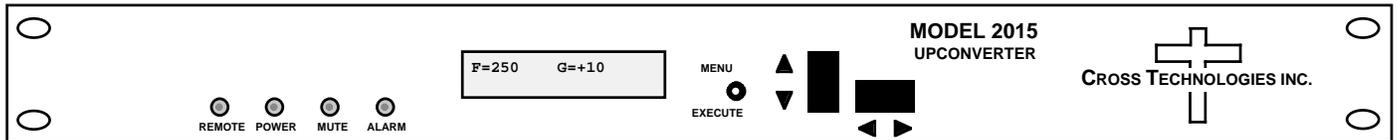# Instruction Manual

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MODEL 2015-95 Upconverter

1.0 General

1.1 Equipment Description

The 2015-95 Upconverter converts 70 ±18 MHz to 250 to 950 MHz in 1 MHz steps with low group delay and flat frequency response. Synthesized local oscillators (LO) provide frequency selection. Multi-function push button switches select the RF frequency, gain, and other parameters. Front panel LEDs provide indication of DC power (green), PLL alarm (red), remote operation (yellow) or the TX carrier is muted (yellow). Variable attenuators for the IF input and output provide a gain range of -10 to +30 dB as adjusted by the front panel multi-function pushbutton switches. Remote operation allows selection of frequency and gain. Parameter selection and frequency and gain settings appear on the LCD display. Connectors are BNC (female) for IF and optional external 10MHz reference input and output, and Type F (female) for the RF output. The unit is powered by a 100-240 ±10% VAC power supply, and housed in a 1 3/4" X 19" X 16" rack mount chassis.
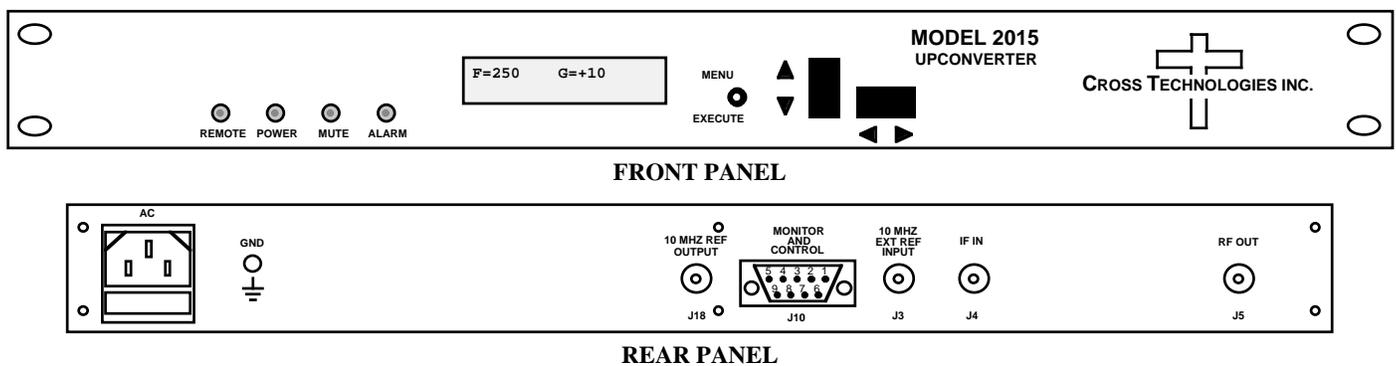
FIGURE 1.1 Front and Rear Panels
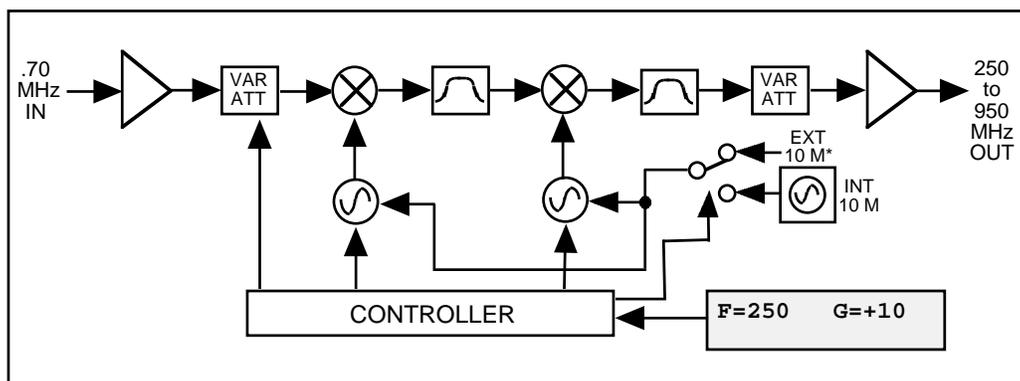
FIGURE 1.2   Block Diagram

1.2 Technical Characteristics

TABLE 1.0 2015-95 Upconverter Specifications*

Input Characteristics

Impedance/Return Loss	75 Ω /18 dB
Frequency	70 ± 18 MHZ
Input Level	-40 to -10 dBm

Output Characteristics

Impedance/Return Loss	75 Ω/ 10 dB
Frequency	250 to 950 MHz
Output level	-20 to 0 dBm
Output 1dB compression	+5 dBm

Channel Characteristics

Gain range (adjustable)	-10.0 to +30.0 dB
Spurious Response	<-50 dBC
2nd Harmonic	< 40 dB
Frequency Response	±1.5 dB, 250-750 MHz; ±2.5 dB, 750-950 MHz; ±0.5 dB, 36MHz BW
Group Delay, max	0.01 ns/MHz^2 parabolic; 0.03 ns/MHz linear; 1 ns ripple
Frequency Sense	Non-inverting

Synthesizer Characteristics

Frequency Accuracy	± 1.0 ppm max over temp (± 0.01 ppm, **option H**) internal reference
Frequency Step	1.0 MHz minimum
10 MHz Level (In/Out)	+3 dBm ± 3 dB, 50/75Ω (**option E**)

Phase Noise @ Freq	100 MHz	1kHz	10kHz	100kHz	1MHz
dBC/Hz	-70	-70	-80	-90	-100

Controls, Indicators

Frequency Selection	direct readout LCD; pushbutton switches or remote selection
Gain Selection	direct readout LCD; pushbutton switches or remote selection
Power	Green LED
Alarm	Red LED
Remote	Yellow LED; RS232C, 9600 baud (RS485, **option Q**)
Mute	Yellow LED

Other

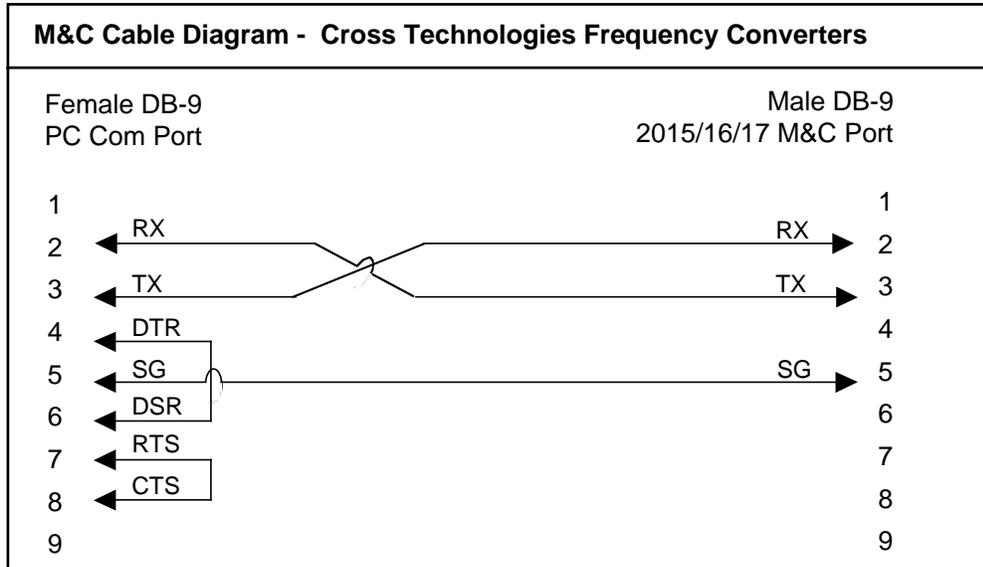|	
RF Connector	Type F (female), 75Ω
IF Connector	BNC (female), 75Ω
Ext 10 MHz	BNC (female), 50Ω/75Ω (**option E**)
Connector, Alarm, Remote	DB9 - NO or NC contact closure on Alarm
Size	19 inch, 1RU standard chassis 1.75"high X 16.0" deep
Power	100-240 ±10% VAC, 47-63 Hz, 45 watts max

Options

E	External 10MHz Reference input and output
H	High Stability (±0.01ppm) internal reference
Q	RS-422/RS-485 Remote capability
Z	Attenuator 0.1dB on Upconverter
Connector Options	See Table 2.2

*+10˚C to +40˚C; Specifications subject to change without notice

1.3 Monitor and Control Interface

A) Remote serial interface

Protocol: RS-232C, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, and 1 stop bit. (RS-232C, RS-422, or **RS-485** - **option -Q**)

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M&C Cable Diagram -  Cross Technologies Frequency Converters

Female DB-9                                    Male DB-9
PC Com Port                              2015/16/17 M&C Port

 1                                                          1
       RX                                         RX
 2  ◄────────────────────         ────────────►  2
       TX                                         TX
 3  ◄────────────────────         ────────────►  3
       DTR
 4  ◄──────┐                                      4
       SG   │                                SG
 5  ◄──────┤        ──────────────────────────►  5
       DSR  │
 6  ◄──────┤                                      6
       RTS  │
 7  ◄──────┤                                      7
       CTS  │
 8  ◄──────┘                                      8

 9                                                          9
```

Connector: Rear panel, DB-9 male

J10 Pinouts (RS-232C/422/485)	
Pin	**Function**
1	Rx-
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Tx-
5	GND
6	Alarm Relay: Common
7	Alarm Relay: Normally Open
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay: Normally Closed

B) Status Requests -

Table 1.3 lists the status requests for the 2015-95 and briefly describes them.

* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(OO-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

TABLE 1.1 2015-02 Status Requests		
Command	Syntax *	Description
Command Status	{aaS1}	Returns {aaS1bbbbcccddAM} where:
		• bbbb = Tx frequency
		4 characters - standard (7 characters - Option-X)
		• ccc = Tx gain
		• dd = Tx input level (10 to 40 => -10 to -40 dBm)
		• A = 0 - summary alarm
		• M = Tx RF Status (1 = Normal, 0 = Muted)
10 MHz Reference Status	{aaS2}	Returns {aaS2E} where:
(option -E only)		• E = Ext 10MHz Status (1 = on, 0 = off)

C) Commands Table 1.2 lists the commands for the 2015-95 and briefly describes them. After a command is sent the 2015-95 sends a return ">" indicating the command has been received and executed.

General Command Format - The general command format is {aaCND...}, where:

        { = start byte

        aa = address (**RS-485 only - option Q**)

        C = 1 character, either C (command) or S (status)

        N = 1 character command or status request

        D = 1 character or more of data (depends on command)

        } = stop byte

* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(OO-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

Table 1.2 2015-95 Commands		
Command	**Syntax***	**Description**
Set Transmitter Frequency	{aaC1xxxx}	where:
		• xxxx = 4 characters standard (7 characters -Option-X)
		• Range: 0950 to 2150 MHz, in 1 MHz steps
		0950.000 to 2150.000 in 1 kHz steps (Option-X)
Set Input Level	{aaCIxx}	where:
		• xx = 2 characters
		• Range: 10 to 40 (-10 to -40 dBm, in 1 dB steps)
Set Transmit Gain	{aaC3xxxx}	where:
		• xxxx = 3 characters (0 to 30dB), 4 characters (-10 to -1dB)
		• Range: -100 to 300 (-10.0 dB to +30.0 dB, in 1 dB steps)
Enable Tx	{aaCAx}	where x =:
		• 0 to disable Tx signal
		• 1 to enable Tx signal
Enable External 10MHz	{aaCEx}	where x =:
		• 0 to disable External 10MHz ref signal
		• 1 to enable External 10MHz ref signal
Enable Remote	#	Just # sign
Disable Remote	{aaCRO}	{CR and zero}

1.4 Environmental Use Information

A. **Rack-Mounting** - To mount this equipment in a rack, please refer to the installation instructions located in the user manual furnished by the manufacturer of your equipment rack.

B. **Mechanical Loading** - Mounting of equipment in a rack should be such that a hazardous condition does not exist due to uneven weight distribution.

C. **Elevated Operating Ambient Temperature** - If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack may be greater than room ambient temperature. Therefore, consideration should be given to Tmra.

D. **Reduced Air Flow** - Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised. Additional space between unit may be required.

E. **Circuit Overloading** - Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of circuits could have on over current protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment name plate rating should be used when addressing this concern.

F. **Reliable Earthing** - Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connection to the Branch (use of power strips).

G. **Top Cover** - There are no serviceable parts inside the product so, the Top Cover should not be removed. If the Top Cover is removed the ground strap and associated screw MUST BE REINSTALLED prior to Top Cover screw replacement. FAILURE TO DO this may cause INGRESS and/or EGRESS emission problems.

2.0 Installation
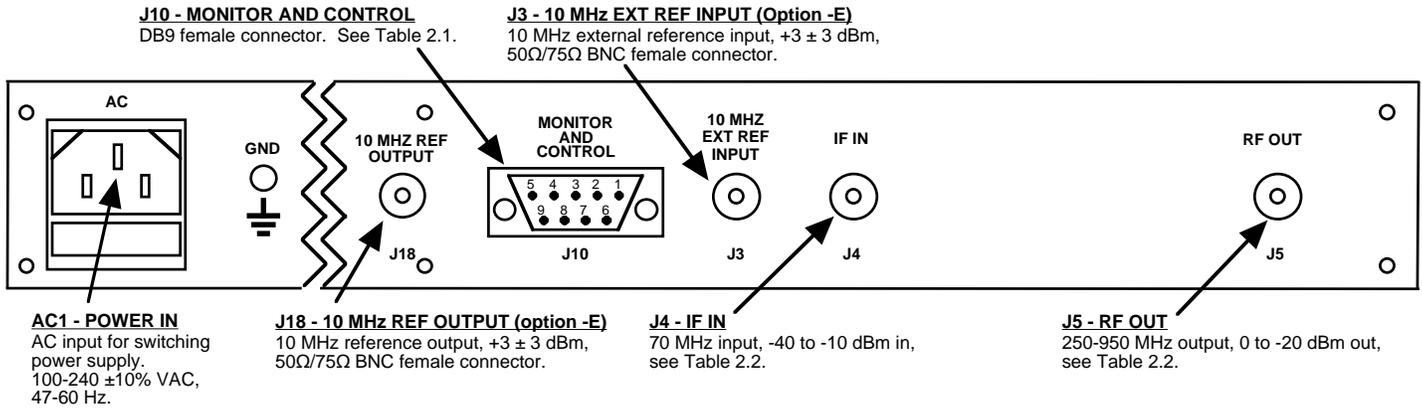
2.1 Mechanical - The 2015-95 consists of one RF/Controller PCB housed in a 1 RU (1 3/4 inch high) by 16 inch deep chassis. A switching, ± 12, +24, +5 VDC power supply provides power for the internal assemblies. The 2015-95 can be secured to a rack using the 4 holes on the front panel. Figure 2.1 shows how the 2015-95 is assembled.

POWER
SUPPLY
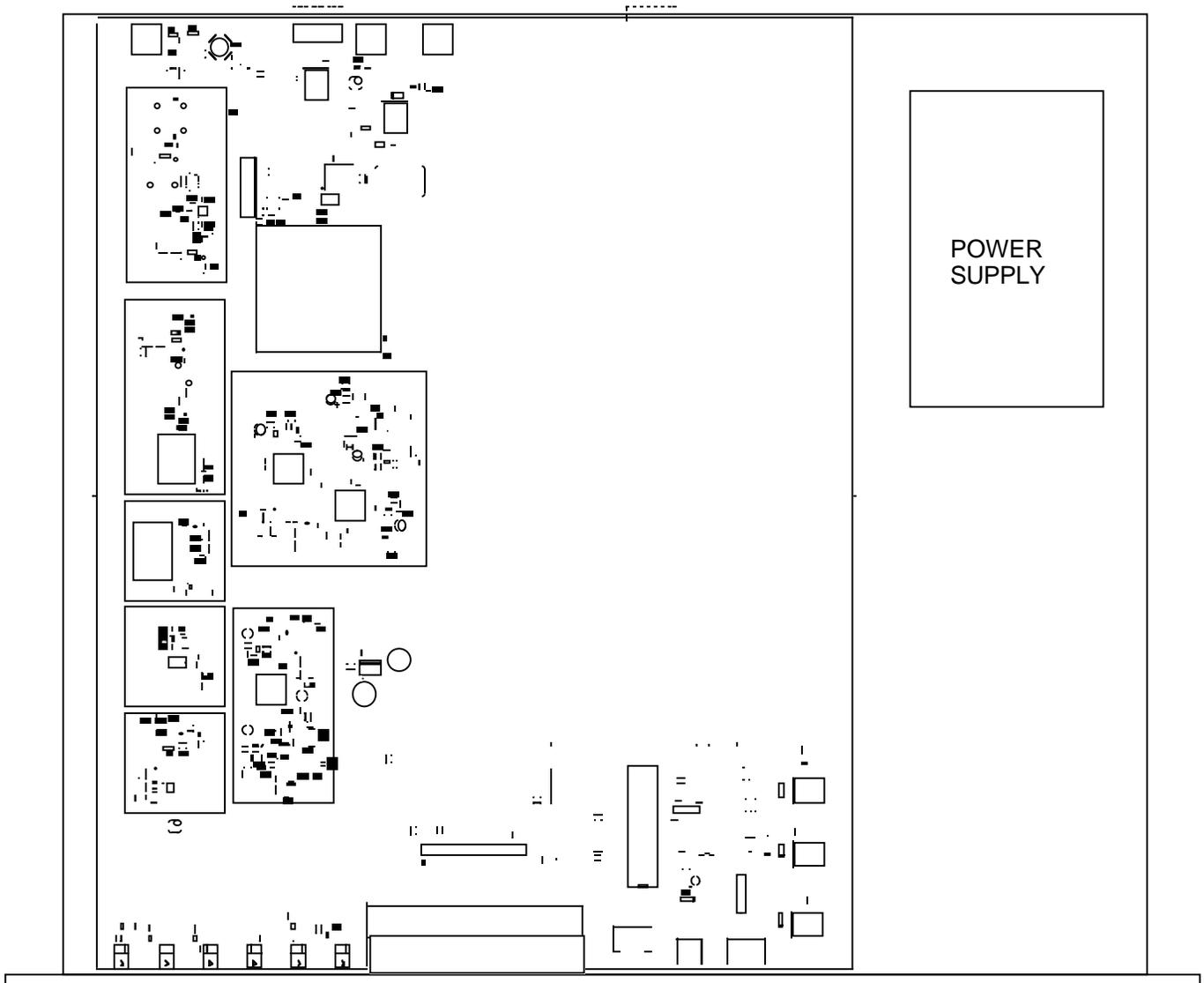
FIGURE 2.1 Mechanical Assembly

2.2 Rear Panel Input/Output Signals - Figure 2.2 shows the input and output connectors on the rear panel.

J10 - MONITOR AND CONTROL
DB9 female connector. See Table 2.1.

J3 - 10 MHz EXT REF INPUT (Option -E)
10 MHz external reference input, +3 ± 3 dBm,
50Ω/75Ω BNC female connector.

AC1 - POWER IN
AC input for switching
power supply.
100-240 ±10% VAC,
47-60 Hz.

J18 - 10 MHz REF OUTPUT (option -E)
10 MHz reference output, +3 ± 3 dBm,
50Ω/75Ω BNC female connector.

J4 - IF IN
70 MHz input, -40 to -10 dBm in,
see Table 2.2.

J5 - RF OUT
250-950 MHz output, 0 to -20 dBm out,
see Table 2.2.

FIGURE 2.2 Rear Panel I/Os

TABLE 2.1 J10 Pinouts (RS-232C/422/485*)	
Pin	Function
1	Rx-
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Tx-
5	GND
6	Alarm Relay: Common
7	Alarm Relay: Normally Open
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay: Normally Closed

*Remote Serial Interface
Interface: DB-9 Male
Protocol: RS-232C (RS-232C/422/485 **option Q**), 9600 baud
rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit.

2.3 Front Panel Controls and Indicators - The following are the front panel controls and indicators.

DS1 - REMOTE LED
Yellow LED indicates
remote operation.

LCD DISPLAY
Display shows frequency in MHz
and Gain in dB

S1 - MENU/EXECUTE BUTTON
Press this to get into Program mode
and to execute any changes.

`F=250  G=+10`

MENU

EXECUTE

REMOTE   POWER   MUTE   ALARM

DS6 - POWER LED
Green LED indicates
presence of DC power.

DS5 - UP MUTE LED
Yellow LED indicates
upconverter mute.

DS2 - UP ALARM LED
Red LED indicates
upconverter alarm.

S2 - VERT. TOGGLE
Vertical toggle switch that controls
values in the Menu items when in
program mode. Does not function in the
normal display mode

S3 - HORIZ. TOGGLE
Horizontal toggle switch that
controls which values are being
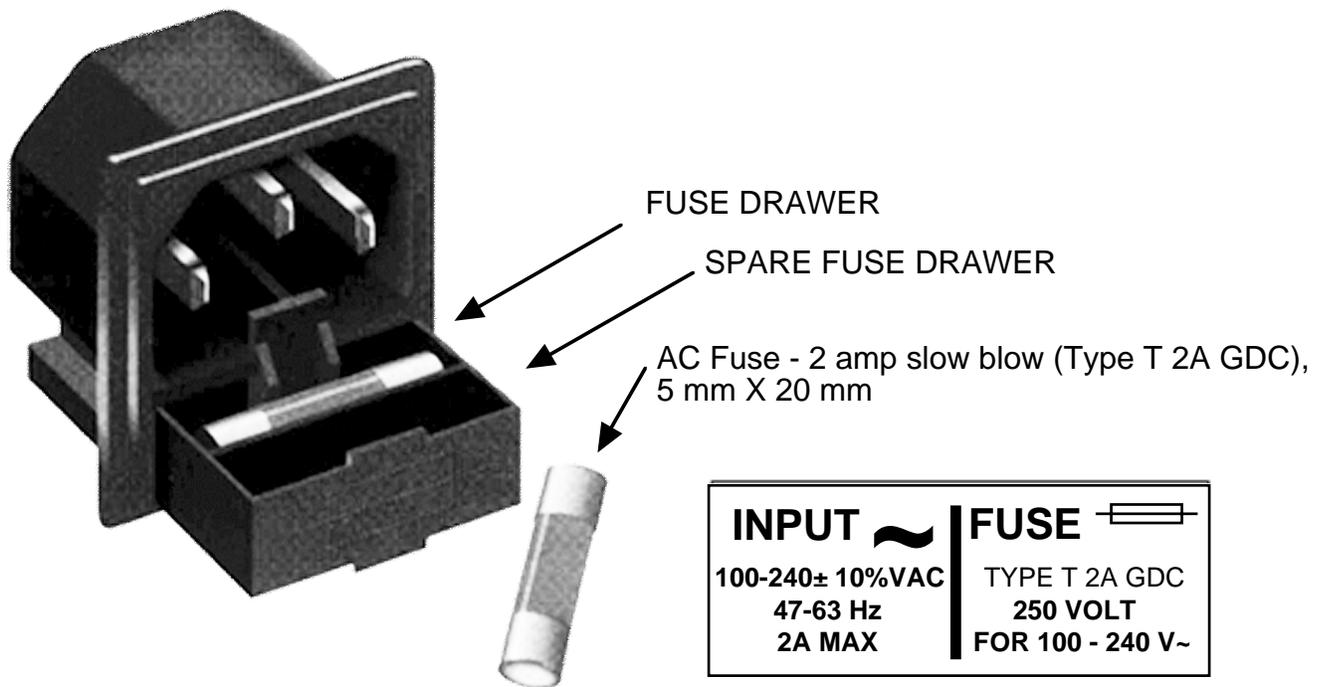adjusted. Does not function in the
normal display mode

FIGURE 2.3 Front Panel Controls and Indicators

2.4 Operation

2.4.1 Installing and Operating the 2015-95 Upconverter

1. Connect a -10 dBm to -40 dBm signal to IF In, J4 (Figure 2.2)
2. Connect the RF OUT, J5, to the external equipment
3. Connect 100-240 ±10% VAC, 47 - 63 Hz to AC on the back panel.
4. Set the desired output frequency (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
5. Set the input level (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
6. Set the gain for -10 to +30 dB. Make sure the output stays within -20 to 0 dBm with the gain selected and the input level provided. The firmware will prevent setting gain and input level outside this range. (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
7. Be sure DS6 (green, DC Power) is on and DS2 (red, Alarm) is off (Figure 2.3).
8. **AC Fuse -** The fuse is a 5 mm X 20 mm, 2 amp slow blow (Type T) and is inserted in the far slot in the drawer below the AC input as shown in Figure 2.4. There is a spare fuse in the near slot. If a fuse continues to open, the power supply is most likely defective.

FUSE DRAWER

SPARE FUSE DRAWER

AC Fuse - 2 amp slow blow (Type T 2A GDC), 5 mm X 20 mm

INPUT ∼	FUSE ▭
100-240± 10%VAC	TYPE T 2A GDC
47-63 Hz	250 VOLT
2A MAX	FOR 100 - 240 V∼

FIGURE 2.4 Fuse Location and Spare Fuse

2.5 Menu Settings

2.5.1 Functions

This section describes operation of the front panel controls. There are three operator switches, the LCD display and alarm indicator LEDs. All functions for the equipment are controlled by these components. The functions are (see Figure 2.5):

Power Up
Normal Display

Menu 1 Frequency in MHz
Menu 2 Input Lvl (Set from -40 to -10)
Menu 3 Gain (-10 to +30)
Menu 4 Mute
Menu 5 Set Unit to Remote Operation (<u>NOTE</u>: the local controls still function when in REMOTE)
Menu 6 Select External 10 MHz Ref (**option E**)
Menu 7 Set Remote Mode (**option Q**)
Menu 8 Set RS-485 Address (**option Q**)

Save Menu When "R" is selected or at the end

Alarm indications appear on the LEDs (see figure 2.3).

All program changes must start with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch and must also end with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch verified by the "Save Settings?" Menu. If this sequence is not followed, none of the changes will take effect. If programming is initiated and no operator action takes place for approximately 12 seconds (before the final press of the Menu/Execute switch) the display will revert to its previous status and you will need to start over.

2.5.2 Power On Settings

NOTE: THE LAST STATUS OF A UNIT IS RETAINED EVEN WHEN POWER IS REMOVED. WHEN POWER IS RESTORED, THE UNIT WILL RETURN TO IT'S PREVIOUS SETTINGS.
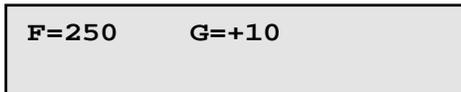
When power is first applied, the LCD display goes through three steps.

    1.The LCD goes black to show all segments are functioning.

    2.The software version will be displayed.

```
REV 1.00

```

    3.The present frequency and gain of the upconverter is shown.

```
F=250    G=+10

```

The unit is now operational and ready for any changes the operator may desire.

2.5.3 Control Switches

1. <u>Menu/Execute</u> - Any change to the programming of the unit must be initiated by pressing the Menu/Execute switch and completed by pressing the Menu/Execute switch.
2. <u>Horizontal Switch</u> - This switch is mounted so its movement is horizontal and moves the cursor left or right.
3. <u>Vertical Switch</u> - This switch is mounted so its movement is vertical and has two functions:
   a. During frequency, gain changes, the vertical movement will raise or lower the number in the direction of the arrows.
   b. For other functions such Mute on/off, the vertical switch will alternately turn the function on or off regardless of the direction operated.

2.5.4 Frequency Changes

At any time during the modification process, if you have made a mistake and do not wish to save the changes you have made, **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode or scroll to **"R"** and push the menu/Execute switch and select **"NO"** in the **"SAVE SETTINGS?"** window.

To change the FREQUENCY:

      Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change see Figure 2.5 for the sequence of menu options. The following display is for changing the upconverter frequency:

```
F = 250              R
```

      Pressing the Up/Down switch down will toggle the display to:

```
F = 350              R
```

      By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right .

```
F = 350              R
```

NOTE: CHANGES DO NOT TAKE PLACE ON FREQUENCY UNTIL YOU GO TO THE SAVE MENU AND INDICATE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE CHANGES.THE CARRIER IS MUTED WHEN FREQUENCY IS CHANGED.

      When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to the next item:

```
INLVL = -20          R
```

      OR you can scroll to "R", push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

```
SAVE SETTINGS?      Y N
```

      Selecting **Y** will save the new settings. Selecting **N** will revert to the previous settings.
      Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to this:

```
F=350    G=+10
```

Figure 2.5 gives the menu items and how to make changes.

2.5.5 Gain Changes

When you get to this menu note that the gain changes will be made as you make them but if you do not wish to save the changes you have made, scroll to **"R"** and push the menu/Execute switch and select **"NO"** in the **"SAVE SETTINGS?"** window or **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode.

> The following display is for changing the upconverter input level. This is an important setting to optimize spurious and should be made as accurately as possible:

```
 INLVL = -20           R
```

NOTE: CHANGES TAKE PLACE ON LEVEL AND GAIN IMMEDIATELY BUT DO NOT GET SAVED UNTIL YOU GO TO THE SAVE MENU AND INDICATE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE CHANGES.

> Pressing the Up/Down switch to change the level in 1 dB steps and then push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the Gain setting:

```
 G = +10               R
```

> Pressing the Up/Down switch to change the gain in 1 or 10 dB steps and then push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the Gain setting:

```
 G = +20               R
```

> By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right .
> Pressing the Up/Down switch down will toggle the display digit selected until you have the desired gain.

 NOTE: THE GAIN WILL BE CHANGED AS YOU ADJUST THE NUMBERS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE WILL NOT BE STORED UNTIL YOU INDICATE YES IN THE SAVE SETTINGS WINDOW.DO NOT SET A GAIN THAT WOULD EXCEED 0 dBm OR HAVE LESS THAN -20 dBm OUTPUT LEVEL. THE FIRMWARE PREVENTS YOU FROM THIS.

> When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to the next item OR you can scroll to "R", push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

```
 SAVE SETTINGS?      Y N
```

> Selecting **Y** will save the new settings. Selecting **N** will revert to the previous settings.
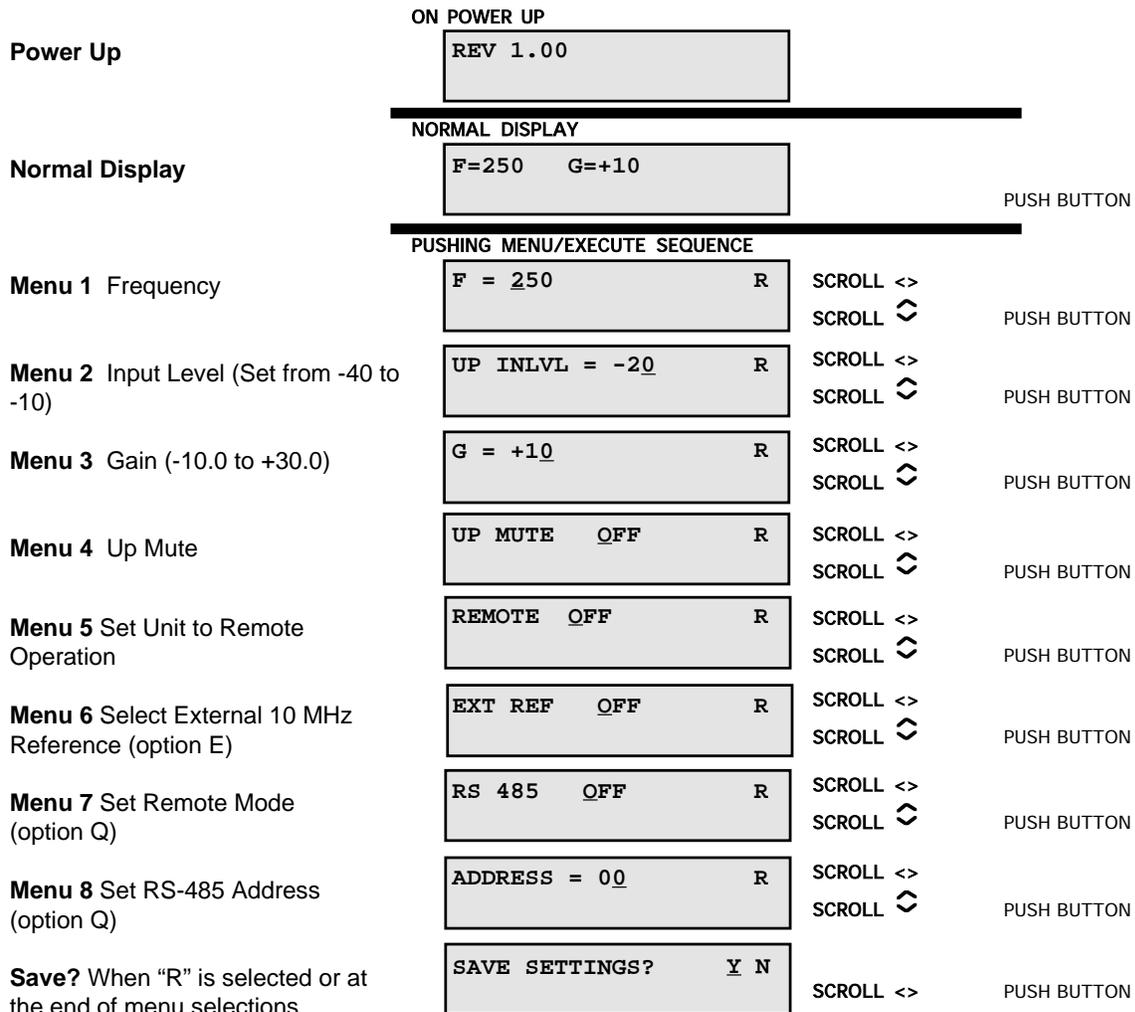> Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to this:

```
 F=350    G=+20
```

Figure 2.5 gives the menu items and how to make changes.

2.5.5 Alarm Indications

An alarm condition for will occur if any local oscillator phase lock loop (PLL) comes out of lock.
The Mute LED will light if you select Mute and the Remote LED will light when you select the Remote mode.

	ON POWER UP		
Power Up	`REV 1.00`		

	NORMAL DISPLAY		
Normal Display	`F=250    G=+10`		PUSH BUTTON

PUSHING MENU/EXECUTE SEQUENCE

Menu 1 Frequency	`F = 250               R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 2 Input Level (Set from -40 to -10)	`UP INLVL = -20        R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 3 Gain (-10.0 to +30.0)	`G = +10               R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 4 Up Mute	`UP MUTE    OFF        R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 5 Set Unit to Remote Operation	`REMOTE   OFF          R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 6 Select External 10 MHz Reference (option E)	`EXT REF    OFF        R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 7 Set Remote Mode (option Q)	`RS 485    OFF         R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Menu 8 Set RS-485 Address (option Q)	`ADDRESS = 00          R`	SCROLL <> SCROLL ⌃⌄	PUSH BUTTON
Save? When "R" is selected or at the end of menu selections	`SAVE SETTINGS?      Y N`	SCROLL <>	PUSH BUTTON

FIGURE 2.5 Menu Display and Sequence

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