

FAST TUNE AUTOMATIC 500 WATT ANTENNA COUPLER

RF-382 SERIES

The RF-382 Series couplers efficiently and automatically match the output of 125 to 500 watt transceivers to a wide variety of whip, dipole, and long-wire antennas over the frequency range of 1.6 to 30 MHz. Tuning time from memory is less than 200 milliseconds.

RF-382 Series couplers operate with ALE communications systems that require very fast frequency change. Rugged and reliable, they operate under the most severe environmental conditions in vehicular, transportable, shipboard, and fixed station applications.

The RF-382 Antenna Coupler is designed for direct interface with Falcon II® and III® HF systems and is fully compatible with the built-in MIL-STD-188-141B and STANAG-4538 Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) protocols.

The coupler requires a control cable and RF coax interface to connect to the associated transceiver. Separation can be up to 250 feet (76 m). A high voltage ceramic insulator provides the connection to the antenna. It is also equipped with a 50-ohm N-connector antenna port for coaxial connection to a fixed site broadband or resonant antenna.

Internal built-in test to the module level provides rapid diagnostic troubleshooting and repair. In addition, all key operating parameters are continually monitored during operation. If parameters are exceeded, a coupler fault is reported to the radio.



SPECIFICATIONS FOR: RF-382 SERIES

HIGH VOLTAGE ANTENNA PORT

Up to 150 Watts PEP and Average: 1.6 to 30 MHz: 9 to 35 foot whips; 35 to 150 foot long wires; 40 to 100 foot

dipoles (including RF-1912 and RF-1936)

Rated RF Input Up to 500 Watts PEP; 400 Watts Average: 1.6 to 30 Tuning Capability

MHz: 75 to 150 foot long wires; 1.6 to 30 MHz: 40 to 100 foot dipoles (including RF-1912 and RF-1936); 2.5 to 30 MHz: 35 foot whips; 4 to 30 MHz: 24 foot whips; 6 to 30

MHz: 16 foot whips

Automatically tunes to 50 ohms to within a VSWR of 2:1,

Typical is less than 1.5:1.

Tuning Accuracy 200 ms tuning from memory based on prior tuneup. Initial New Frequency tune time on new frequency typically less than **Tuning Time** 3 seconds (8 seconds maximum)4 seconds maximum,

typically less than .5 seconds

Efficiency depends on frequency, antenna length, Efficiency

and ground plane

50-OHM ANTENNA PORT

Up to 400 Watts PEP and Average **Rated RF Input**

Broadband and dipole resonant fixed frequency antennas Antennas

that remain 50-Ohm resistive

ELECTRICAL

Protection Features

Channel Capability 480 channel memory

Protection from high VSWR, high temperature,

RF over-voltage and over-current

Lightning surge protection on all control lines and the RF

path

Antenna static bleed drain

Can tune or key into an open short without

Automatic and manually controlled receive bypass **Receive Bypass**

Fault isolation to module level BIT

COLORS AVAILABLE

Color

RF-382A-15 is CARC Green 383; RF-382-04 is Navy Gray; RF-382A-34 is NATO Green 285; RF-382-44 is CARC Tan

INSTALLATION 10 to 32 VDC at 4 amps maximum during tuning, **Primary Power Requirements** 1.6 amps maximum when tuned Up to 250 foot (75m) separation between Remote Capability transmitter and coupler Weight 30 lbs (13.6 kg) 7.65H x 11.25W x 18.5D inches (including projections) Size 19.4H x 28.6W x 47.0D cm (including projections) Four mounting hole dimensions: 7.25 x 15 inches (18.4 x Mounting 38.1 cm) Type N RF coaxial mating cable connector, control cable mating connector, cable fabrication material,

ENVIROMENTAL

Accessories Supplied

Test Method	Per MIL-STD-810G
Shock and Vibration	Ground Mobile
Immersion	3 feet (0.9 m) of water
Operating Temperature	−40°C to +70°C

Intermediate Maintenance manual

coupler mounting hardware, installation material, and the

ACCESSORIES AND CARLES

ACCESSORIES AND CADLES	
Cables	Control: 10181-9823
	Coax: 10181-9824
Shock Mounts	Tracked Vehicles: RF-383VM-01 Wheeled Vehicles: RF-384VM-03
Sun Shield	10330-9250 (for hard mount coupler only)
Safety Cover	10208-0014-01



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