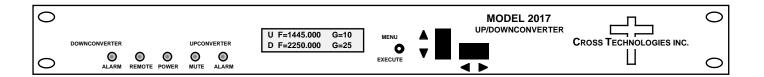
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1.0 General

1.1 Equipment Description

The 2017-36 Up/Downconverter converts 70 MHz to 950-1525 MHz (Up) and 2000-2500 MHz to 70 MHz (Down) 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 for up and downconverters (red), remote operation (yellow), and upconverter mute (yellow). Gain is manually controlled over a –10 to +30 dB range for the upconverter and over a 0 to +50 dB range for the downconverter as adjusted by the front panel multi-function push-button 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 the optional external reference input and output, and Type F female for RF. LNB or SSPB +24 VDC and 10 MHz reference can be inserted on the RF lines as added options. A high stability (±0.01ppm) option is also available. The unit is powered by a 100-240 ±10% VAC power supply and housed in a 1.75" X 19" X 16" rack mount chassis.

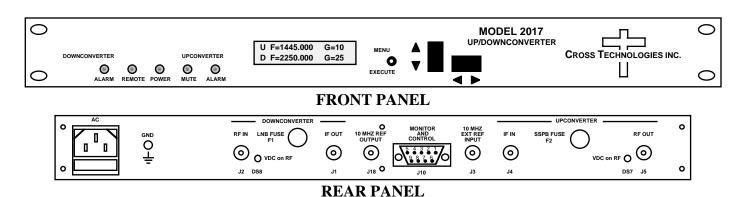


Figure 1.1 Model 2017-36 Front and Rear Panels

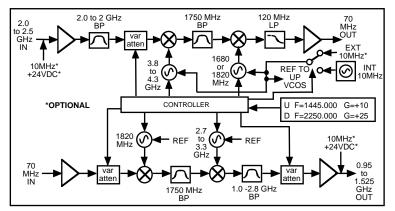


Figure 1.2 Model 2017-36 Up/Downconverter Block Diagram

1.2 Technical Characteristics

TABLE 1.0 2017-36 Up/Downconverter Specifications*

UPCONVERTER	DOWNCONVERTER
Input Characteristics (IF)	Input Characteristics (RF)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Impedance/Return Loss} & 75 \ \Omega \, / 18 \ \text{dB} \\ \text{Frequency} & 70 \pm 18 \ \text{MHZ} \\ \text{Input Level} & -40 \ \text{to} \ \text{-} 10 \ \text{dBm} \end{array}$

Output Characteristics (RF)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Impedance/Return Loss} & 75 \ \Omega/10 \ dB \\ \text{Frequency} & 950 \ to \ 1525 \ MHz \\ \text{Output level} & 0 \ to \ -20 \ dBm \\ \text{Output 1 dB compression} & +5 \ dBm \end{array}$

Channel Characteristics

Gain range (adjustable) -10 dB to +30 dB Frequency Sense Non-inverting

Frequency Response $\pm 1.5 \text{ dB}, 950 - 1525 \text{ MHz};$

 \pm 0.5 dB, 36 MHz BW

Output Characteristics (IF)

 $\begin{array}{ll} Impedance/Return\ Loss & 75\ \Omega/18\ dB \\ Frequency & 70\pm18\ MHz \\ Output\ level/max\ linear & -20\ dBm/-10\ dBm \end{array}$

Output 1 dB compression -5 dBm

Channel Characteristics

Gain range (adjustable) 0 dB to +50 dB

Freq Sense (selectable)
Frequency Response

Inverting/Non-inverting

±1.5 dB, 2.0 - 2.5 GHz;

± 0.5 dB, 36 MHz BW

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Channel Characteristics

Spurious Response <-50 dBC in band

Group Delay (max) 0.01 ns/MHz² parabolic; 0.03 ns/MHz linear; 1 ns ripple

Synthesizer Characteristics

Frequency Accuracy ± 1.0 ppm max over temp (± 0.01 ppm, **option -H**) internal reference

Frequency Step 1 MHz (125 kHz, **option -X**)

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

10 MHz Level (In or Out) $+3 \text{ dBm} \pm 3 \text{ dB}$, 75 ohms (**option -E**)

Controls, Indicators

Frequency Selection direct readout LCD; manual or remote selection direct readout LCD; manual or remote selection

Power Green LED
Down/Up Alarm Red LED
Up Mute Yellow LED

Remote Yellow LED; RS232C, 9600 baud (RS485, option -Q)

Other

RF Connectors BNC, 50Ω (female) (see Table 2.2 for connector options) IF Connectors BNC, 75Ω (female) (see Table 2.2 for connector options)

10 MHz Connectors BNC, 75Ω (female) (**option -E**)

Alarm/Remote Connector DB9 (female) - NO or NC contact closure on Alarm Size 19 inch, 1RU standard chassis 1.75"H X 16.0"D Power 100-240 ±10% VAC, 47-63 Hz, 45 watts max

Options

-E External 10 MHz Reference input & output w/ RF insertion

-H High Stability (±0.01ppm) Internal Reference

-L LNB Voltage, +24VDC, 0.5 amps -V SSPB Voltage, +24VDC, 2.5 amps

-Q RS485 Remote Interface -X 125 kHz Frequency Steps -Z 0.1 dB Attenuator Steps

Connectors/Impedance 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**)

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 1.1 lists the status requests for the 2017-36 and briefly describes them.

Table 1.1 2017-36 Status F	Requests		
Command	Syntax*	Description	
Command Status	{aaS1}	Returns {aaS1bbbbccccdddeeffLMNOP} where:	
		• bbbb = Tx frequency (bbbbbbb - 7 characters, option X)	
		• cccc = Rx frequency (cccccc - 7 characters, option X)	
		• ddd = Tx gain (-10 to 30)	
		• ee = Rx gain (00 to 50)	
		• ff = Tx input level (10 to 40 => -10 to -40 dBm)	
		• L = 0 - non-inverted Receiver; L = 1 - inverted	
		• M = 0 - Receiver synth alarm	
		N = 0 - Transmitter synth alarm	
		• O = O - Summary alarm	
		• P = 0 - Transmit signal disabled (muted)	
External 10MHz (option -E)	{aaS2}	Returns {aaS2bcd} where:	
		• b = 1 - External 10MHz selected	
		• c = 1 - 10MHz inserted on upconverter RF (J5)	
		• d = 1 - 10MHz inserted on downconverter RF (J2)	
LNB Current (option -L)	{aaS3}	Returns {aaS3bb} where:	
		• bb = LNB current, range 00 to 50 (0 to 500 ma)	
SSPB Current (option -V)	{aaS4}	Returns {aaS4bbb} where:	
		• bbb = SSPB current, range 000 to 250 (0 to 1525 ma)	

^{*} PLEASE NOTE: The Address (aa) should only be used when RS-485 is selected (option -Q ONLY)

C) Commands

Table 1.2 lists the commands for the 2017-36 and briefly describes them. After a command is sent the 2017-36 sends a return ">" indicating the command has been received and executed.

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

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{ = start byte
aa = address (RS-485 only option -Q)
C = 1 character, either C (command) or S (status)
N = 1-digit command or status number, 1 through 9
D = 1 character or more of data (depends on command)
} = stop byte
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Table 1.2 2017-36 Commands			
Command	Syntax*	Description	
Set Transmitter Frequency	{aaC1xxxx}	where:	
		• xxxx = 4 characters (7 characters, option X)	
		• Range: 950 to 1525 MHz	
Set Transmitter Input Level	{aaClxx}	where:	
		• xx = 2 characters	
		• Range: 10 to 40 (-10 to -40 dBm)	
Set Receiver Frequency	{aaC2xxxx}	where:	
		• xxxx = 4 characters (7 characters, option -X)	
		• Range: 2000 to 2500 MHz	
Set Transmit Gain	{aaC3xxxx}	where:	
		• xxxx = 2 or 3 characters	
		• Range: -10 to 30 (-10 dB to 30 dB, in 1 dB steps)	
Set Receiver Gain	{aaC4xxx}	where:	
		• xx = 2 characters	
		• Range: 00 to 50 (00 dB to 50 dB, in 1 dB steps)	
Enable Tx	{aaCAx}	where x =:	
		O to disable Tx signal	
		1 to enable Tx signal	
External 10MHz (option -E)	{aaCEx}	where x =:	
		O to disable External 10MHz ref signal	
		1 to enable External 10MHz ref signal	
Insert 10MHz on UP RF (option -E)	{aaC5x}	where x =:	
		O to disable 10MHz upconverter insertion on RF (J5)	
		• 1 to enable 10MHz upconverter insertion on RF (J5)	
Insert 10MHz on DOWN RF (option -E)	{aaC6x}	where x =:	
		O to disable 10MHz downconverter insertion on RF (J2)	
		1 to enable 10MHz downconverter insertion on RF (J2)	
Downconverter Spectrum	{aaC7x}	where x =:	
		O for non-inverted	
		• 1 for inverted	
Enable Remote	#	Just # sign	
Disable Remote	{aaCRO}*	{CR and zero}	

^{*} PLEASE NOTE: The Address (aa) should only be used when RS-485 is selected (option -Q ONLY)

2.0 Installation

2.1 Mechanical

The 2017-36 consists of one RF/Controller PCB housed in a 1 RU (1 3/4 inch high) by 16 inch deep chassis. A switching, \pm 12, \pm 5, \pm 24 VDC power supply provides power for the assemblies. The 2017-36 can be secured to a rack using the 4 holes on the front panel. Figure 0.95 shows how the 2017-36 is assembled.

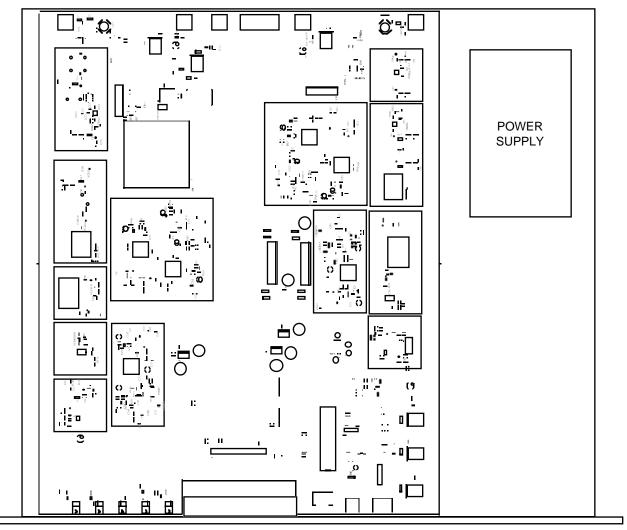


Figure 0.95 Model 2017-36 Mechanical Assembly

2.2 Rear Panel Input/Output Signals and Control - Figure 2.1 shows the input and output connectors on the rear panel.

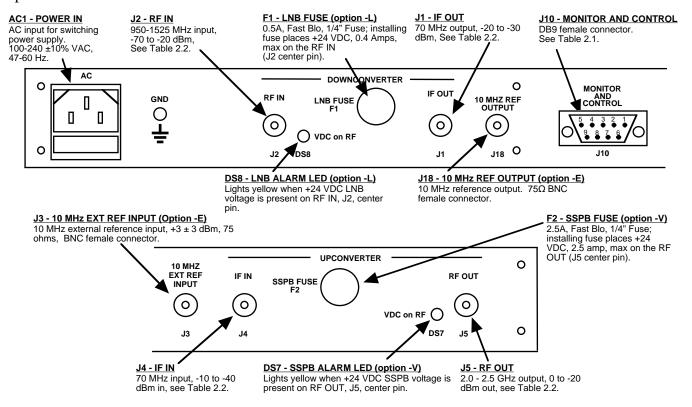


Figure 2.1 Model 2017-36 Rear Panel I/O's

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.

TABLE 2.2 IF/RF Connector Options		
Option	IF	RF
STD	BNC, 75Ω	Type F, 75Ω
-B	BNC, 75Ω	BNC, 75Ω
-D	BNC, 50Ω	BNC, 50Ω
-N	BNC, 75Ω	Type N, 50Ω
-M	BNC, 50Ω	Type N, 50Ω
-S	BNC, 50Ω	SMA, 50Ω

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

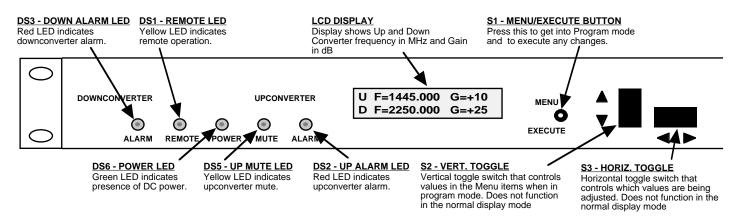


Figure 2.2 Model 2017-36 Front Panel Controls and Indicators

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2.4 Installation / Operation

2.4.1 Installing and Operating the 2017-36, Upconverter Section

- 1.) Connect a -10 dBm to -40 dBm signal to IF In, J4 (Figure 2.1).
- 2.) Connect the RF OUT, J5, to the external equipment.
- 3.) Connect $100-240 \pm 10\%$ 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 (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
- 7.) (option -V) To power the SSPB (+24 VDC, 2.5 amps max) from the 2017-36 install a 2.5 amp 1/4" fuse in F2.

<u>CAUTION!!!</u> INSTALLING A FUSE IN F2 PUTS +24 VDC, 2.5 AMP POWER ON THE CENTER PIN AND MAY DAMAGE EQUIPMENT IF IMPROPERLY CONNECTED TO EQUIPMENT THAT CANNOT HANDLE THIS VOLTAGE OR HAS A DC PATH TO GROUND.

8.) Be sure DS6 (green, DC Power) is on and DS2 (red, Alarm) is off (Figure 2.2).

2.4.2 Installing and Operating the 2017-36, Downconverter Section

- 1.) Connect a -70 dBm to -20 dBm signal to RF In, J2 (Figure 2.1).
- 2.) Connect the IF OUT, J1, to the external equipment.
- 3.) Connect $100-240 \pm 10\%$ VAC, 47 63 Hz to AC on the back panel.
- 4.) Set the desired input frequency (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
- 5.) Set the gain to get an output level in the 0 to -20 dBm range (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
- 6.) (option -L) To power the LNB (+24 VDC, 0.5 amps, max) from the 2017-36 install a 1 amp 1/4" fuse in F1.

CAUTION!!! INSTALLING A FUSE IN F1 PUTS +24 VDC, 0.5 AMP POWER ON THE CENTER PIN AND MAY DAMAGE EQUIPMENT IF IMPROPERLY CONNECTED TO EQUIPMENT THAT CANNOT HANDLE THIS VOLTAGE OR HAS A DC PATH TO GROUND.

- 7.) Be sure DS6 (green, DC Power) is on and DS2 (red, Alarm) is off (Figure 2.2).
- 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 2.3. There is a spare fuse in the near slot. If a fuse continues to open, the power supply is most likely defective.

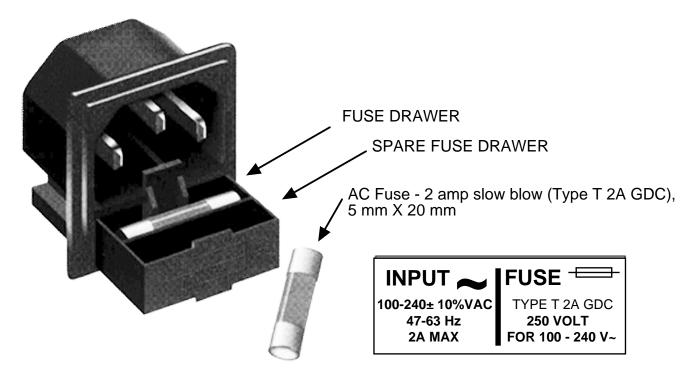


Figure 2.3 Fuse Location and Spare Fuse

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 2.4):

Power Up

Normal Display

Menu 1 Up Frequency in MHz

Menu 2 Up Input Lvl (Set from -40 to -10)

Menu 3 Up Gain (-10 to +30)

Menu 4 Down Frequency in MHz

Menu 5 Down Gain (set 0 to +50 for -20 to 0 dBm out range)

Menu 6 Up Mute

Menu 7 Set Unit to Remote Operation

Menu 8 Set Downconverter Spectrum Sense

Menu 9 Select External 10 MHz Ref (option -E)

Menu 10 Upconverter Reference Out (option -E)

Menu 11 Downconverter Reference Out (option -E)

Menu 12 Set RS-485 mode (option -Q)

Menu 13 Set RS-485 address (option -Q)

Menu 14 View PCB Temperature (option -T)

Menu 15 View LNB and/or SSPB Current (options -L and/or -V)

Save Menu At the end or when "R" is selected from any of the above menus

Alarm indications appear on the LEDs (see figure 2.2).

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.

3. The present frequency and gain of the up and downconverter is shown.

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, input level 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 2.4 for the sequence of menu options). The following display is for changing the upconverter frequency:

UP
$$F = 1450.000$$
 R

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Selecting Y will save the new settings. Selecting N will revert to the previous settings.

Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to the:

Figure 2.4 shows all 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.

2.5.5.1 Upconverter Gain

To set the upconverter gain, first push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the gain setting:

Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change see Figure 2.4 for the sequence of menu options.

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:

UP INLVL =
$$-20$$

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:

UP G =
$$+10$$

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 A 0 dBm OUTPUT LEVEL.

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:



Selecting Y will save the new settings. Selecting N will revert to the previous settings.

Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to the:

Figure 2.4 shows all the menu items and how to make changes.

2.5.5.2 Downconverter Gain

To set the downconverter gain, first push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the gain setting:

Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change see Figure 2.4 for the sequence of menu options.

The following display is for changing the downconverter gain. This is an important setting to optimize spurious and should be made as accurately as possible to provide an output in the -20 to 0 dBm level range:

DN G =
$$+15$$

Pressing the Up/Down switch to change the level in 1 or 10 dB steps. 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.

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?	<u>Y</u> 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 the:

Figure 2.4 shows all 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.

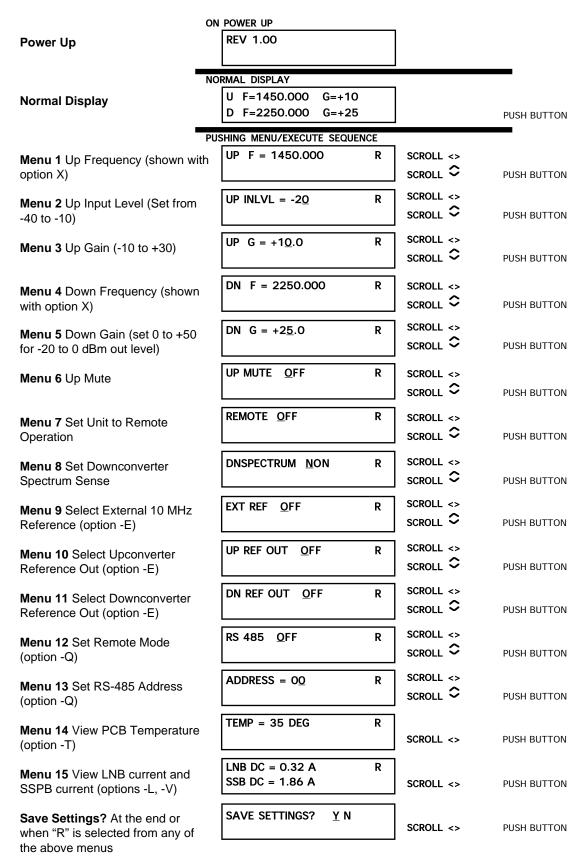


Figure 2.4 Menu Display and Sequence



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