts of it stick to the ribs of the heat sink, clean the parts concerned carefully from the front using e.g. a brush. Take care that the material is not scratched or damaged.

5. After cleaning the heat sink, mount the fan unit again according to section *6.2 Replacing the Fan Unit* step 6. Then, switch the Remote Unit back on.

7. Appendix

7.1. Illustrations

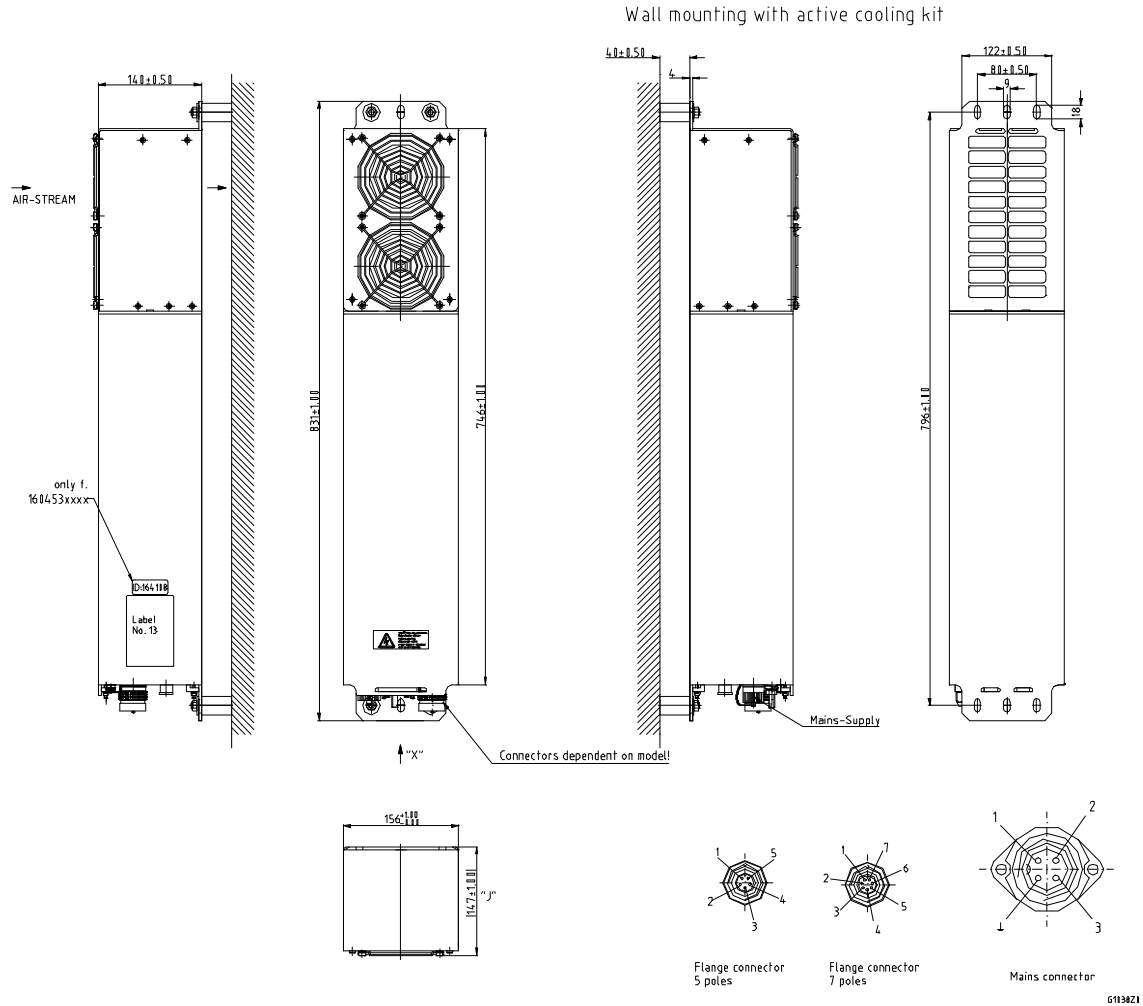


figure 7-1 Cabinet drawing

7.2. Specifications

7.2.1. Electrical Specifications

Electrical			
Power supply	Mains power, AC	nominal	100 Vac to 240 Vac
		operating	85 Vac to 264 Vac
	Mains power, DC	nominal	48 Vdc to 60 Vdc
		operating	36 Vdc to 72 Vdc
	Power consumption	max. temp., fully loaded	215 watts
		room temp., idle	90 watts
Optical Link			
Optical link connectors		E2000/APC 8	
Optical return loss		45 dB min. °	
Fibre type		Single mode E9/125 µm	
Optical link budget		0 dB to 10 dB	

All data is subject to change without notice.

7.2.2. SW Requirements

Minimum SW requirements for basic support: ION-M SW V7.50

7.2.3. Mechanical Specifications

Height, width, depth *	831 x 156 x 147 mm (32.7 x 6.1 x 5.8 in)
Weight,	22 kg (48 lb)

* Spacing required 40 mm (1.58 in) around unit

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7.2.4. Environmental and Safety Specifications

Note: For detailed information, please refer to the Environmental and Safety Specifications leaflet of the supplier, related to ETS 300 019 (European Telecommunication Standard).

Operating temperature range	-33° C to +55° C
Ingress protection	IP67

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7.3. Spare Parts

The following list contains all parts available for the Remote Unit. The configuration of the delivered unit meets the requirements of the customer and can differ depending on the state of the delivery.

Maintenance of the RU should be performed on an FRU (Field Replaceable Unit) basis only. Do not damage the warranty labels on the components, as this voids the warranty.

If any FRU not contained in the following list needs to be replaced, please contact customer service for additional instructions.

Designation:	ID No:
ION-M23 SDARS	7760774
Protective Plug E2000	7160013
Protective Cap E 2000	7158914
Fan Protection Kit	7159097
Fan Unit	7158254
Protective Tube Kit	7162182
Manuals for ION-M23 SDARS	7760838-00

Accessories	
<i>Wall Mounting</i>	
Wall-Mounting Kit	7158078
ISO Trafo Kit 230 V Wall Mounting	7158322
Overcoat Housing Kit Wall Mounting	7159625
<i>Pole Mounting</i>	
Pole-Mounting Kit	7157782
ISO Trafo Kit 230 V Pole Mounting	7159621
Overcoat Housing Kit Pole Mounting	7159624
Alarm Kit	7157396

The manufacturer reserves the right to replace the spare parts listed above by equivalent substitutes.

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