



Saturn Bm Marine
Class 2

Technical Manual

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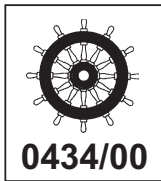
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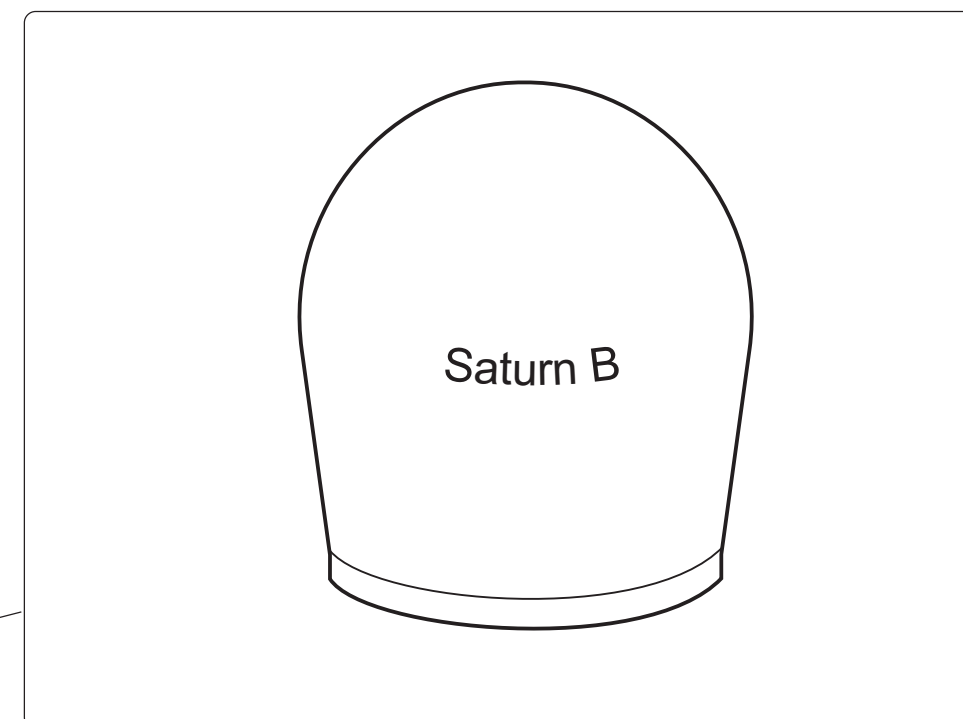
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Above Deck Equipment

The Saturn Bm Mk2 Above Deck Equipment (ADE) is protected by a radome, and it is mounted on a mast to avoid possible obstructions. Obstructions will cause blind spots, with the result of signal degradation or even loss of communication with the satellite.

The ADE should also be separated as far as possible from the HF antenna, and preferably by at least 5 m from the antennas of other communication or navigation equipment.

Neither must the ADE be placed behind the funnel, as smoke deposits then eventually will degrade the antenna performance.



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Below Deck Equipment

The **Saturn Bm Main Control Unit (MCU)** can be placed in any suitable location, but is usually installed in the radio room.

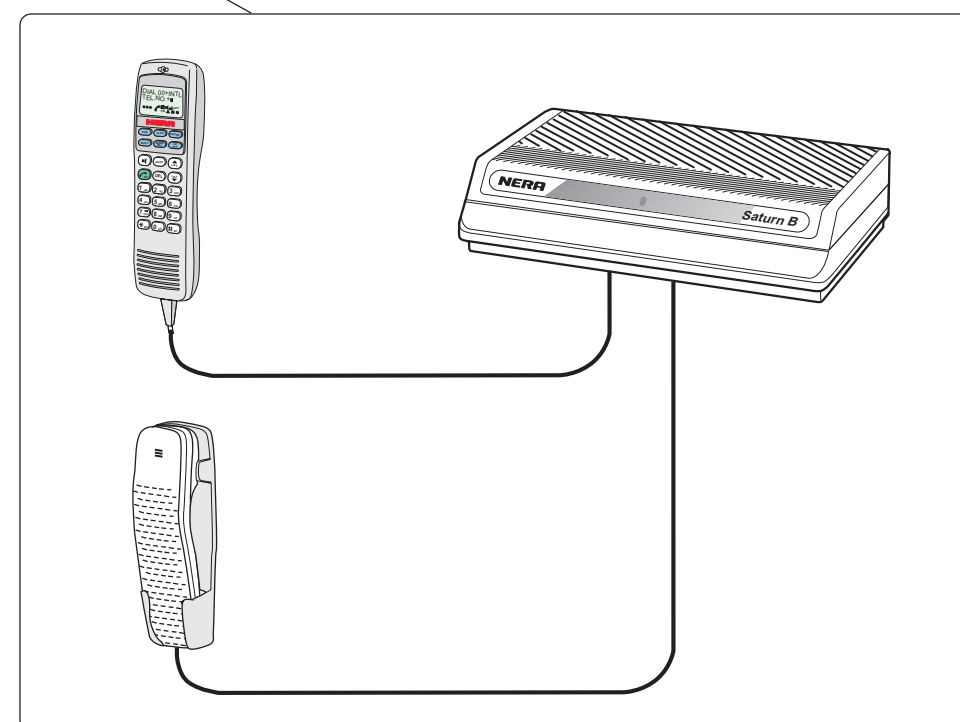
The MCU is designed for wall or desk top installation.

As all commands of the Saturn Bm terminal may be carried out from the **Display Handset**, the MCU can be located out of the way so as not to occupy valuable working space.

The **telephone(s)** can be placed anywhere onboard the vessel.

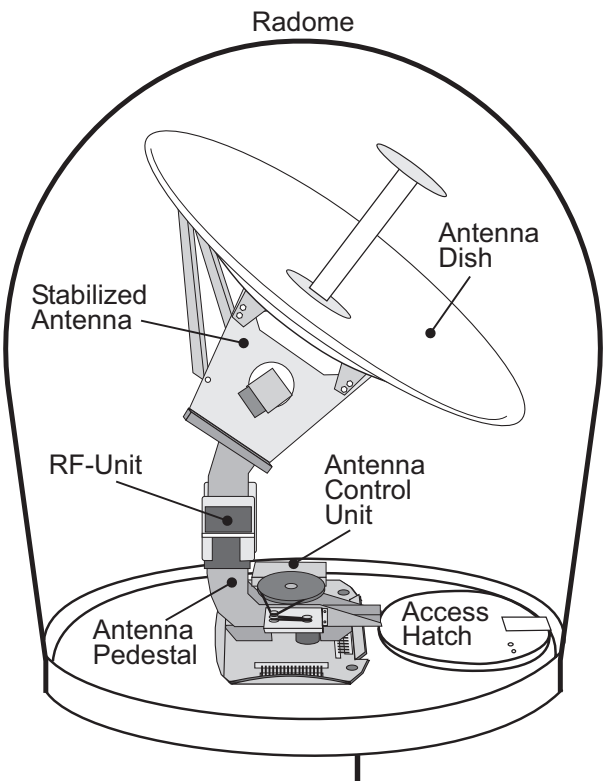
The following optional peripherals may be connected to Saturn Bm:

- DTMF telephones (max 5)
- Telefax (for connection to a telephone port)
- Message Indicator
- PC (telex)
- PC (data)
- Serial printer
- GPS navigator
- Plug for NMEA-0183 connection
- Course gyro
- Power 11 - 34 VDC
- Power 110/220 VAC and 24 VDC (automatic switchover)



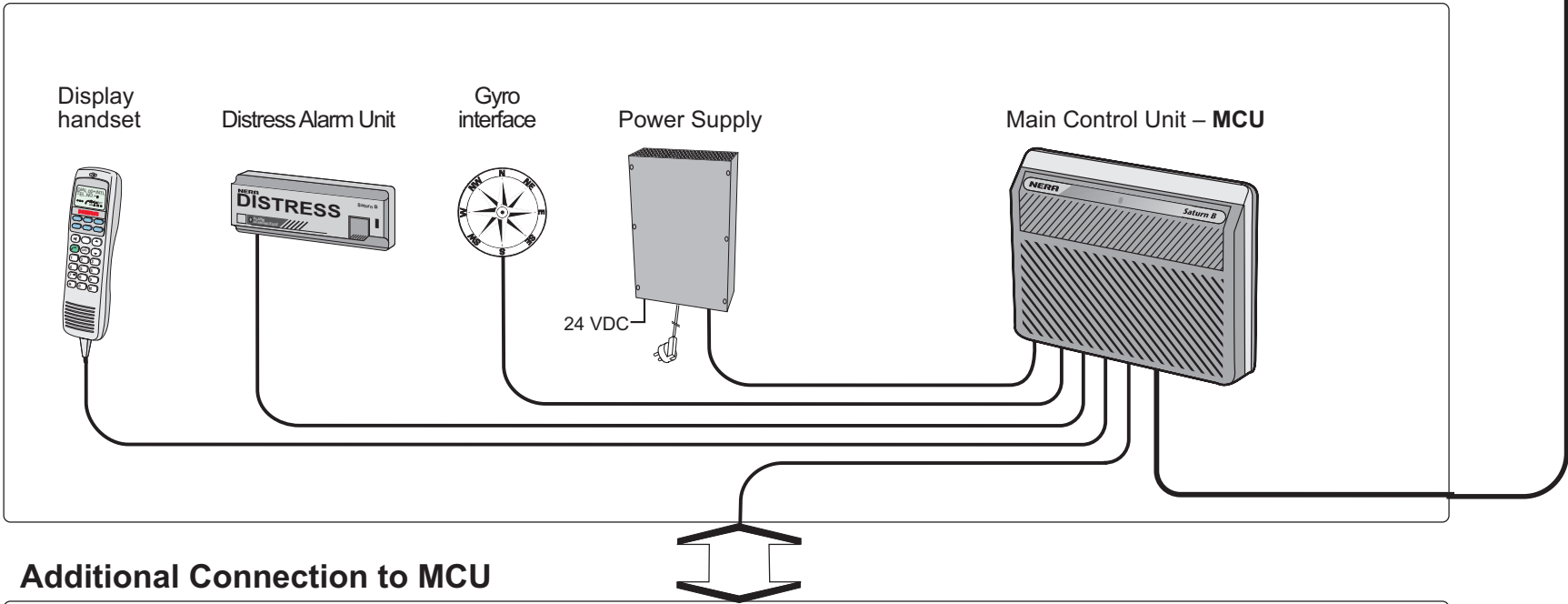
Main Parts List, ADE

| Above Deck Equipment | NERA Part No. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Antenna Pedestal | QSXK 911 951 |
| Radome | R 906 5653 |
| RF Unit | QUFC 911 931 |
| <i>Antenna Control Unit, ACU:</i> | |
| • Antenna Control Board, ACB | QROF 2199041 |
| • Pedestal Control Unit, PCU | MM 113 101 |
| Antenna dish | 10AY652A |
| Antenna feed | QSXK 911 906 |

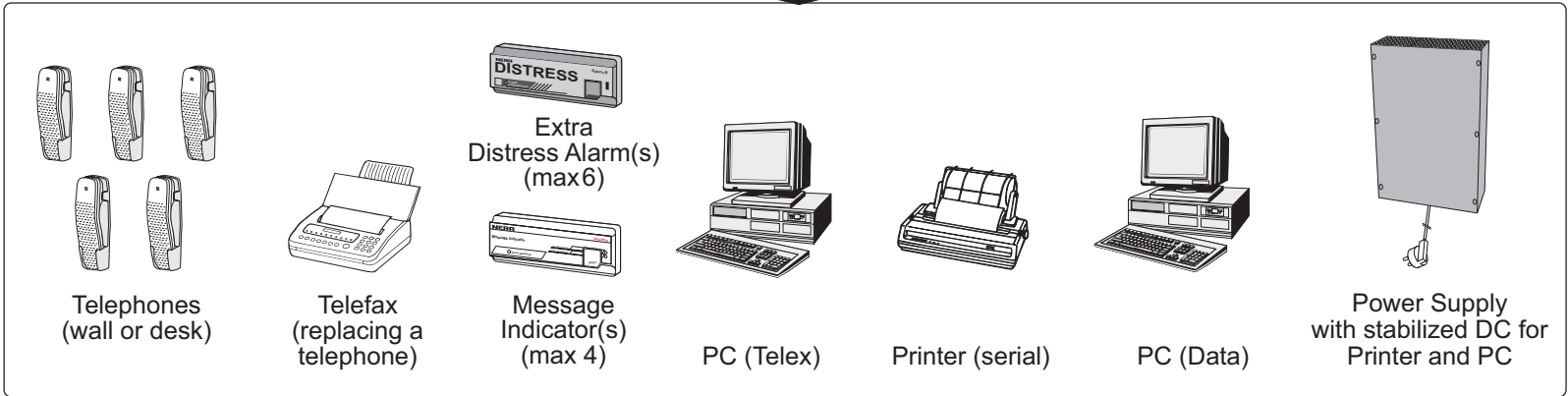


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Standard Connection



Additional Connection to MCU



Main Parts List, BDE

| Below Deck Equipment | NERA Part No. |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Main Control Unit, MCU | QUFC 911 901-2 |
| Display Handset | QDGS 911 903 |
| Distress Alarm | QUFC 911 910/2 |
| Termination box | QUFC 911 948 |

| Main Control Unit, MCU | NERA Part No. |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Main Control Board | QROF 219 9001-2 |
| Power Board | QROF 219 9002 |
| Connection Board | QROF 219 9005 |
| Gyro Board | QROF 219 9003 |
| Power Supply 220/110V | QDFC 911 903-2B |

| Options | NERA Part No. |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Telephone (wall) | DBAR 104 001/888 |
| Telephone (desk) | DBAR 201 010/496 |
| Message Indicator | QUFC 911 910-3 |

For further information, see the Saturn Bm Installation Manual.

Services

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Voice: | 16 kbps |
| Telefax: | 9.6 kbps |
| Telex: | 50 Baud (Class 1 only) |
| Asynchronous Data: | 9.6 kbps |
| High Speed Data: | 56/64 kbps full duplex (option) |

System Specifications

Radio frequency performance

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Transmit Frequencies: | 1626.5 - 1646.5 MHz |
| EIRP: | 33/25 dBW |
| Receive Frequencies: | 1530.0 -1559.0 MHz |
| Channel spacing: | 20 kHz |
| G/T: | -4 dB/K |

Antenna Unit

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 m stabilized parabolic dish | |
| Gain: | 21.8 dB Tx, 21.1 dB Rx Axial ratio less than 2 dB on axis |
| Polarisation: | right-hand circular (CCIR 573) |
| Steerability: | hemispheric coverage, 0°- 90° |
| Tracking: | Automatic search. |
| Cable rewind: | 30 seconds |

Ship Motion

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Max turning rate: | 12°/sec |
| Roll: | ±30° |
| Pitch: | ±10° |
| Yaw: | ±8° |

Physical Characteristics

Above Deck Equipment (ADE)

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Size: | Height = 1445 mm, max dia = 1420 mm, see drawing |
| Weight: | 90 kg |
| Mounting: | Flange |

Main Control Unit (MCU)

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Size: | 310 x 236 x 70 mm, see drawing |
| Weight: | 4 kg |
| Mounting: | Special mounting bracket, see Installation Manual |

Environmental Conditions

Vibration, Precipitation and Icing: As specified by Inmarsat

Above Deck Equipment

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Temperature: | -25°C to 55°C |
| Rain: | 100 mm/hour |

Below Deck Equipment

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Temperature: | -25°C to 55°C |
| Humidity: | 95 % at 40°C |

Electromagnetic Compatibility

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Radiated: | EN55022 class B |
| Conducted: | EC 801 |

Cabling

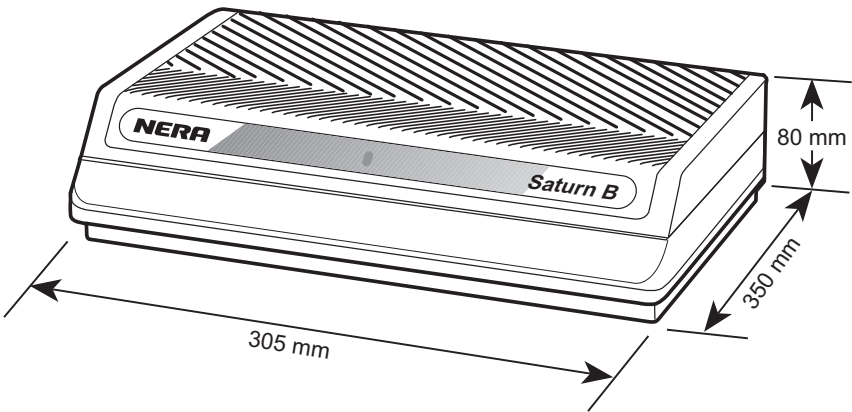
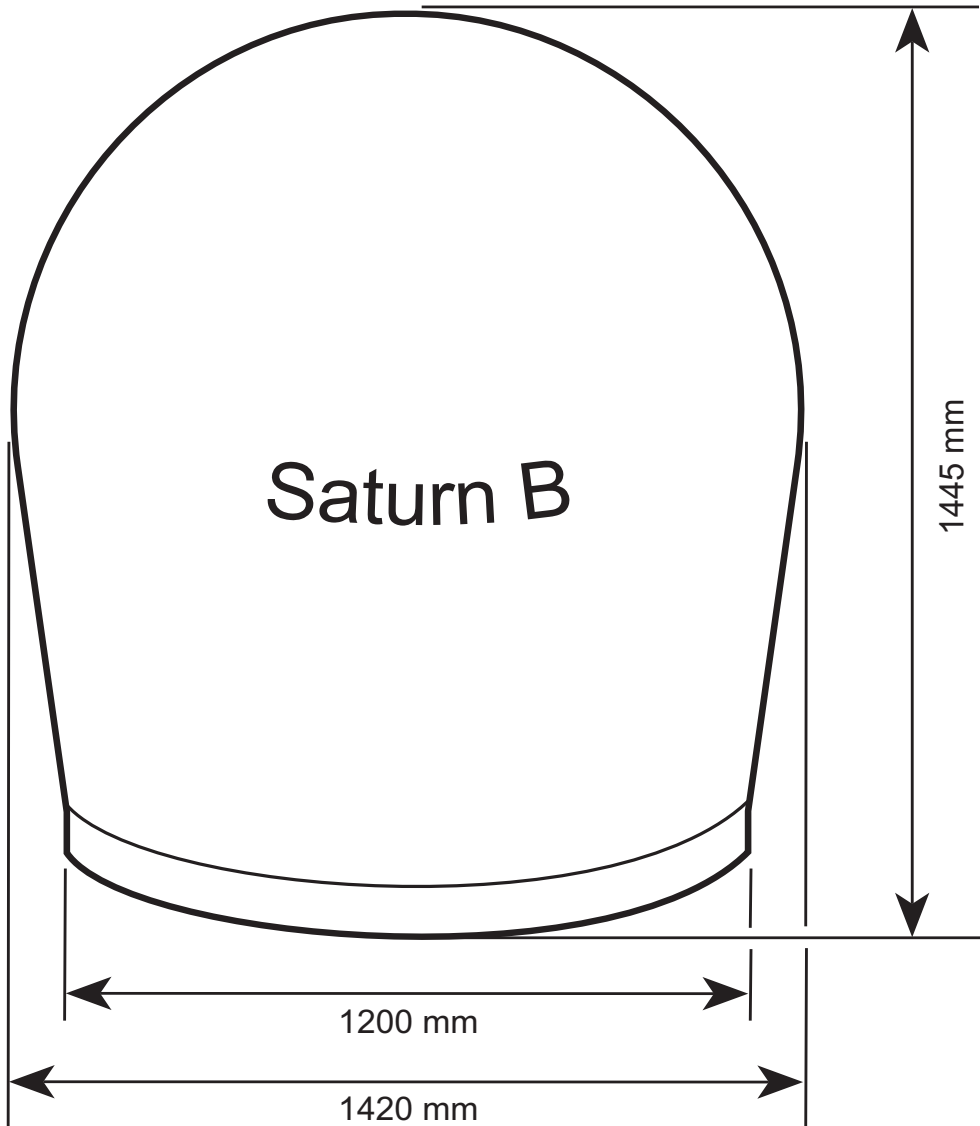
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| ADE - BDEU: | Length up to 44 m: single, flexible, 20 mm diameter Length to 44-77 m: One coaxial 06230 10.3 diameter (Ethernet) and one screened mains cable. |
| Telephone/telefax: | screened twisted pair |
| Auxiliary : | 8-core cable |
| Display Handset : | 8-core cable |
| PC : | RS-232 cable |
| Printer : | RS-232 cable |
| Distress Alarm : | 4-core screened cable |

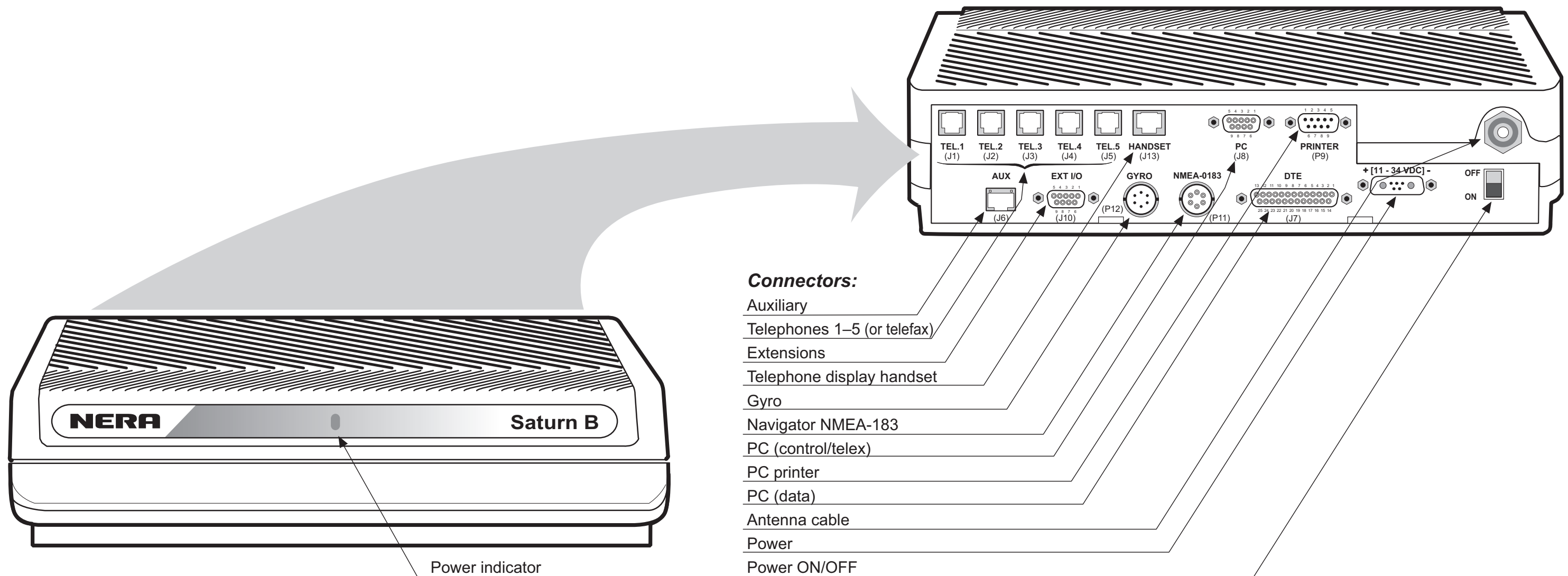
Power requirements

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Voltage: | 11 - 34 VDC |
| Power Consumption: | 150 W |
| Power Supply: | 220 VAC to 28 VDC |
| Optional Power Supply: | 220 VAC to 28 VDC with 24 VDC battery backup input |

Interfaces

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Telephone/telefax: | 5 x RJ11, 2-wire with echo cancelling and touch-tone dialing |
| Fax: | CCITT G3 at 2400 bps |
| Data: | D-sub, 25-pin female, 9600 bps, RS-232, Hayes AT compatible |
| PC: | D-sub, 9-pin female, RS-232 |
| Printer: | D-sub, 9-pin male, RS-232 |
| Gyro: | Synchro, step-by-step, 1:360, 1:180, 1 :90 |
| Navigator: | NMEA-0183 |





Inmarsat

The INMARSAT-B system offers high quality 16 kbps voice communication, and 9.6 kbps telefax and data transmission.

The benefit of the INMARSAT system is its high capacity, and the rapid and reliable connection between the land based (fixed) users and the **Mobile Earth Stations (MESs)**.

The large number of **Land Earth Stations (LESs)** in operation allows the operator to select the one giving the lowest cost to a particular land based subscriber.

Each satellite region is under the control of a **Network Coordinating Station (NCS)**, which controls and monitors the traffic between the MESs and the LESs.

See figure 1.

Services

- Duplex telephone calls – basic telephony services
- Simplex telephone calls – LES-to-mobile only
- Duplex telefax – CCITT Group 3 facsimile services, 9.6 kbps
- Simplex telefax calls – LES-to-mobile only
- Simplex group ID addressing – to a selected group of mobiles
- Simplex area addressing – to all mobiles within a specific geographic area
- Duplex data communication – Hayes compatible 9.6 kbps data service

System Satellites

The satellites are positioned in a geostationary orbit above the equator at approximately 35700 km altitude.

In geostationary orbit, each satellite moves at the same rate as the earth, and so remains in the same relative position to the earth, above equator, allowing the antenna to have line-of-sight communication with the satellite.

The Saturn Bm Marine can communicate via the four satellites covering one Ocean Region each.

The positions of the system satellites are shown in figure 2.

Transmission frequencies

The INMARSAT-B MESs operate in the following frequency bands:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Calls from Saturn B terminals | 1626.5 MHz — 1646.5 MHz |
| Calls to Saturn B terminals | 1530.0 MHz — 1559.0 MHz |

A large number of channels are available (20 kHz channel separation), offering either 16 kbps voice communication, or 9.6 kbps duplex data communication.

Duplex communication uses two channel frequencies, one in each direction.

The LESs provide interface to the international networks for telephony and data: PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Networks) and PSDN (Packet Switched Data Networks).

NCS: Network Coordinating Station
LES: Land Earth Station
MES: Mobile Earth station (Saturn B terminal)

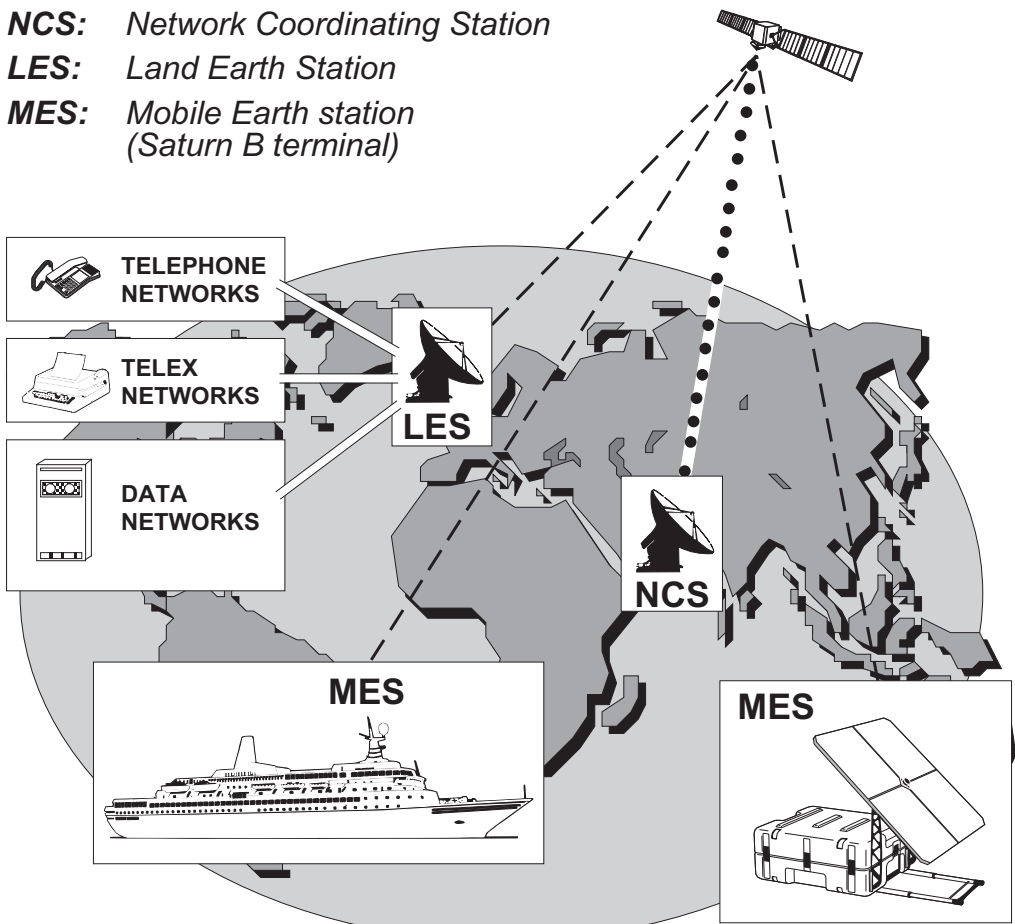


Figure 1.
Overview of the Inmarsat-B system.

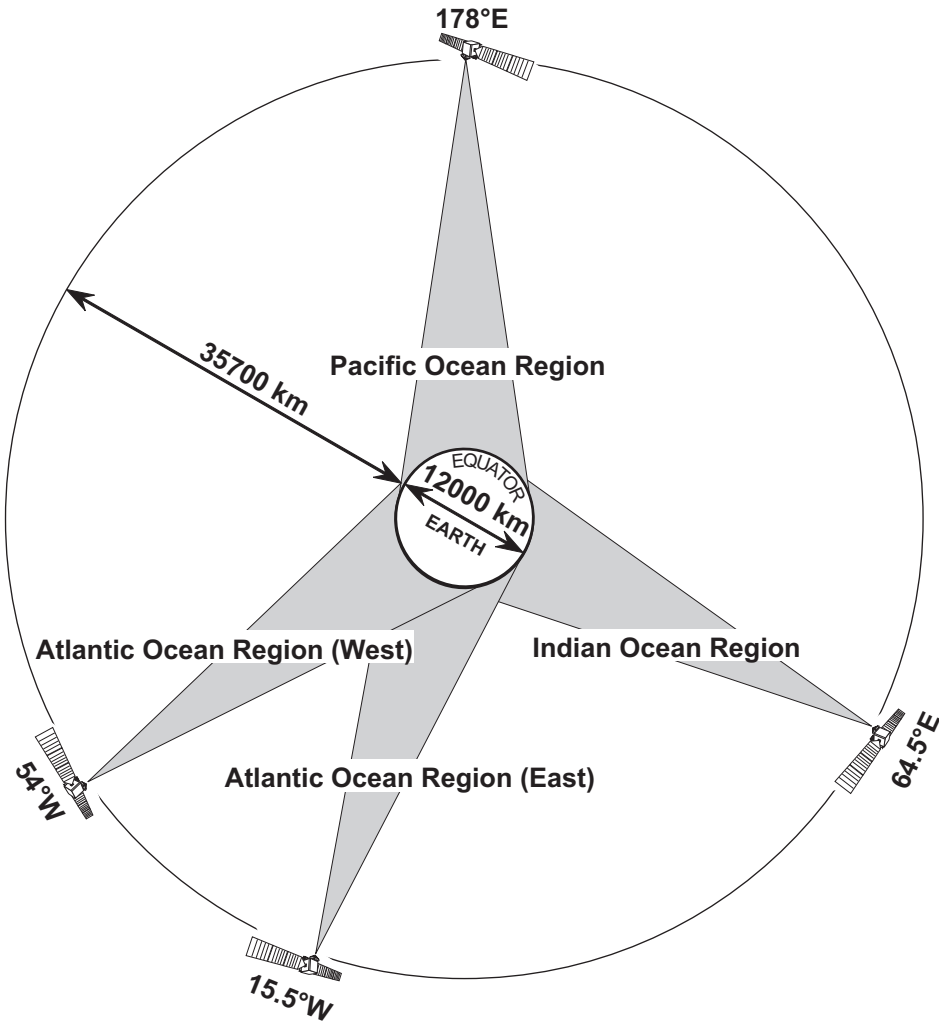


Figure 2.
Four satellites in a geostationary orbit above the equator at approx. 35700 km altitude.

Channel numbers

All radio frequency channels used by the MES are assigned a particular hexadecimal number which is translated into frequencies on L-band between MES and satellite, and to C-band between LES and satellite.

Channel no. 32C8 for an MES always designates:
1660.5000 MHz transmitting frequency
1542.5000 receiving frequency

Channel Types

The Inmarsat-B System differs between physical and functional channels. A physical channel refers to one frequency, one carrier. Every frequency can have several functional channels multiplexed on it. Each functional channel is named after the originating unit. The NCS TDM will in the initial system multiplex the NCSC for Bulletin Boards and Call Announcement, the NCSA for Channel Assignments and NCSI for

Interstation information to the LES on the same physical channel. When the system expands, spot beams and Ocean Region Registration will be introduced using the functional channels NCSS and NCRA multiplexed on the NCS TDM. The traffic on one TDM may then be too heavy and some of the functional channels may be moved to another NCS TDM frequency.

The physical SCPC channels are always divided into three functional channels. During call set up and release the whole bandwidth is used for signalling and the functional channel is called MES-SIG/LES-SIG. During speech or data phase, the signalling part of the channel is called VSUB or DSUB and the service carrying part is called MESV/LESV or MESD/LESD.

Requests and assignments

The Network Coordinating Station in each Ocean Region continually transmits to the MESs within its region on the NCS Common Signalling Channel (NCSC).

When selecting a particular Ocean Region, the MES automatically tunes its receiver to the NCSC frequency, and awaits System Information from the NCS.

The System Information (Bulletin Board) includes available NCS/LES channel frequencies, location of satellites, operational status, etc.

When the NCS sends a Call Announcement, detailing the channel to which the MES should tune to receive the call.

When the MES user dials a subscriber's international telephone number, the MES transmits an Access Request to the NCS via the LES, and awaits a Channel Assignment from the NCS.

Telephone communication

For telephone communication a Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) is used, in a Single Channel Per Carrier (SCPC) system. The voice communication occupies two (unpaired) channel frequencies.

The telephone channels are controlled by NCS which assigns a free channel upon request. When a channel has been assigned it is controlled by LES until end of call.

Facsimile communication

The Saturn Bm telephone ports may be configured for telefax communication. The transmission is telefax only, and is performed at a rate of 9.6 kbps. Telefaxes without keypad may be connected via an adapter.

Data communication

The data service allows the Saturn Bm user to communicate at up to 56/64 kbps, via the public switched network, to fixed modems and data terminals.

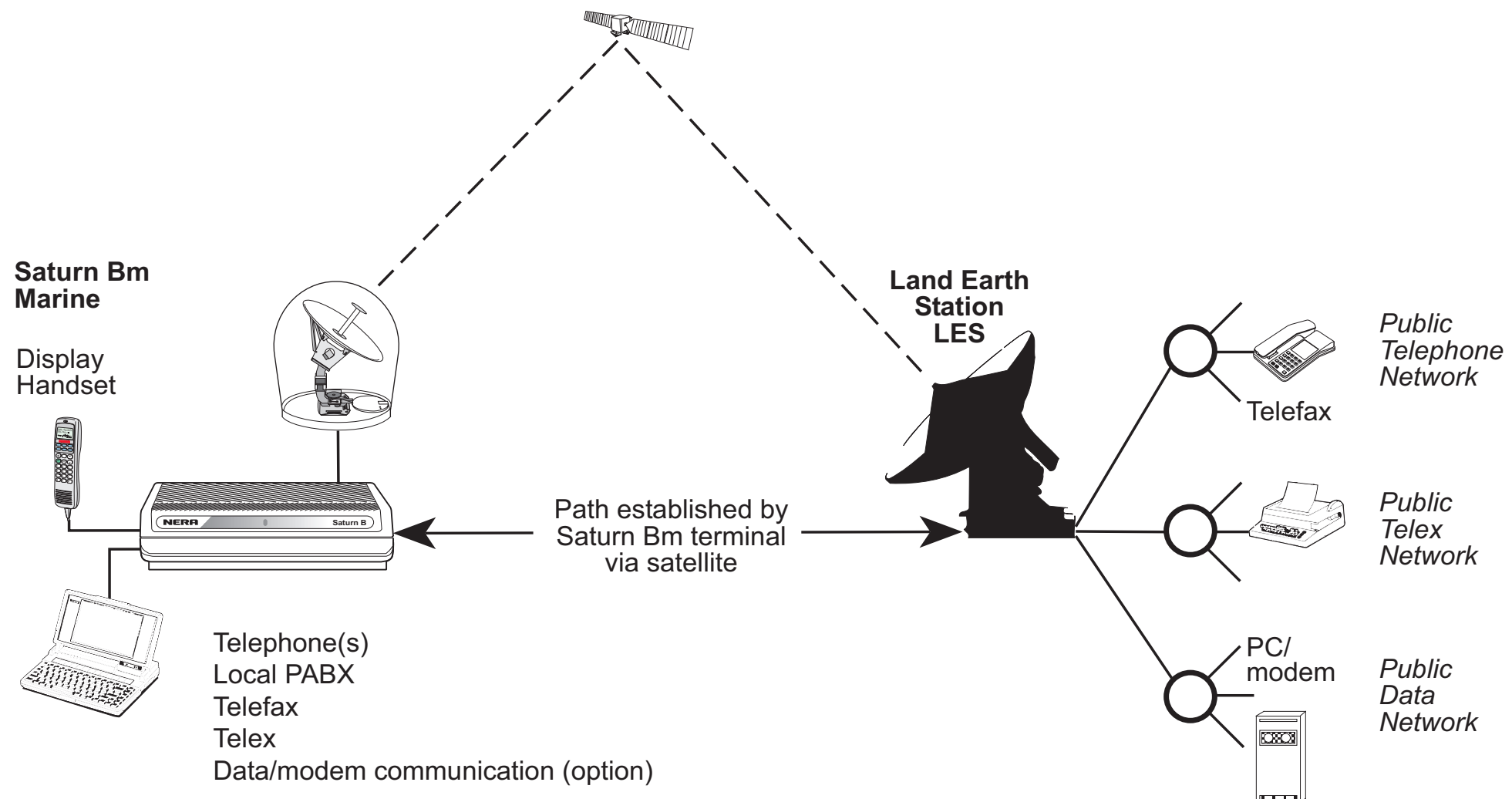


Figure 3.
Communication path.

Calls from Mobiles

To initiate a call, the user dials the international call prefix 00 prior to the telephone number for the required destination. The LES code is also included, either automatically when using the default LES, or manually selected from the Display Handset.

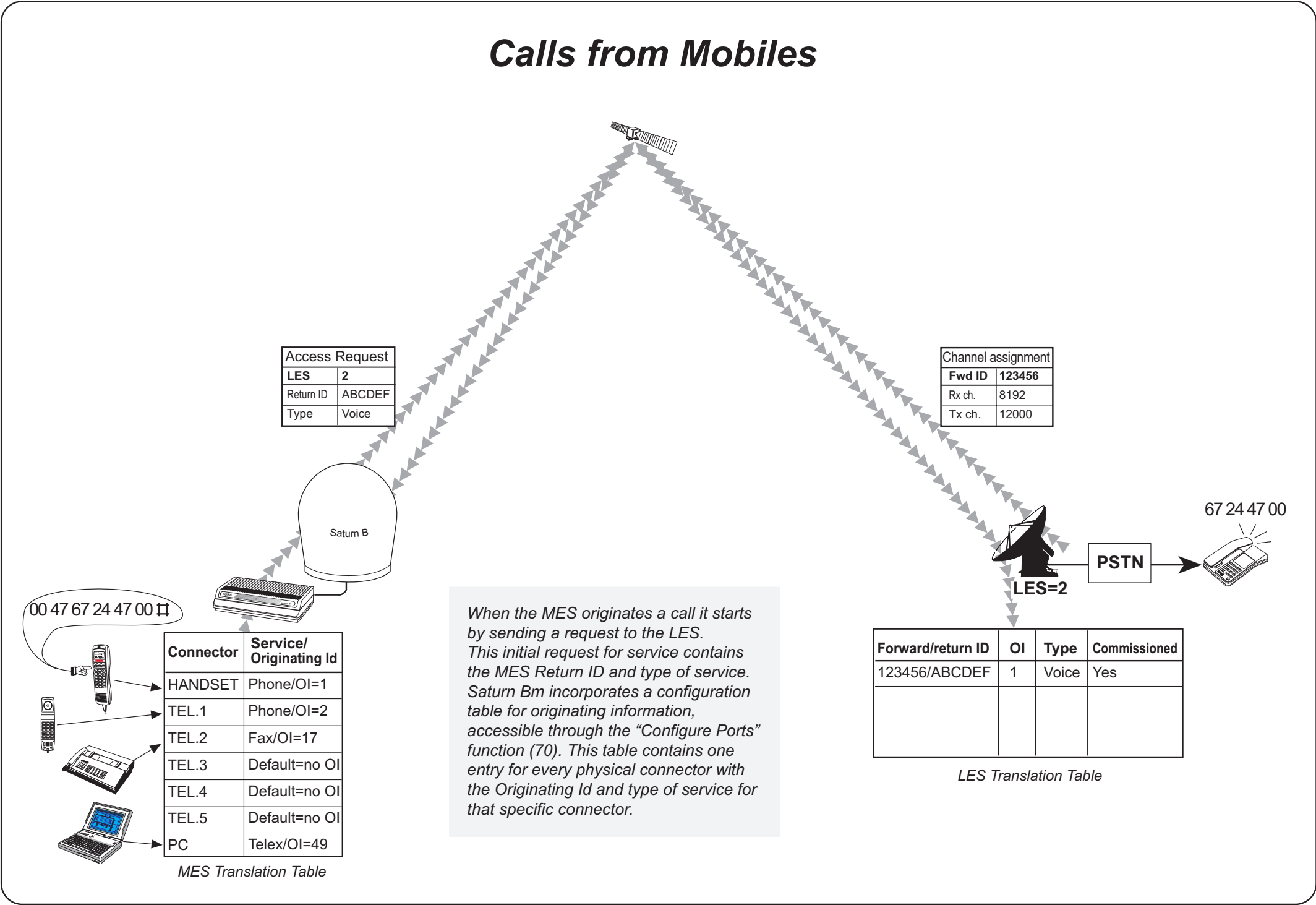
The mobile automatically includes information to identify the MES and the particular end terminal that originates the call. Saturn Bm has six connections: the Display Handset and five connectors that are normally configured for telephone and a telefax.

The LES uses the end terminal identifying information (OI) for billing purposes.

The mobile transmits the dialing information on a channel specially assigned by the NCS, to the LES, which also has been instructed to tune to the same channel.

On receiving the call, LES routes it over the public telecommunications networks to the intended destination. When the destination responds, for example by the dialed subscriber lifting the handset, the call proceeds.

The illustration of the call initiation is simplified.



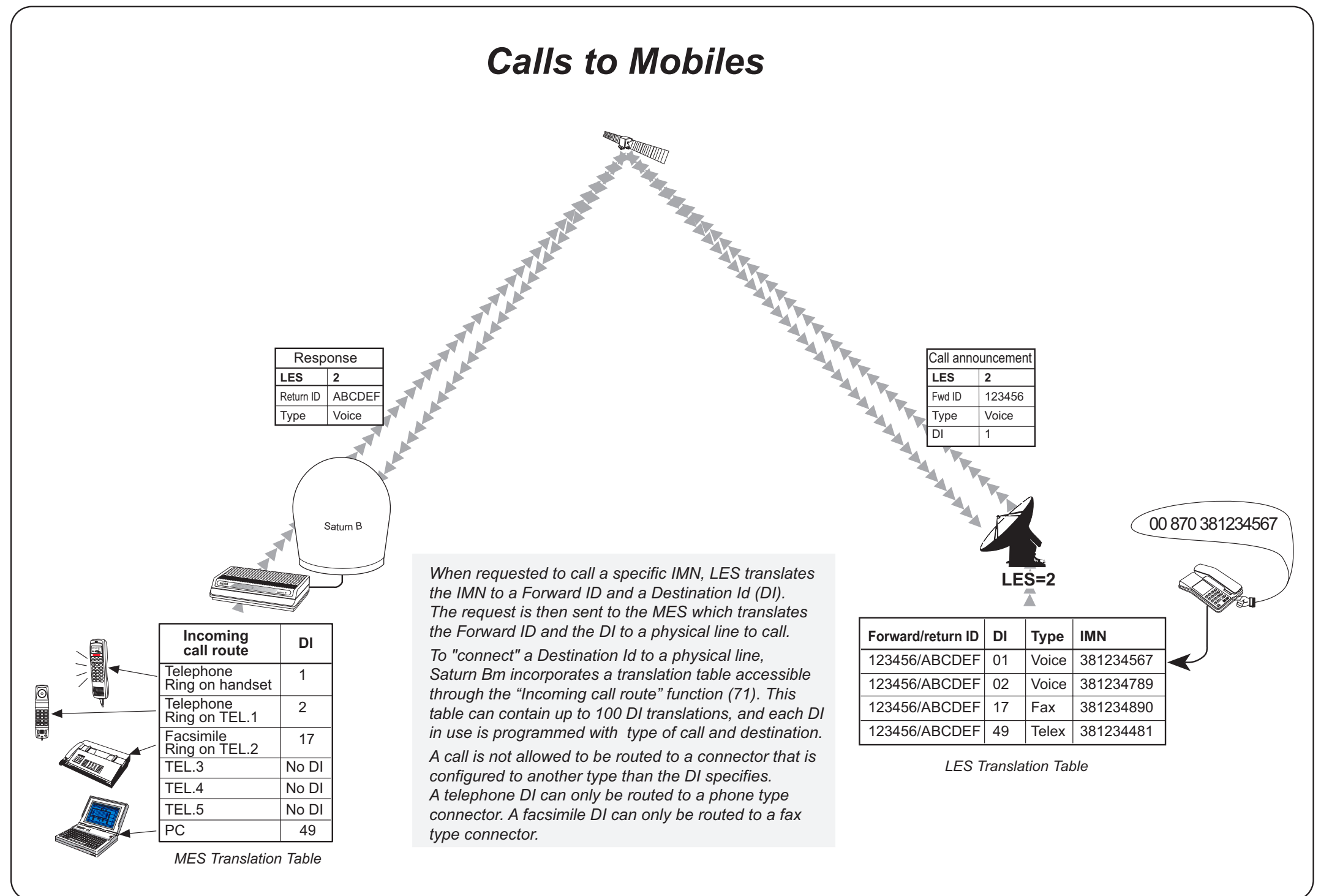
Calls to Mobiles

Calls are made as ordinary international (Satellite) calls where each Ocean Region has an international country code. If an area is covered by more than one satellite, it is necessary that the caller knows which satellite (Ocean Region) the mobile is tuned to.

The international codes to the four Ocean Regions are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Atlantic Ocean East Region: | 871 |
| Pacific Ocean Region: | 872 |
| Indian Ocean Region: | 873 |
| Atlantic Ocean West Region: | 874 |

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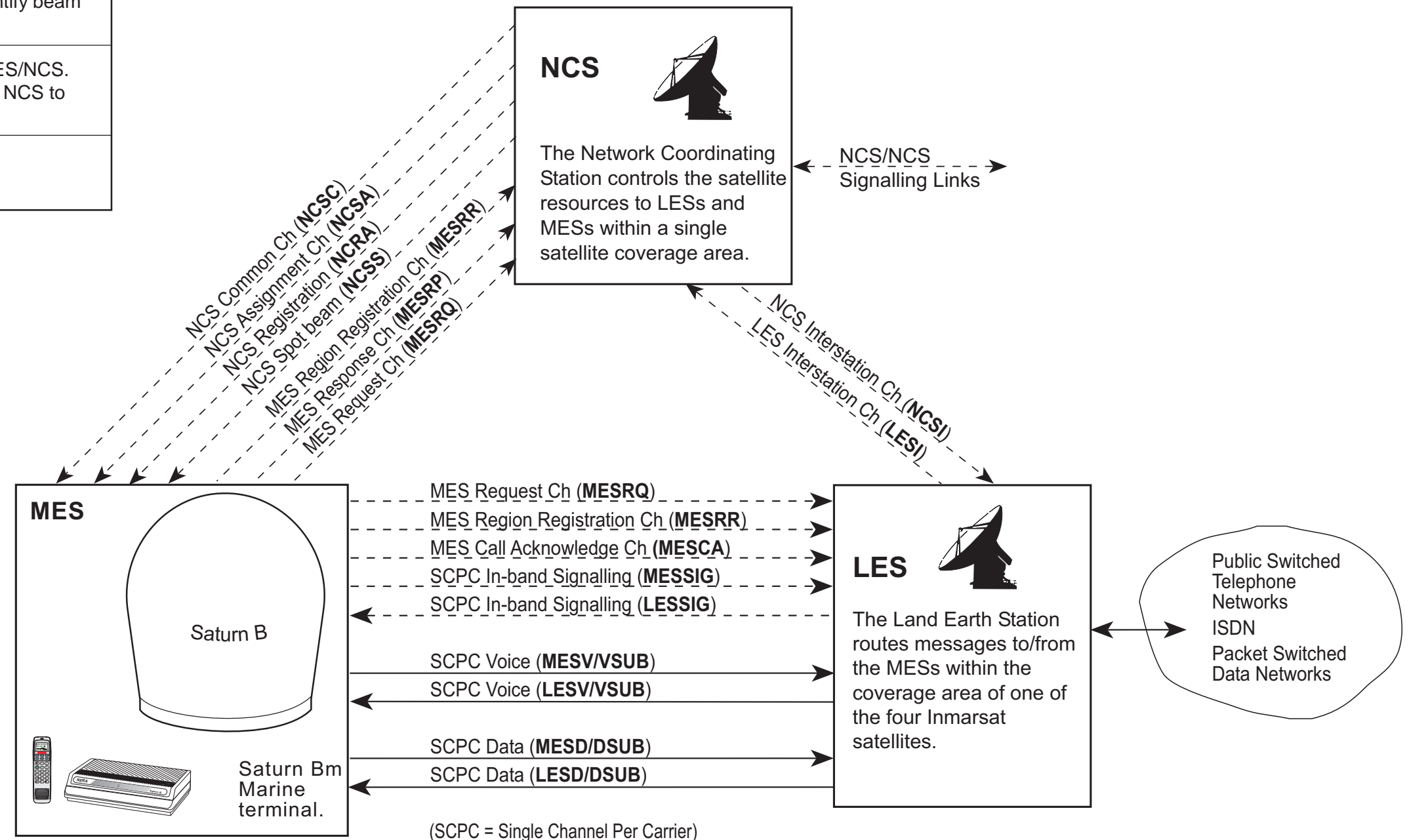


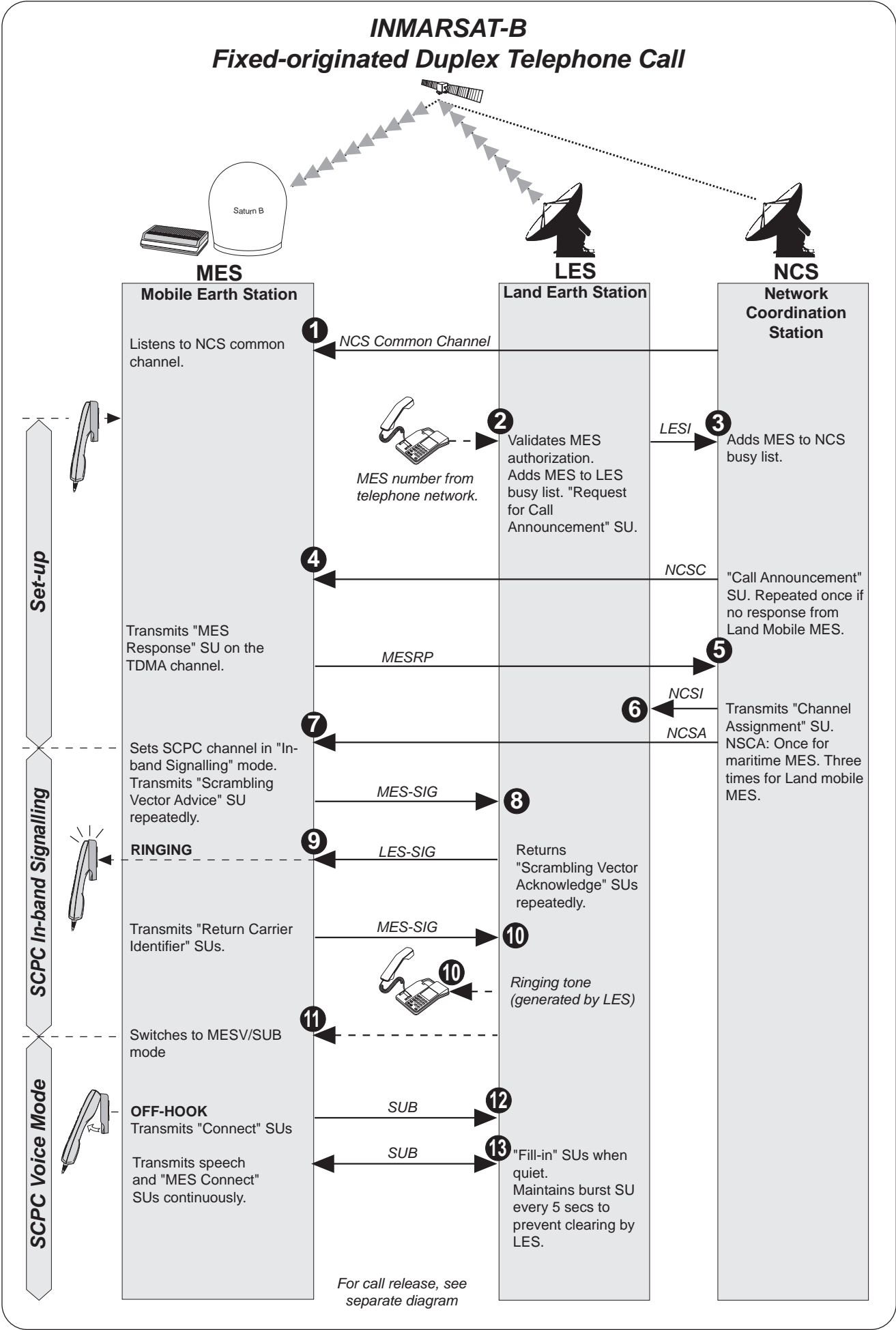
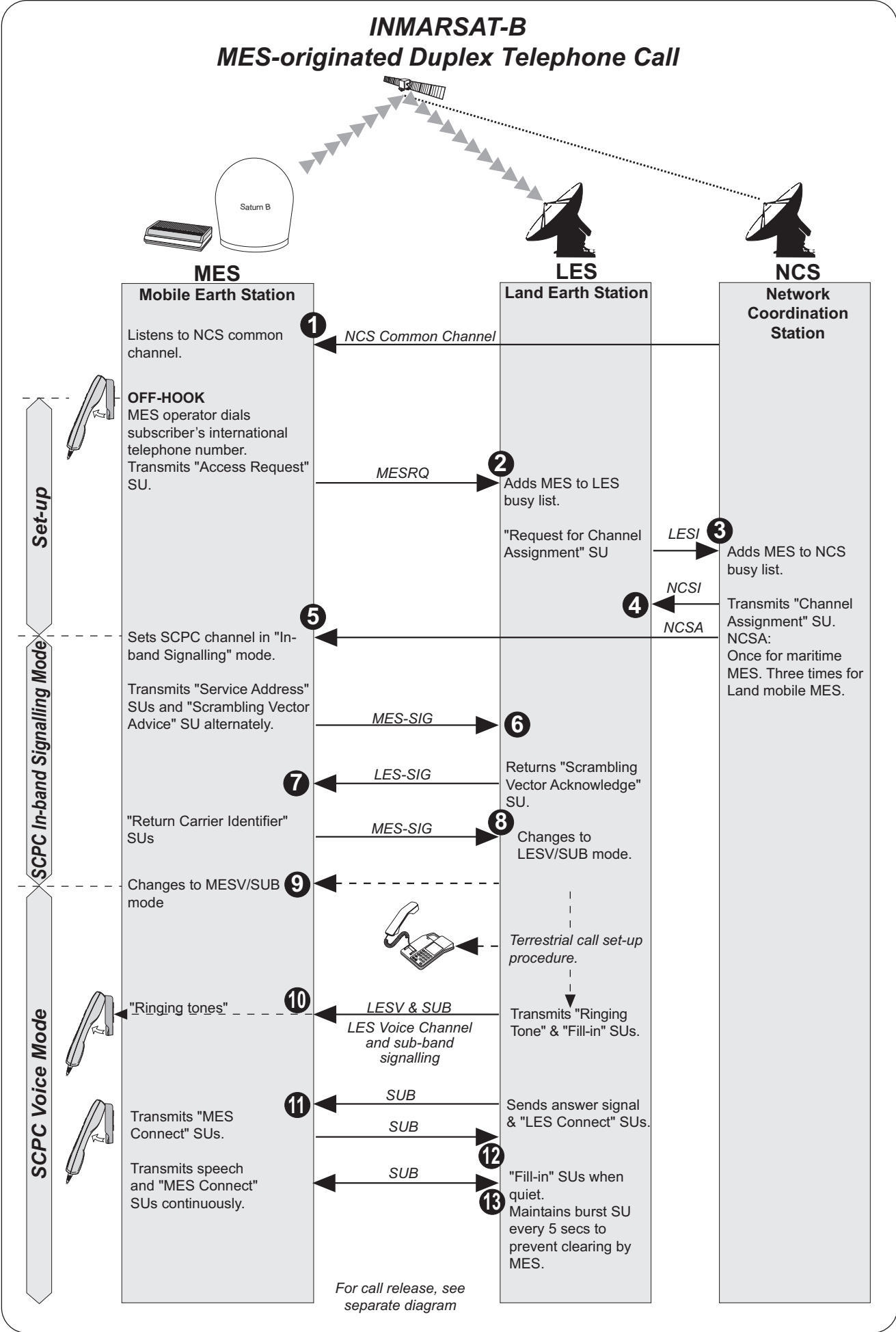
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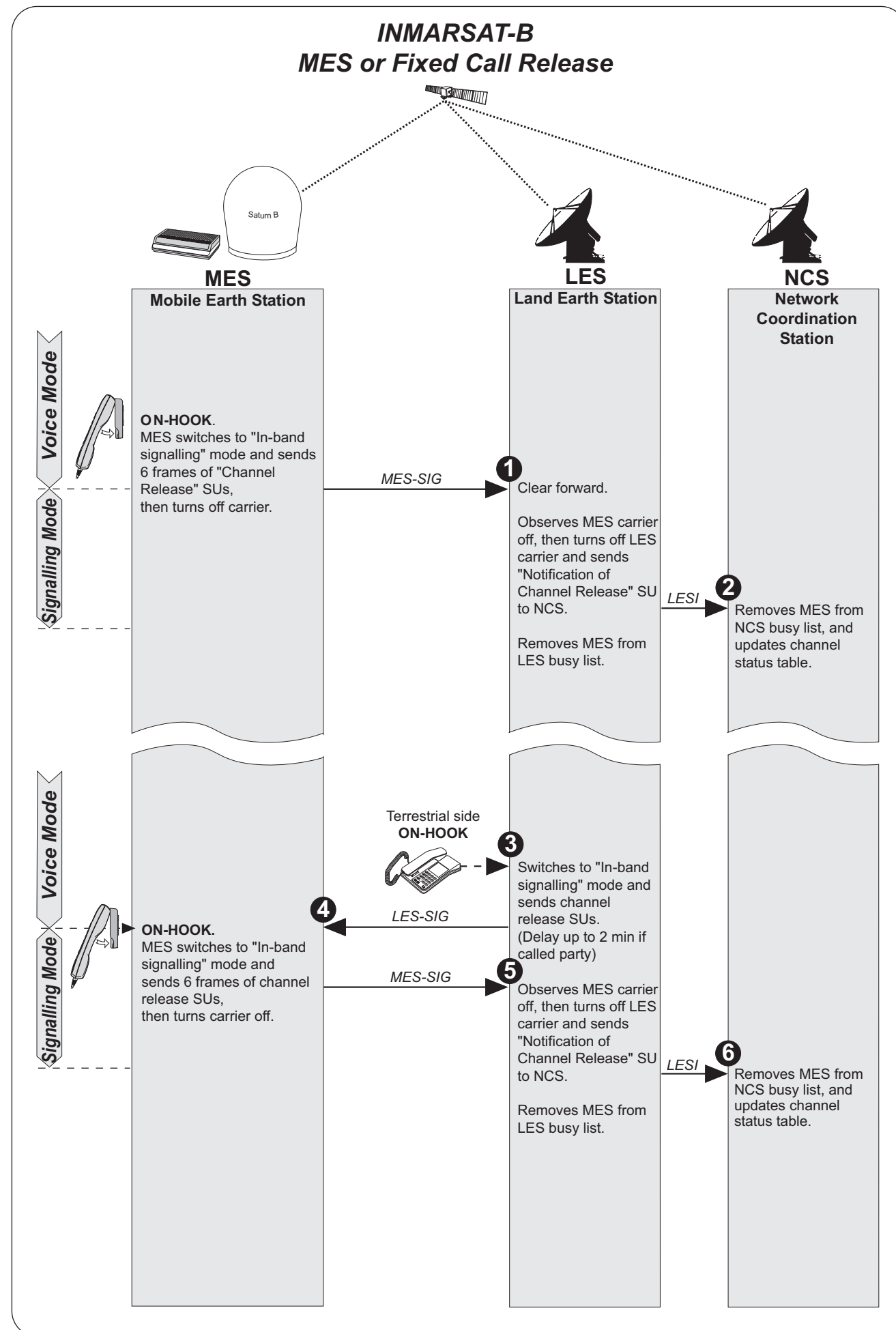
| Designation | Transmission | Type of information |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| NCSI LESI | Continuous TDM | Bi-directional signalling information between LES and NCS |
| NCSC MESRP | TDM TDMA | Bulletin Board announcements. MES responses |
| NCSA | Continuous TDM | Assigns SPCS channels |
| MESRQ | Slotted Aloha | Request from MES to LES |
| MESCA | Slotted Aloha | Acknowledges shore-originated simplex calls. |
| NCSS | Continuous TDM | One frequency per spot beam; enables an MES to identify beam serving location. |
| MESRR NCRA | Slotted Aloha Continuous TDM | Registration signal to LES/NCS. Acknowledgement from NCS to MES |
| MESSIG LESSIG | SCPC | In-band signalling |

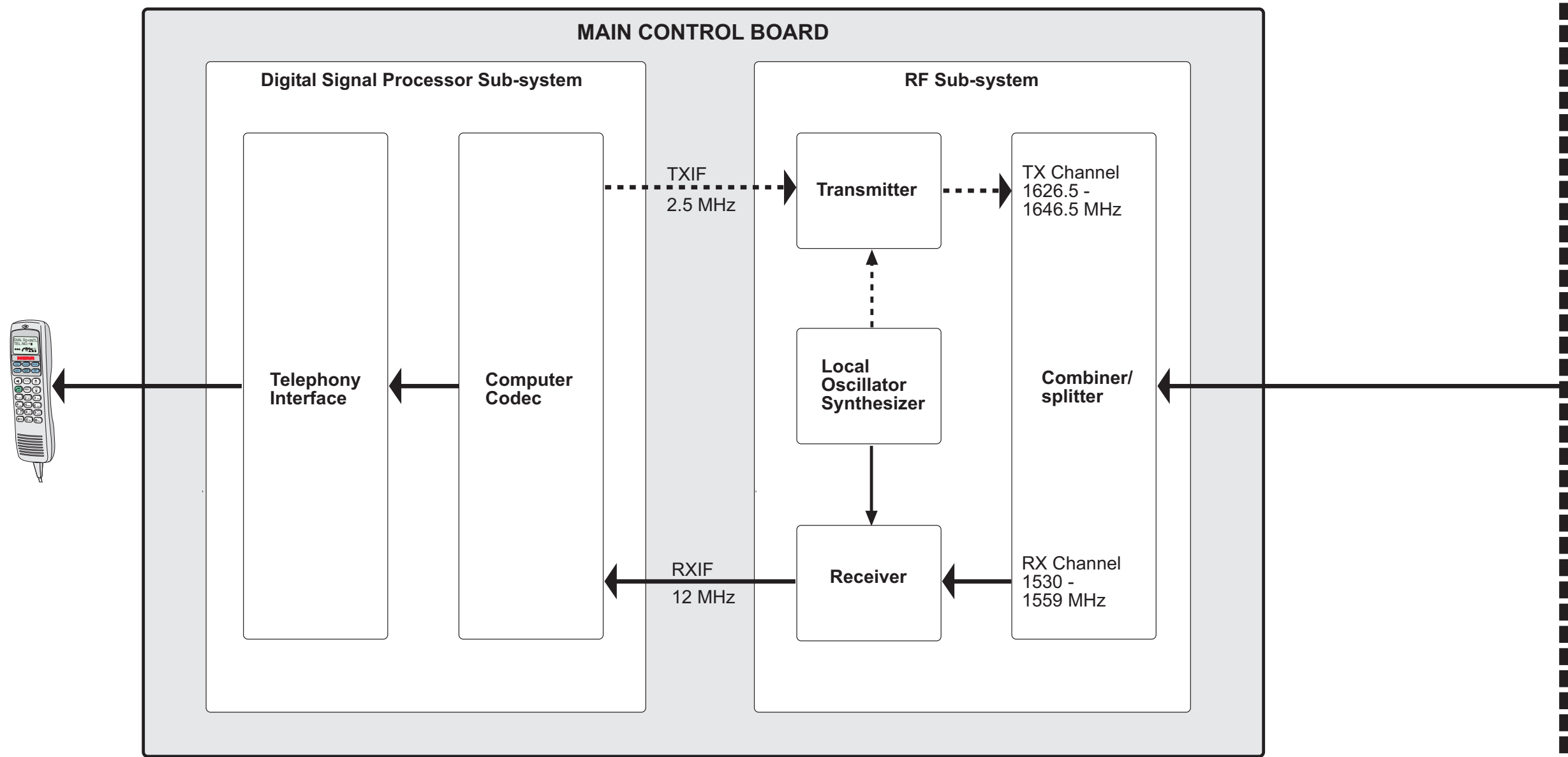
Communication Channels

| Designation | Transmission | Type of information |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| LESV MESV | SCPC with VSUB sub-band signalling | Duplex 16 kbps voice communication |
| LESD MESD | SCPC with VSUB sub-band signalling | Duplex 9.6 kbps data communication |

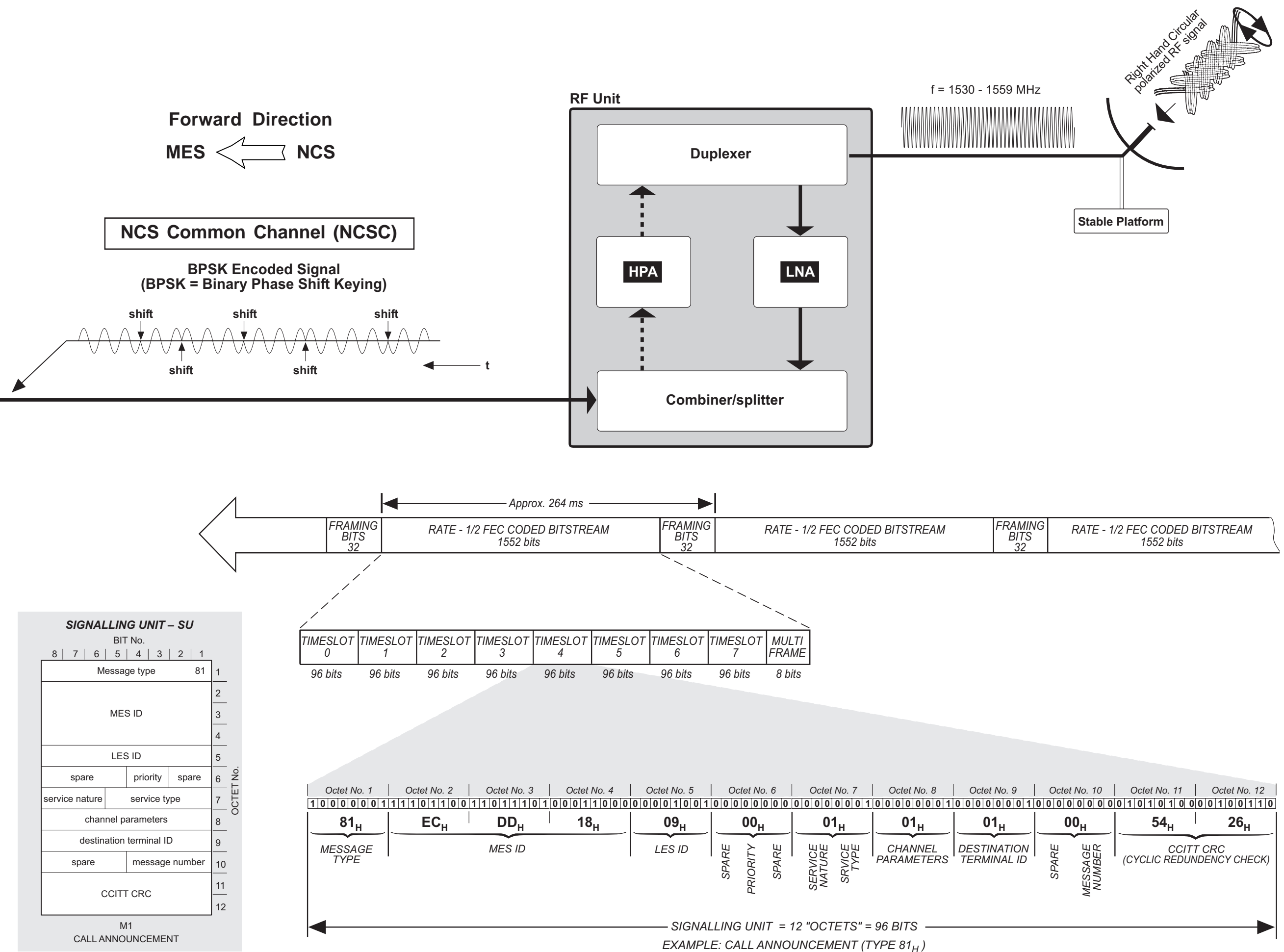


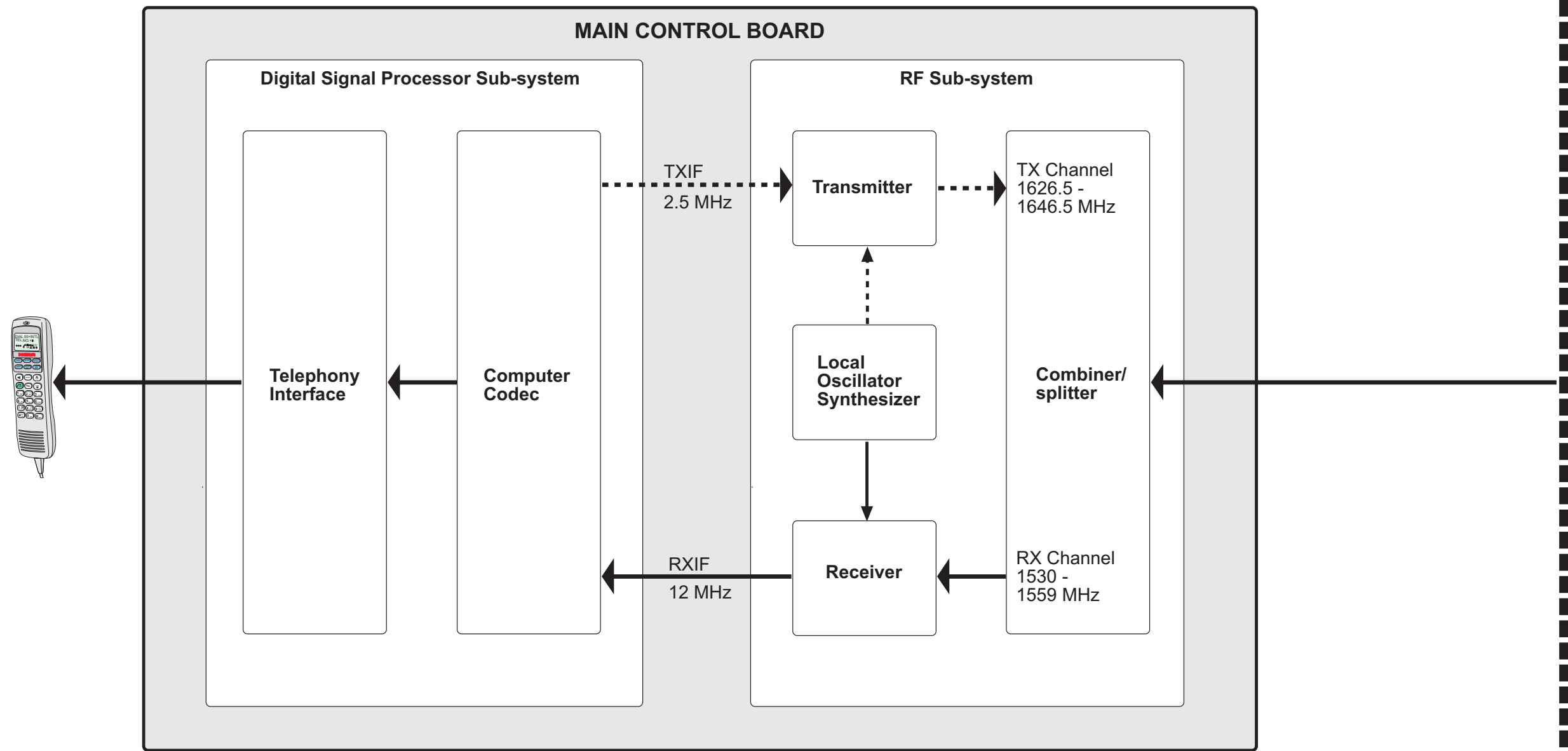






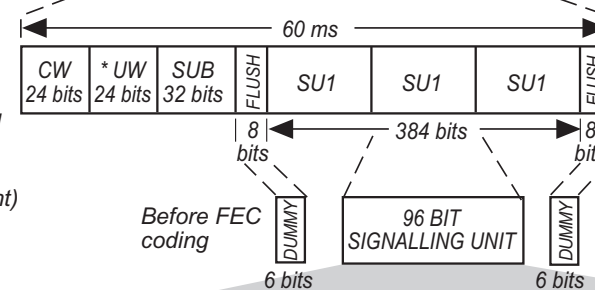
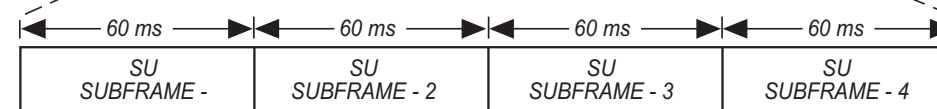
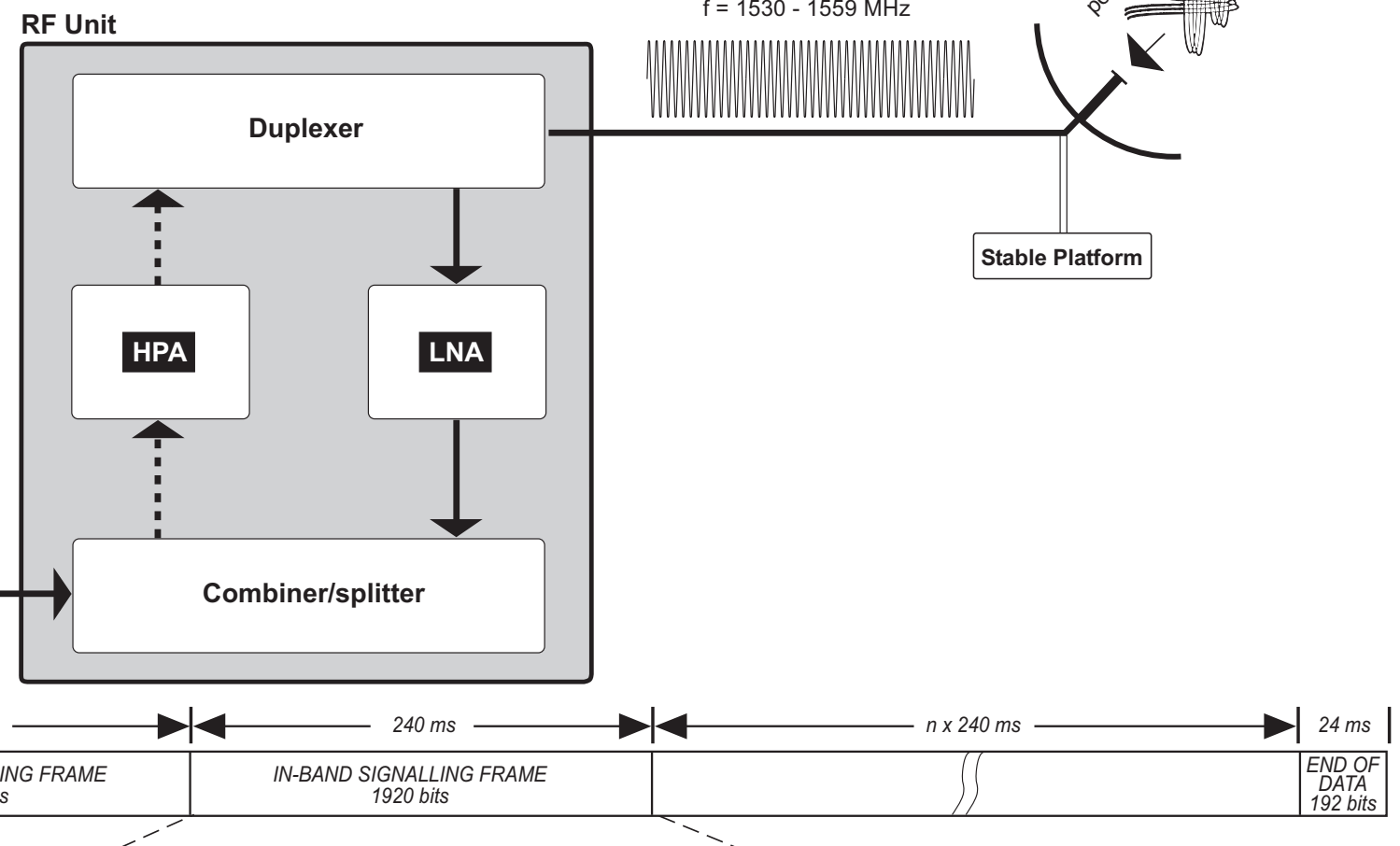
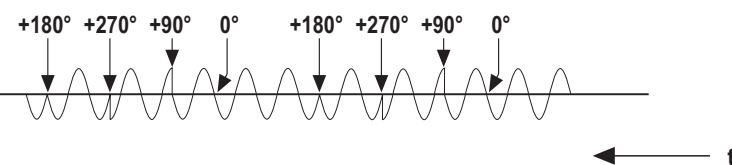
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MES ← LES

O-QPSK Encoded Signal
(O-QPSK = Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying)

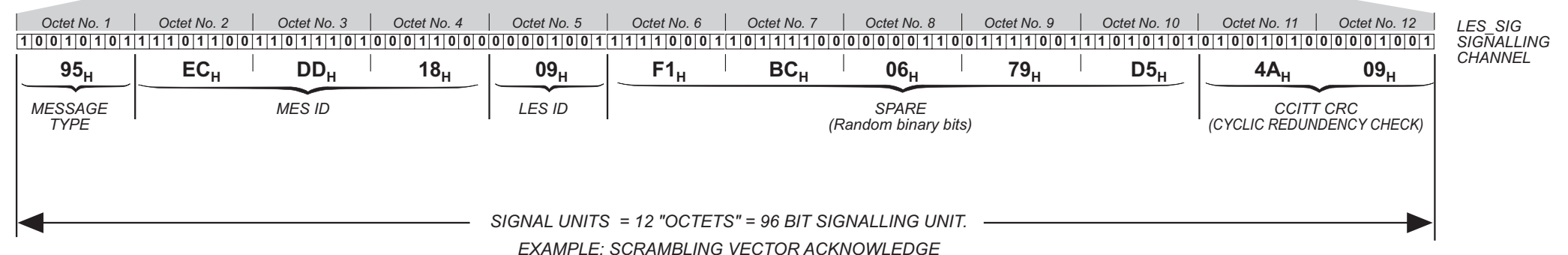


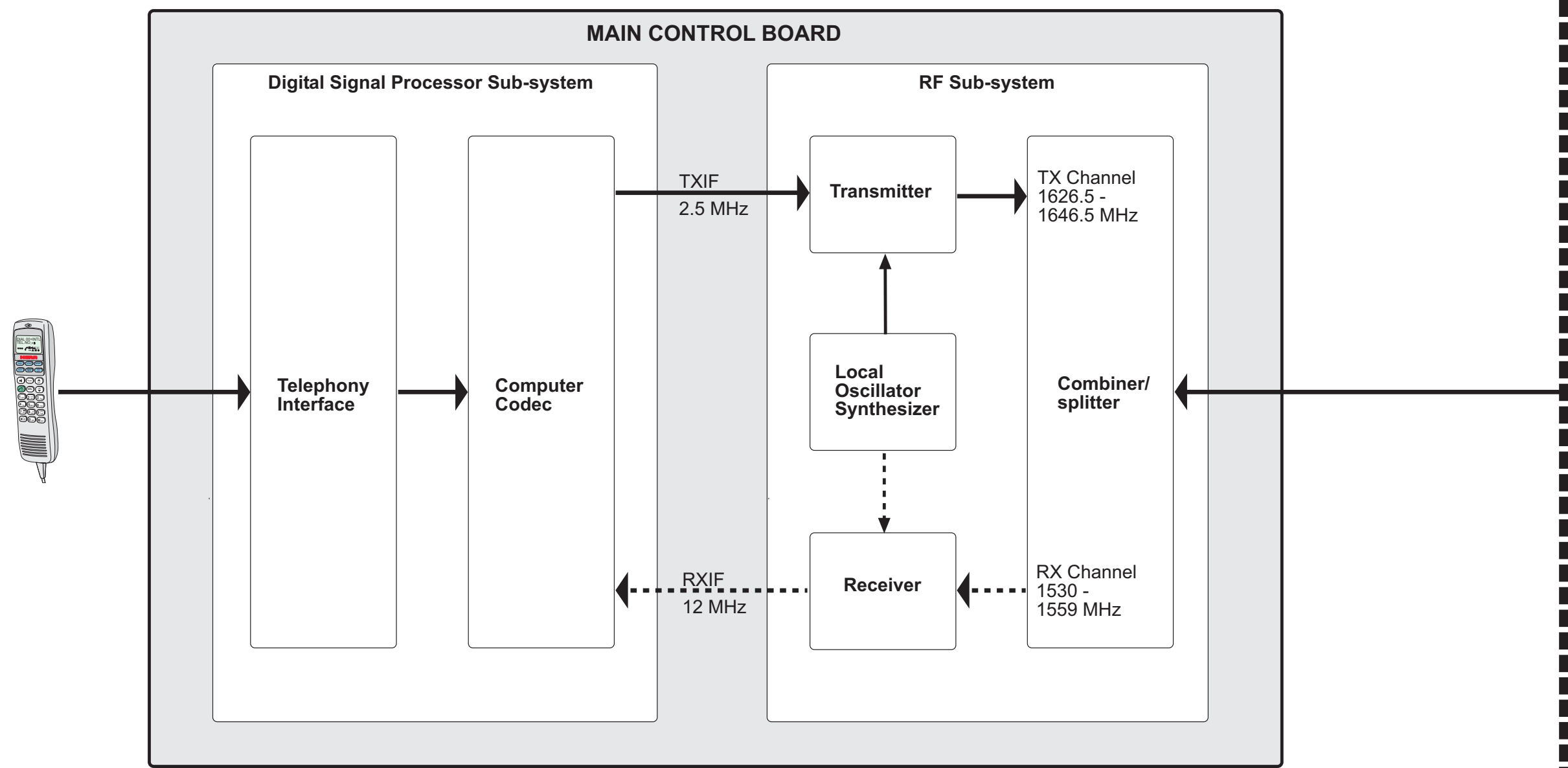
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0111 1000 1001
for 1st subframe, and
1000 0111 0110
for 2nd, 3rd and 4th
subframe (compliment)

| SIGNALLING UNIT – SU | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| BIT No. | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Message type | | | | | | | | 95 | 1 |
| MES ID | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| LES ID | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| spare | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | | | | | | | | 9 |
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| CCITT CRC | | | | | | | | | |

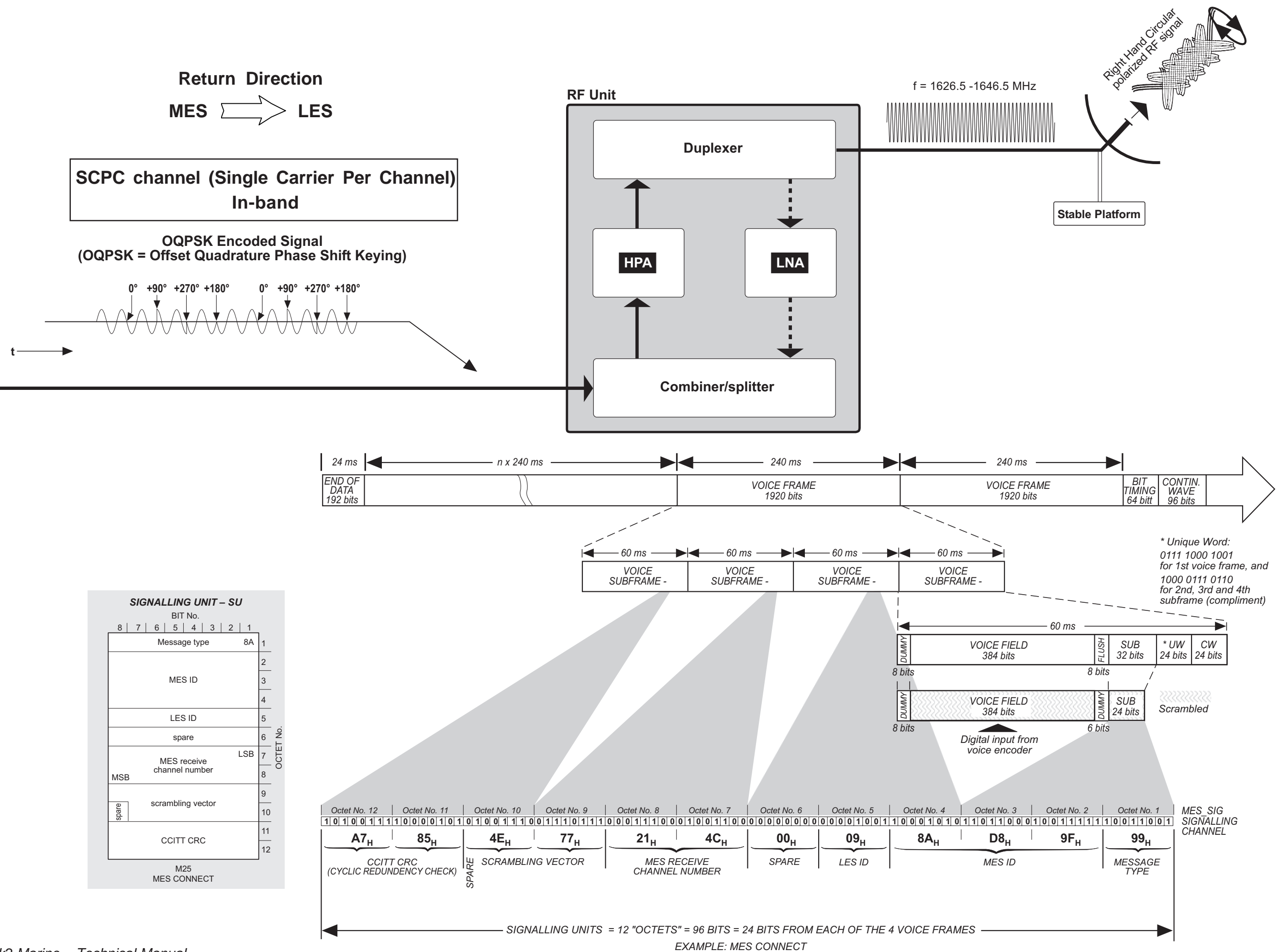
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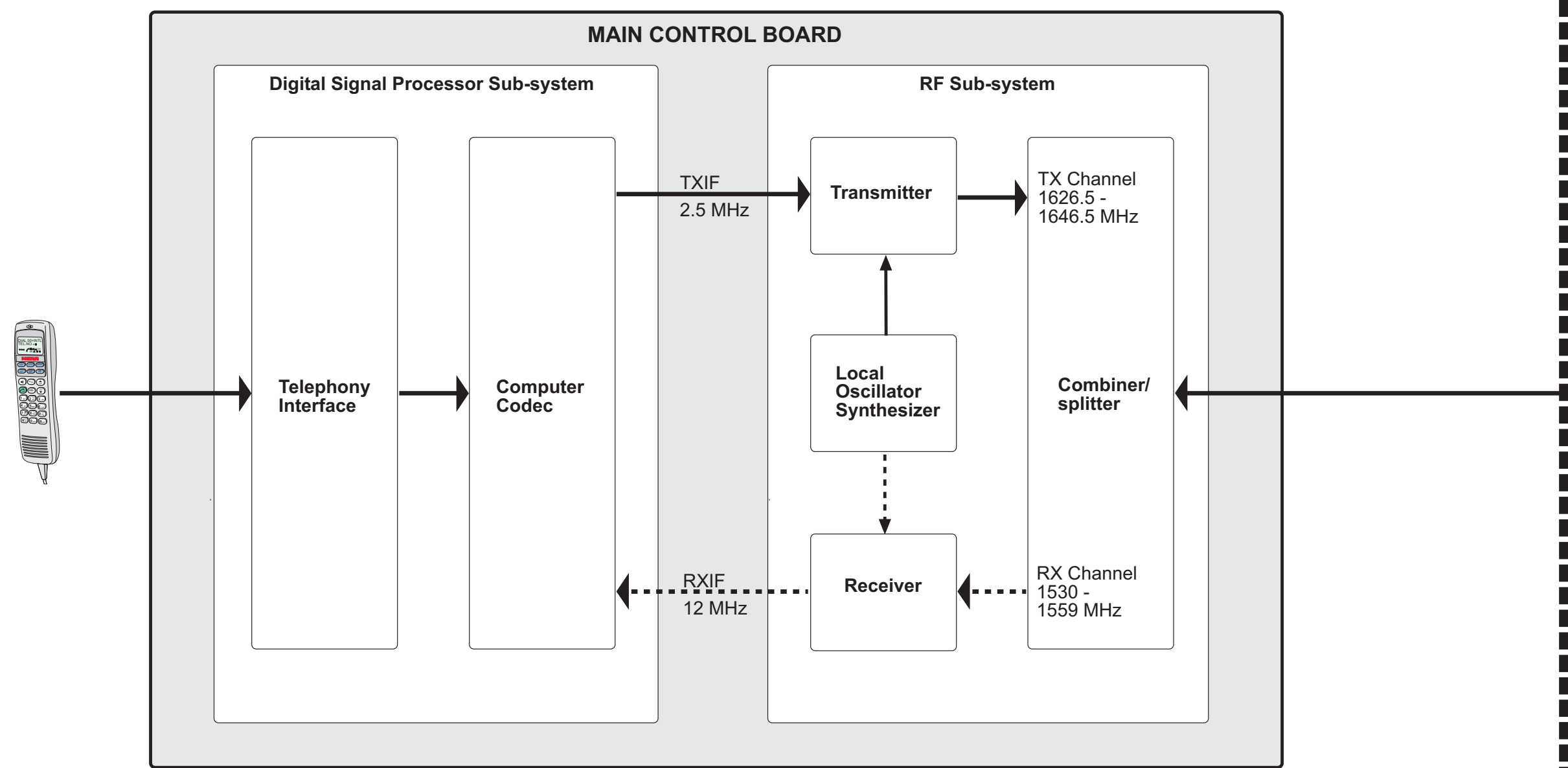
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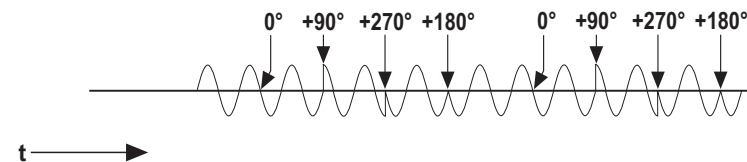




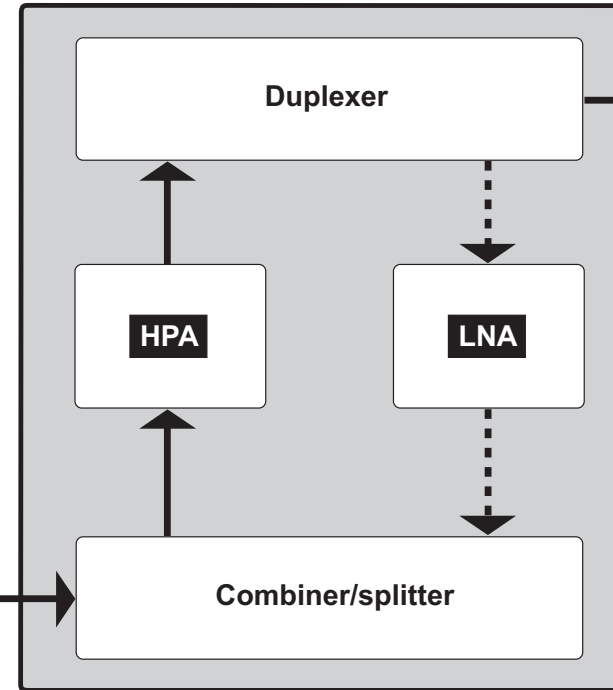
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SCPC channel (Single Carrier Per Channel) In-band Signalling Mode (CLEARING)

QPSK Encoded Signal
(QPSK = Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying)

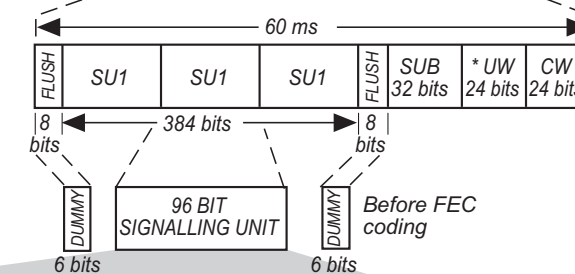
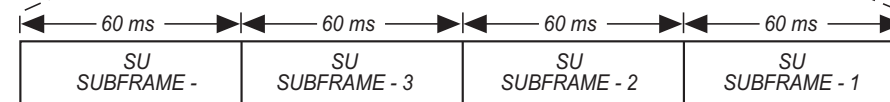
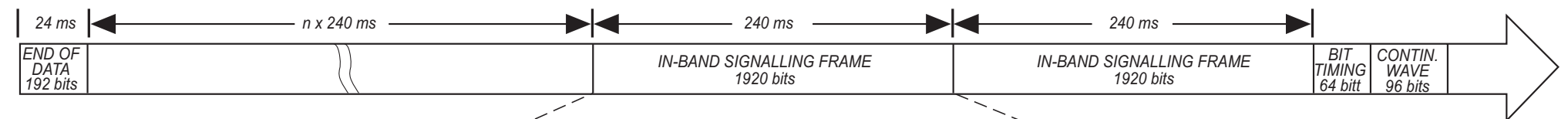
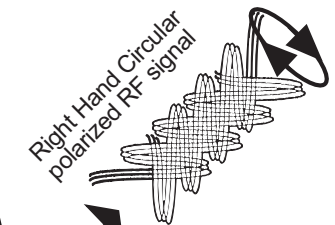


RF Unit



$f = 1626.5 - 1646.5 \text{ MHz}$

Stable Platform

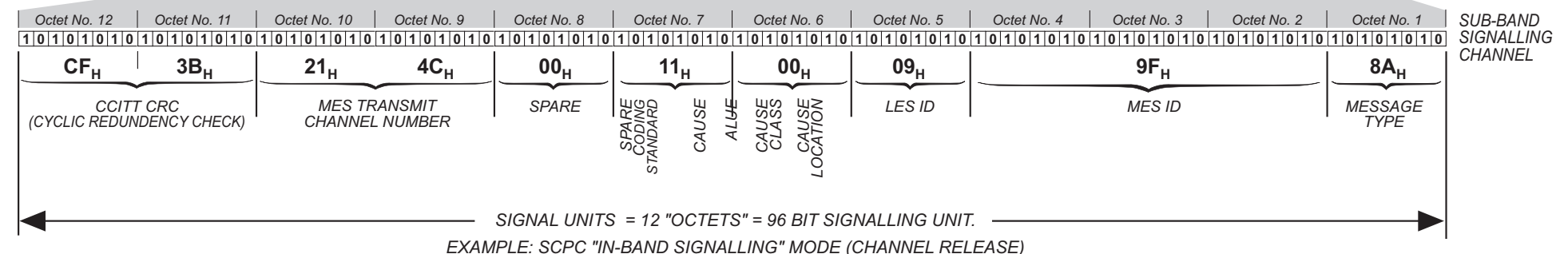


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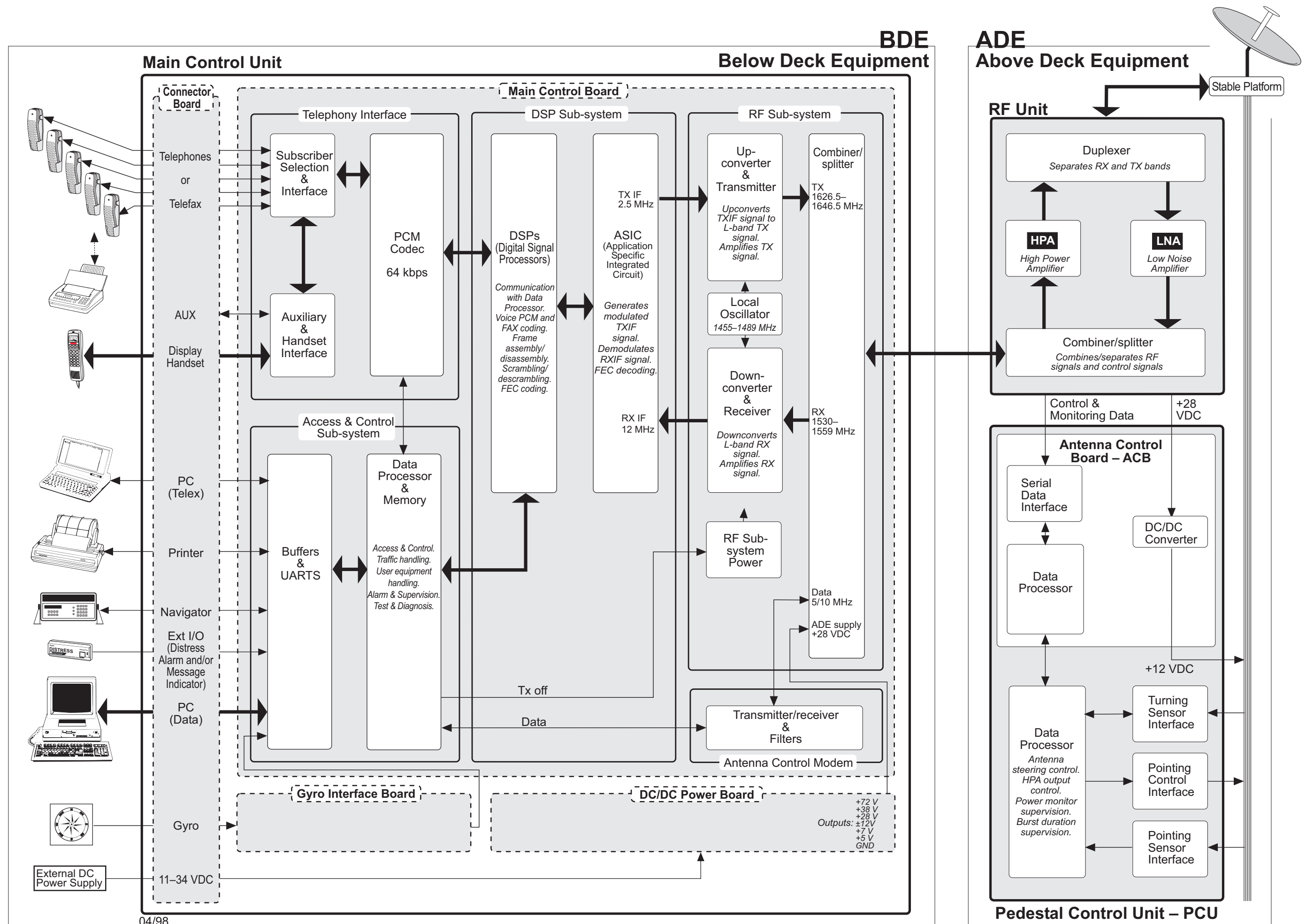
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| BIT No. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Message type | | | | | | | | 8A | 1 | OCTET No. |
| MES ID | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| LES ID | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| cause class | | | | cause location | | | | | 6 | |
| spare | | coding std. | | cause value | | | | | 7 | |
| spare | | | | | | | | | 8 | |
| MES transmit channel number | | | | | | | | LSB | 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | MSB | 10 | |
| CCITT CRC | | | | | | | | | 11 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 12 | |

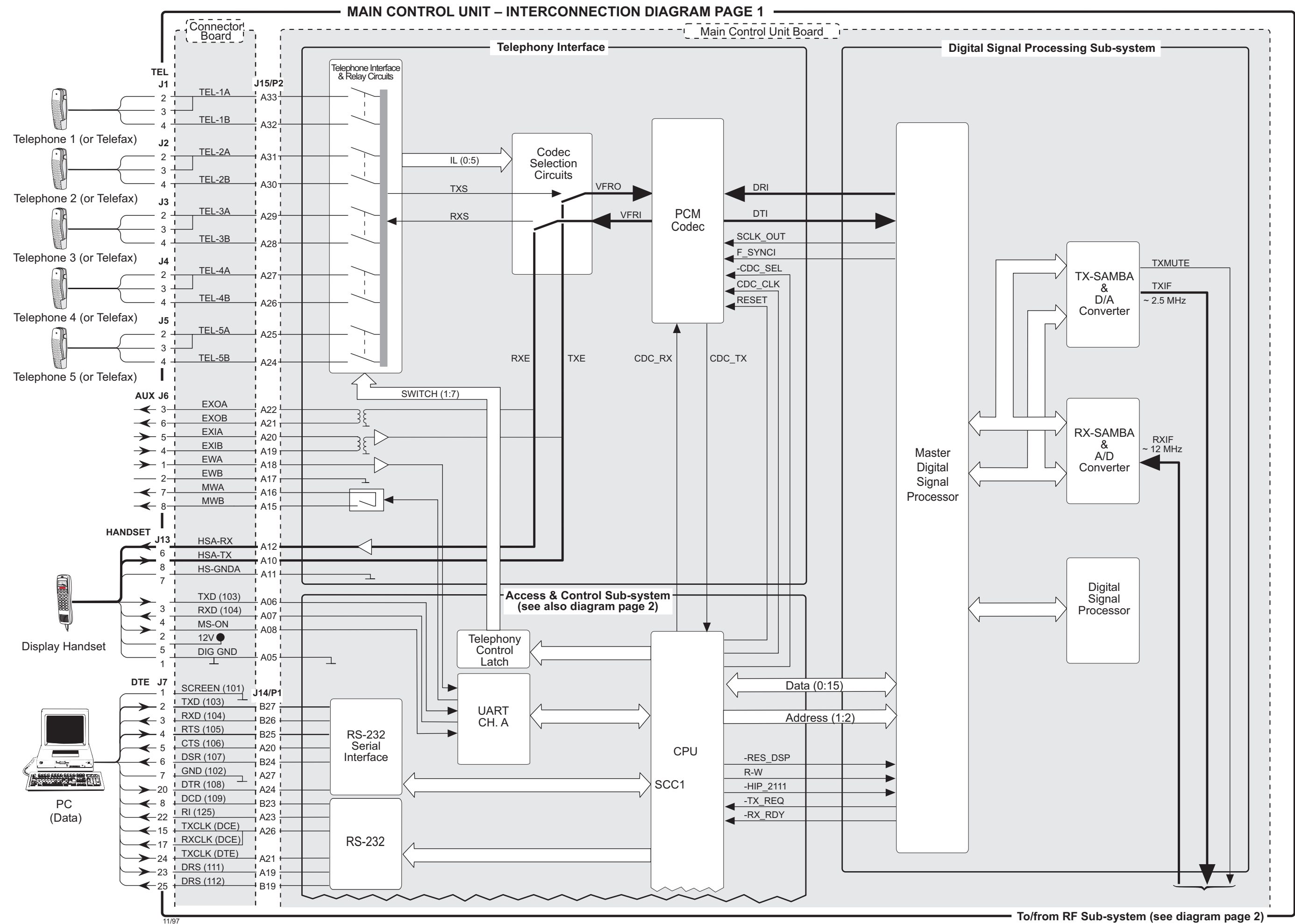
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CHANNEL RELEASE

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SIGNAL UNITS = 12 "OCTETS" = 96 BIT SIGNALLING UNIT.
EXAMPLE: SCPC "IN-BAND SIGNALLING" MODE (CHANNEL RELEASE)

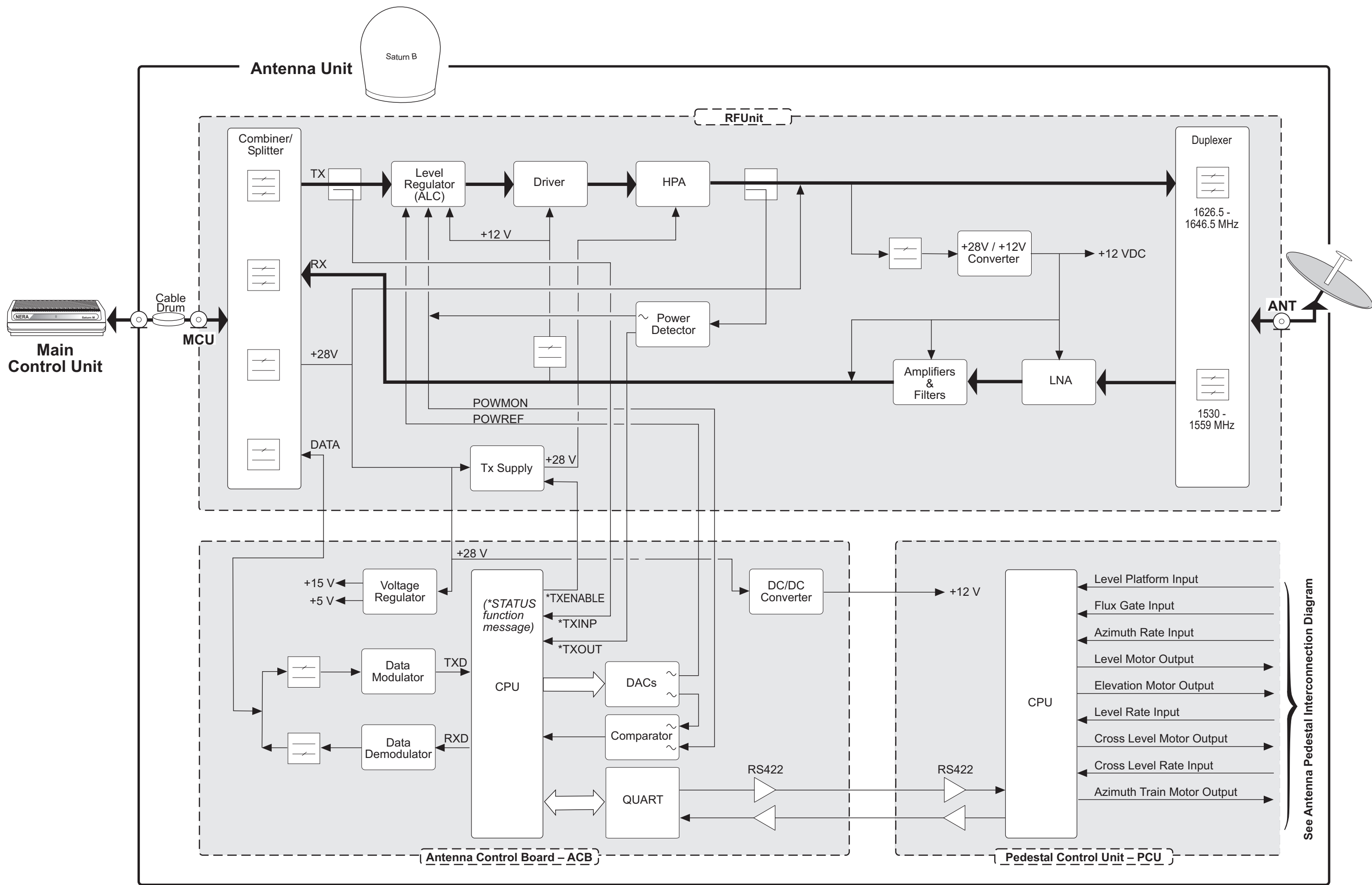


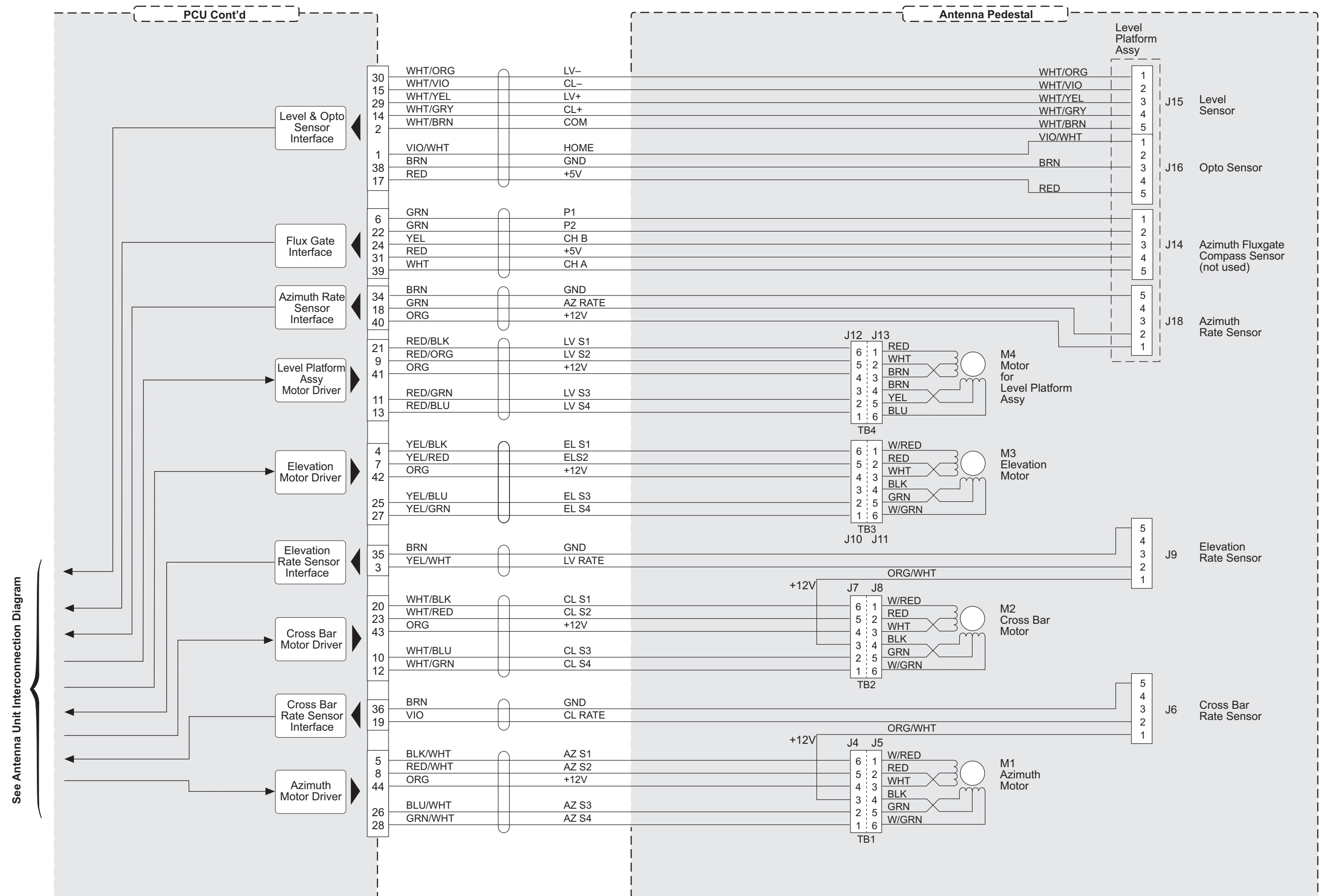


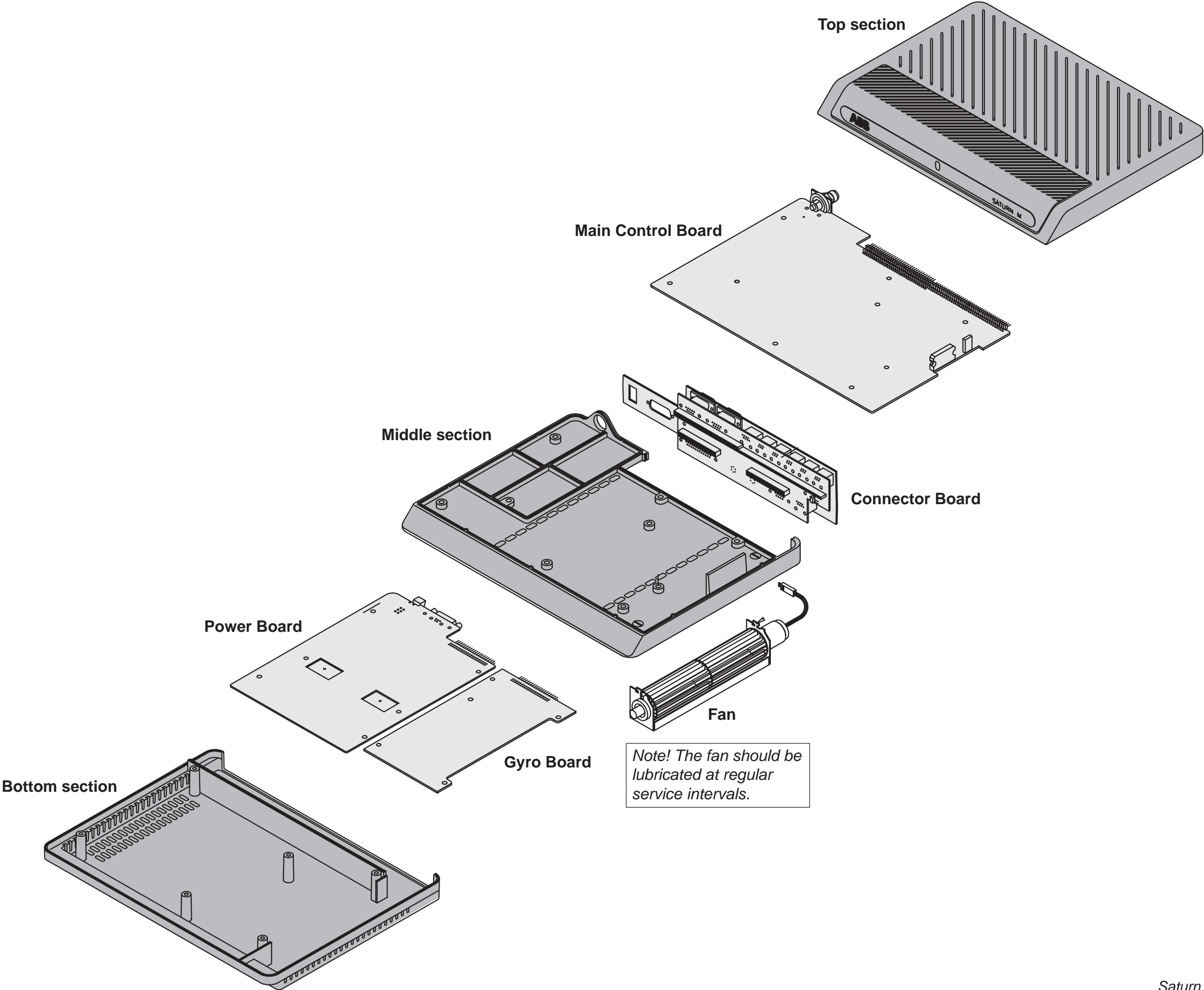
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To/from RF Sub-system (see diagram page 2)









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- Place the MCU with the bottom side facing up.
- Remove the screws assembling the unit.

Note! 6 screws - 35 mm. See figure!

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- Holding the unit assembled, turn it carefully around.
- Remove the top cover.

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- Lift the electronics section off the bottom.
- Remove the bottom section and place the electronics section carefully on a clean surface.

If replacing the Gyro Board:

Turn the electronics section around and continue from step 4.

If replacing the Power Board:

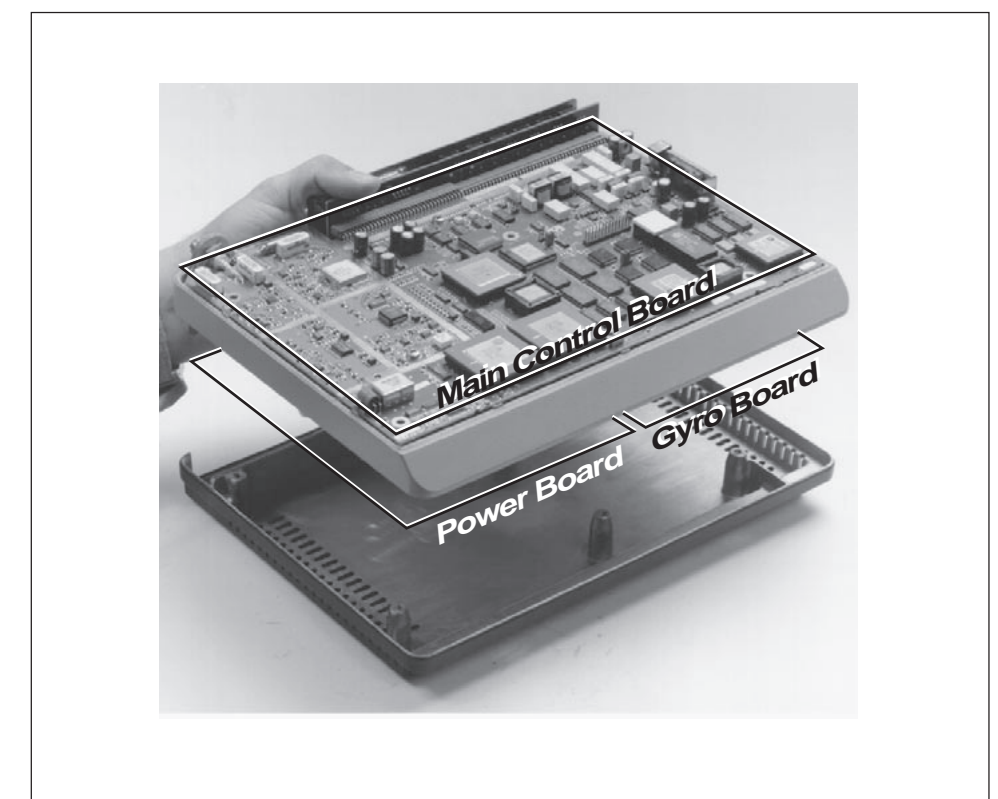
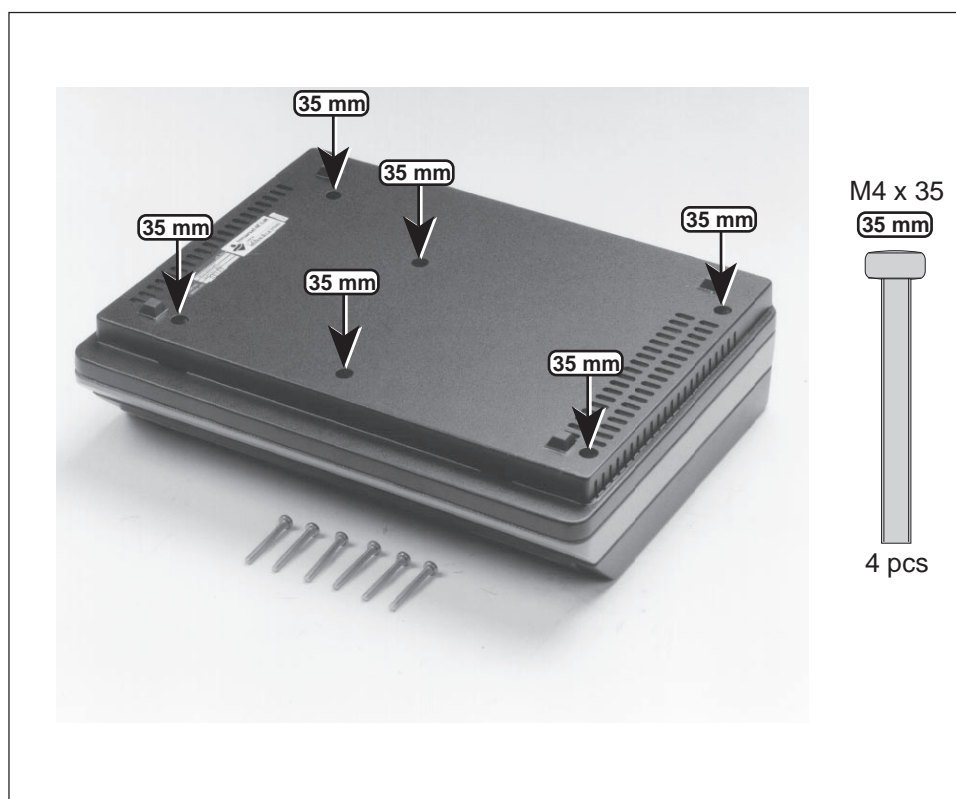
Turn the electronics section around and continue from step 5.

If replacing the Main Control Board: Continue from step 7.

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- Mount the screws assembling the MCU.

Note! 6 screws – 35 mm. See figure!

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- Place the top cover.
- Holding the unit assembled, turn it carefully around.

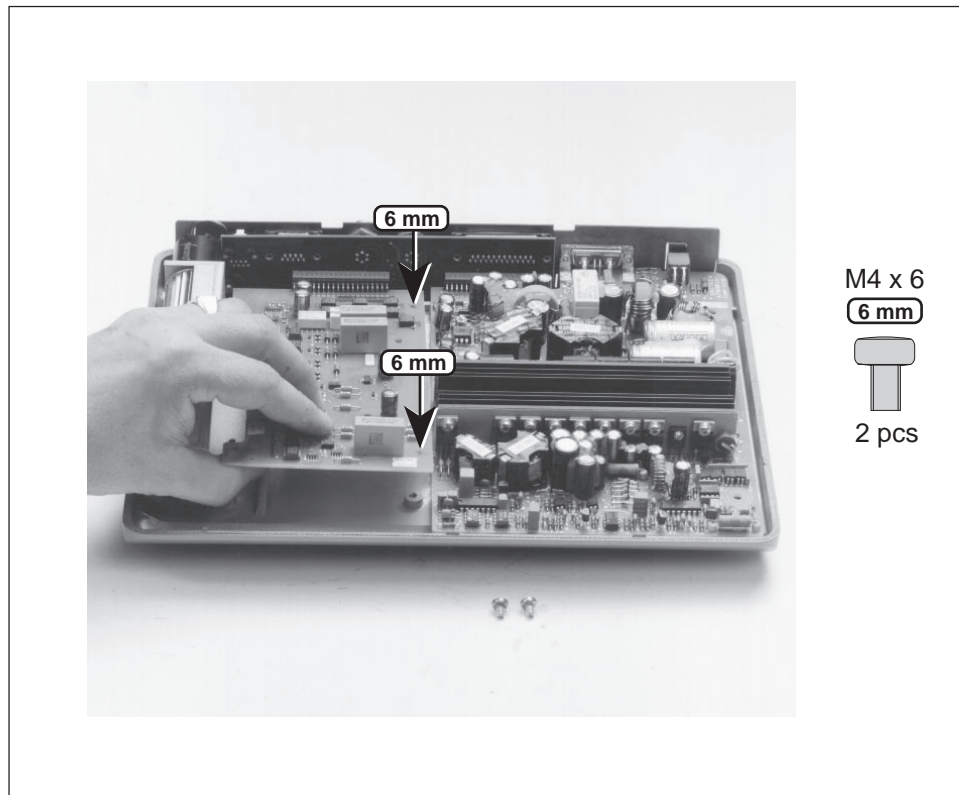
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- Turn the electronics section around.
- Place the electronics carefully into position on the bottom section.

4 Gyro Board

- Remove the screws fastening the Gyro Board.
Note! 2 screws – 6 mm. See figure!
- Lift the front end of the circuit board and disengage it carefully from the edge connector.

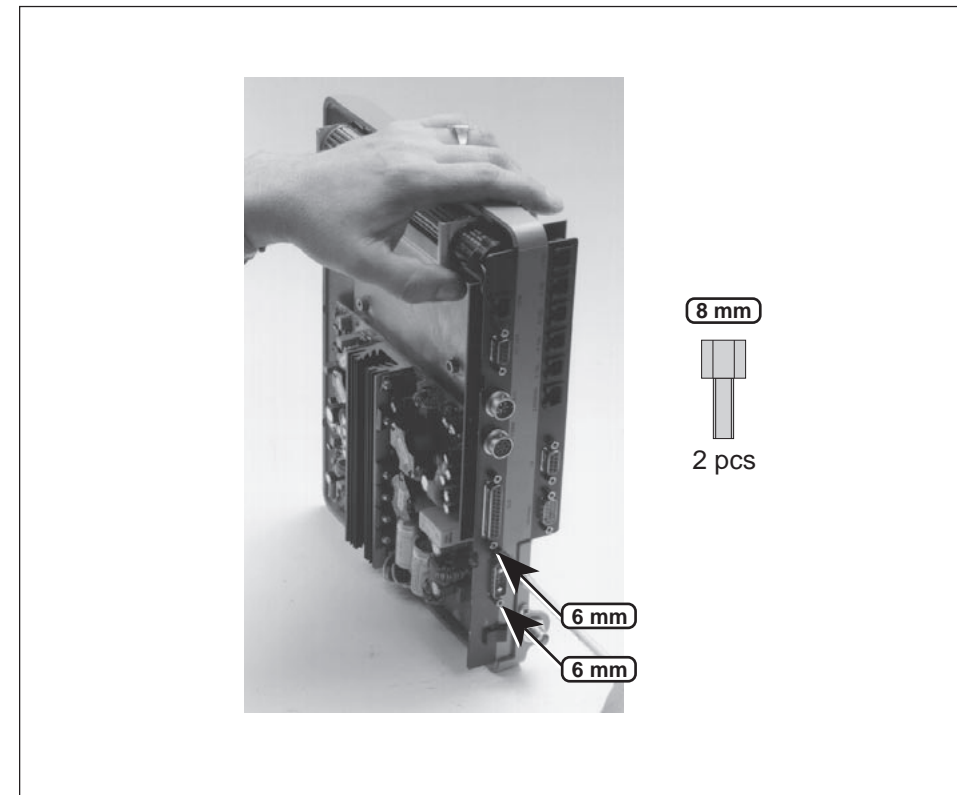
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5 Power Board

- Remove the screws fastening the DC power receptacle
Note! 2 screws – 8 mm, hexagon head (5 mm spanner)
See figure!

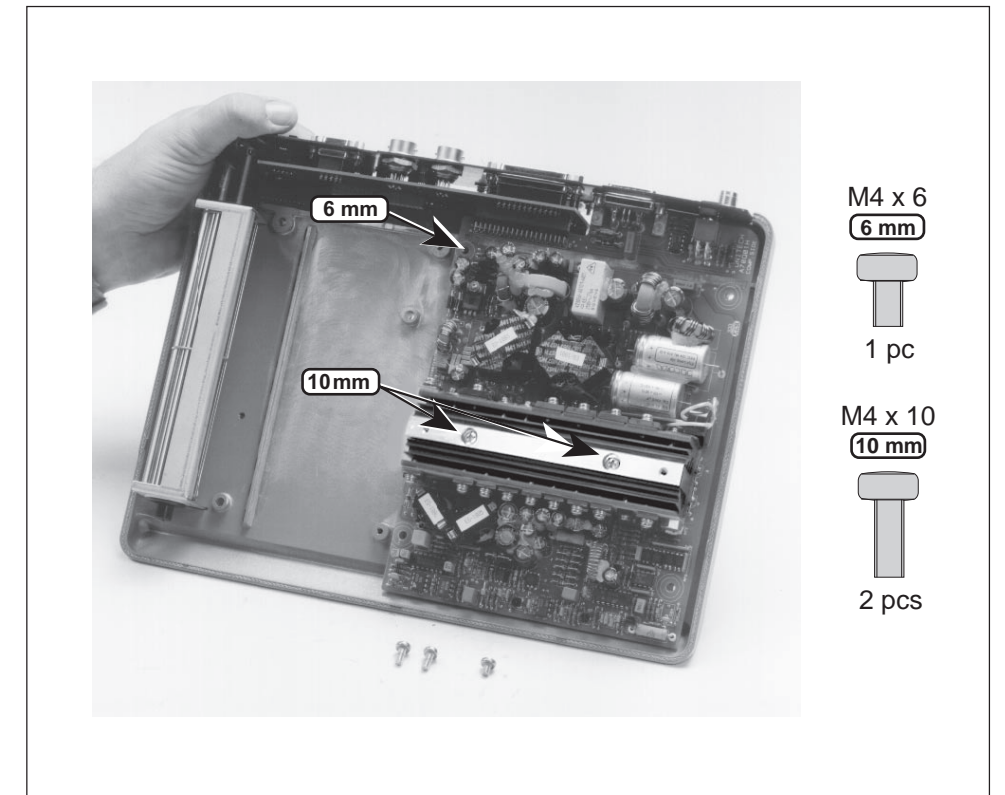
DISMOUNTING →



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- Remove the screws fastening the Power Board.
Note! 3 screws – 2 sizes (6 mm/10 mm). See figure!
- Lift the front end of the circuit board and disengage it carefully from the edge connector.

DISMOUNTING →



← MOUNTING

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- Enter the Gyro Board carefully into the edge connector.
- Fasten the Gyro Board.
Note! 2 screws - 6 mm. See figure!

← MOUNTING

6

- Mount the DC power receptacle.
Note! 2 screws – 8 mm with hexagon head (5 mm spanner).

← MOUNTING

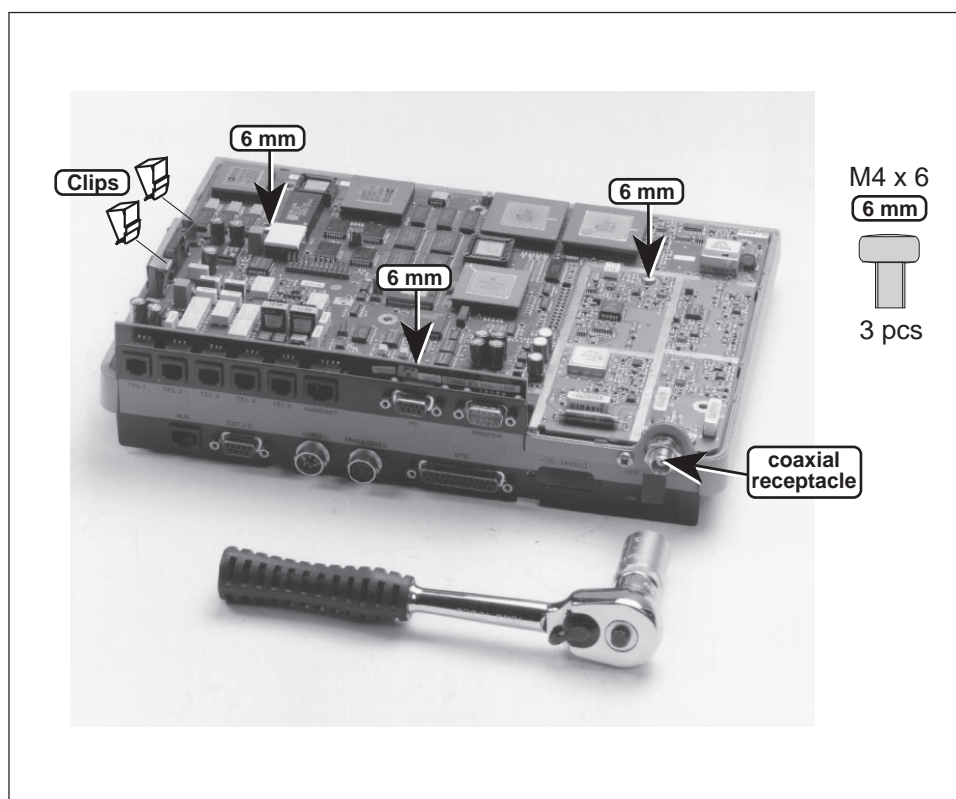
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- Enter the Power Board carefully into the edge connector.
- Fasten the Power Board.
Note! 3 screws – 2 sizes (6 mm/10 mm). See figure!

7 Main Control Board

- Remove the screws fastening the Main Control Board
Note! 3 screws - 6 mm. See figure!
- Remove the clips pressing the IC against the cooling plate.
Note! Save the Sil pads.
- Unscrew the coaxial receptacle.
Note! 3/8" wrench. Nut and lock washer.

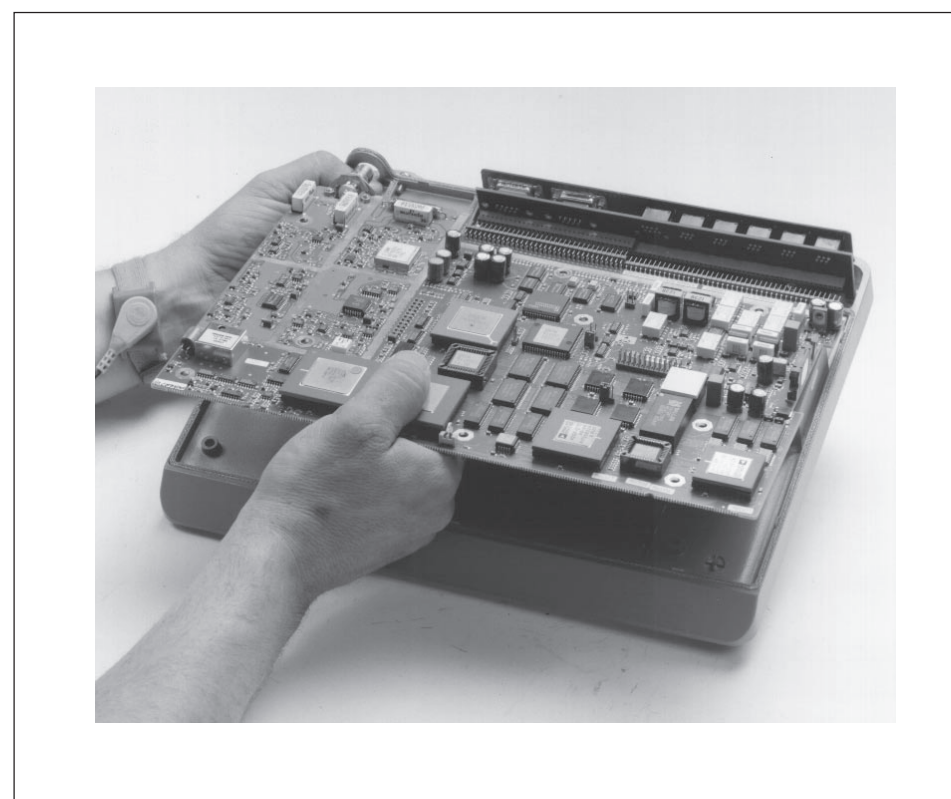
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- Lift the front end of the circuit board and disengage it carefully from the edge connector.

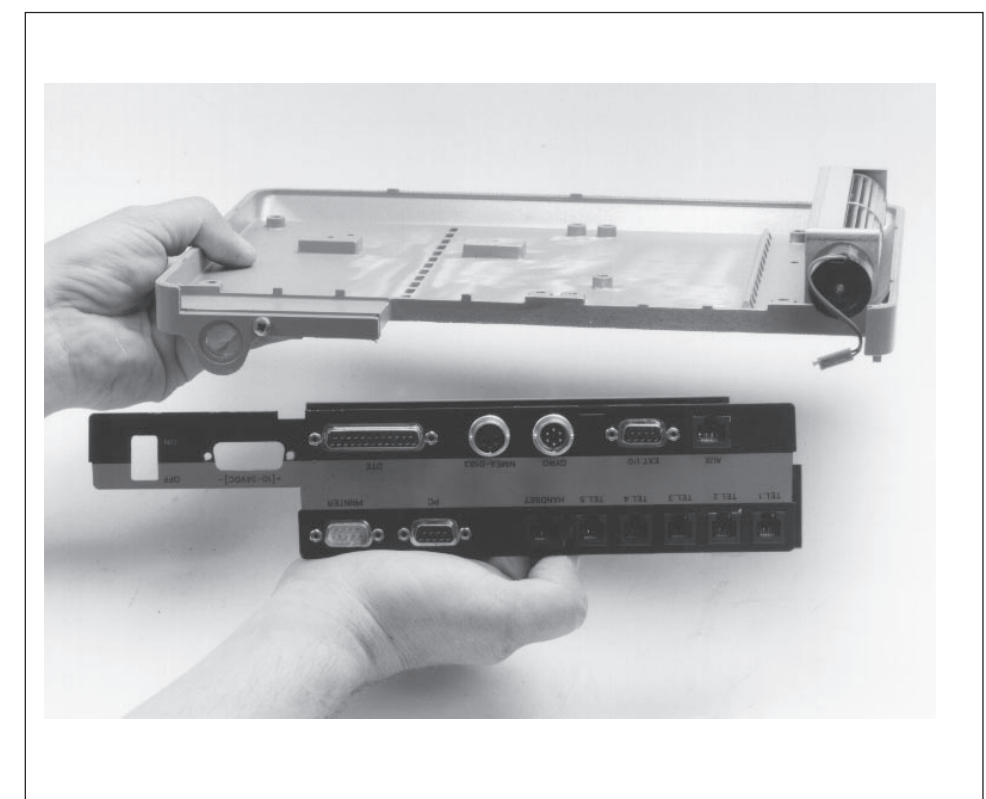
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- Disconnect the fan wire plug.
The Connector Board is now loose and can be removed.

DISMOUNTING



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- Mount the Main Control Board
Note! 3 screws - 6 mm. See figure!
- Mount the coaxial receptacle.
Note! Nut and lock washer. 3/8" wrench.
- Replace the clips.
Note! Insert a sufficient amount of Sil pads so as to avoid tension on the IC.

MOUNTING

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- Enter the Main Control Board carefully into the edge connector.

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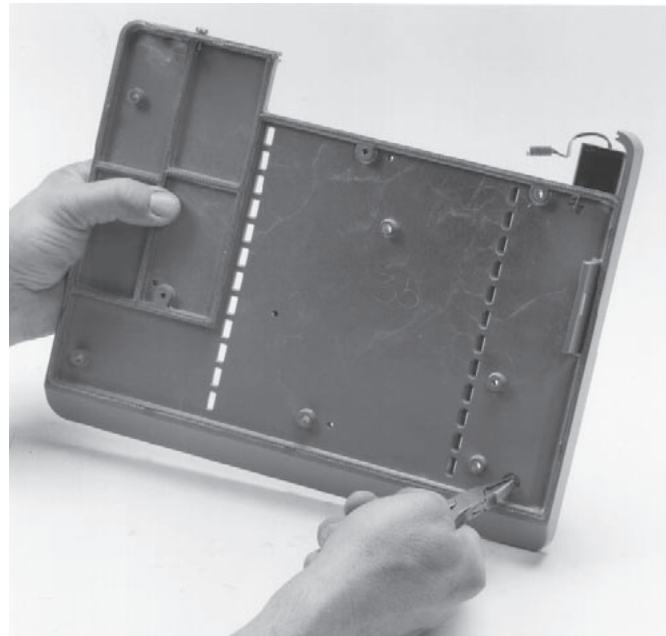
- Connect the fan wire plug on the Connector Board
- Place the Connector Board in correct position.

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10 Replacing the fan

- Straighten the lugs fastening the fan assembly.
- Pull off the fan assembly

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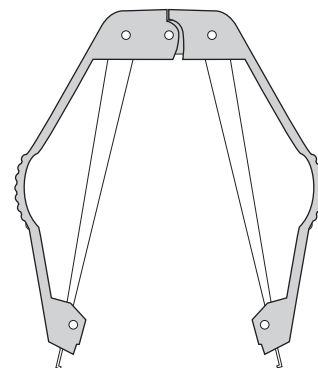
- **Install the fan assembly.**
Make sure that the attachment lugs enter the slots in the mounting plate thoroughly .
- **Twist the lugs to fasten the fan assembly.**

Replacing the DSP PROM

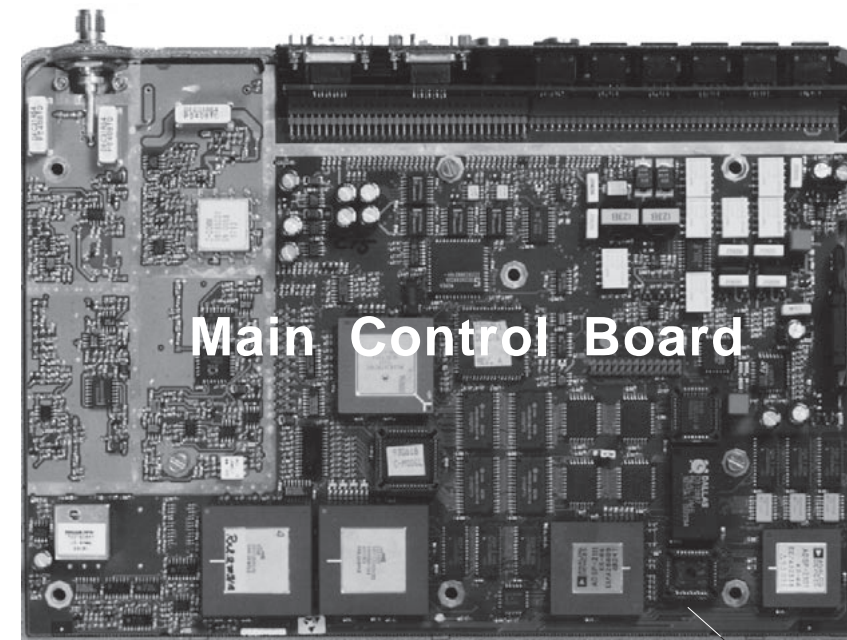
Tools required:

- PLCC extractor
- Wrist strap
- Follow the instructions in steps 1 and 2 of the dismantling procedure.
- Locate the DSP PROM
- Place the PLCC extractor diagonally over the PROM as shown in the figure.
- Carefully pull up the PROM from the socket.

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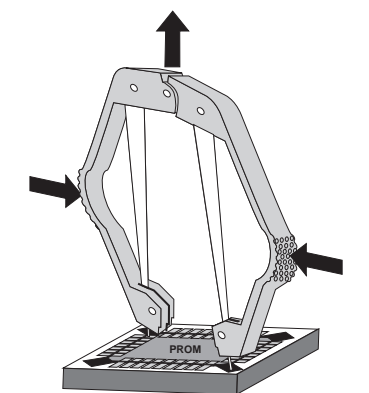


PLCC Extractor



Main Control Board

DSP PROM



Extraction of DSP PROM

Slanted corner

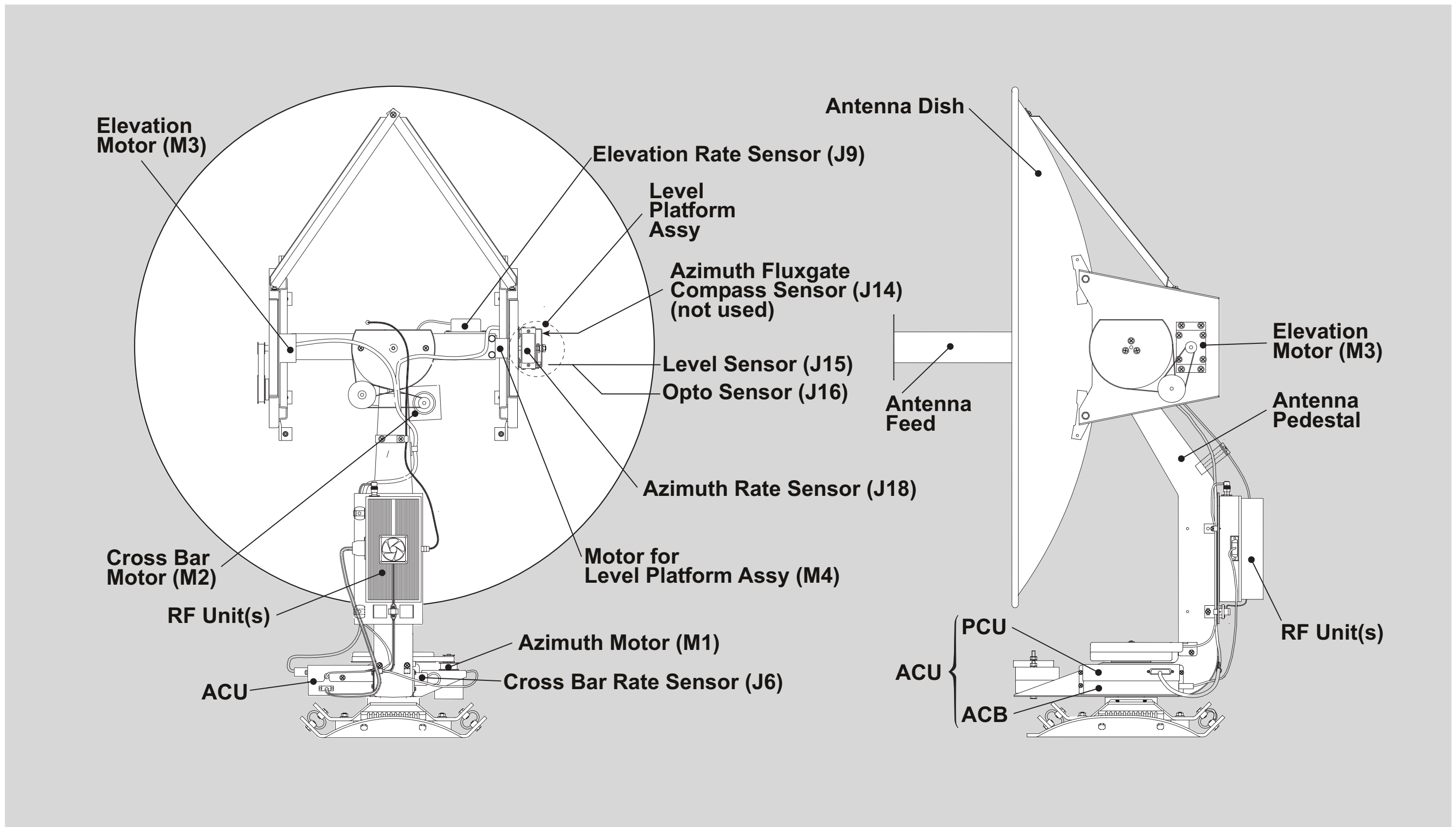
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IMPORTANT!

Use wrist strap when handling the new PROM!

- **Align the PROM** as shown in the figure and push it carefully down into the socket.
Note position of the slanted corner as shown!
- **Continue from step 5 of the mounting procedure.**



Above Deck Equipment

All devices contained in the "Above Deck Equipment" (ADE) are mounted on a pedestal and placed inside a glass fibre radome for protection. The devices include:

- servo stabilized three-axis pedestal
- antenna dish
- receiver LNA
- transmitter HPA, and
- electronic control boards.

Refer to the **Antenna Parts Identification** on the previous page for an overview of the equipment.

The Antenna Pedestal keeps the antenna dish continuously pointing at the satellite position independent of the ship’s motions. The Antenna Pedestal acts as a small robot. It includes sensors to detect motions of the ship, and motors to move the antenna in all directions.

The **Antenna Pedestal Interconnection Diagram** shows the electrical connections in the ADE.

The Antenna Control Board (ACB) and the Pedestal Control Board (PCU) are mounted together, forming the Antenna Control Unit (ACU).

The basic robot control of the pedestal and control of the RF units are managed by the ACB and PCU boards. Each board contains a separate data processor with its own software. The overall performance is remotely controlled from the main system in the BDE.

A single coaxial cable is used for connection between the below deck equipment BDE and the ADE. The cable transfers three types of signals:

- RF receive and transmit signals at 1.5 - 1.6 GHz.
- Modem control signals at 5 MHz and 10 MHz for serial communication between BDE and ADE.
- DC power supply, 28 VDC, 4A.

The incoming cable connector is situated below the ADE outside the base pan. Inside the radome, a flexible cable is placed in the centre of the pedestal base, curled up in a rewind cable housing, and ends up in the RF transmitter unit, where the signals are split /combined and distributed to the other units in the ADE.

Pedestal robot functions

There are four stepper motors in the pedestal for rotational movements.

Three of the motors aim the antenna at a specified direction in the sky, and keep it there by compensating for ship motions:

- Azimuth Motor (M1)
- Elevation Motor (M3), and
- Cross Bar Motor (M2)

The fourth motor:

- Level Platform Assy Motor (M4)

forces the platform out of level position in the EL-axis to the number of degrees signalled from the MCU.

Various sensors detect rotational motions of the pedestal:

- three rate sensors detect angular movements around its rotational axis.
- the Level Sensor (J15) located on the Level Platform Assy detects deviation from the gravitational vectors. The Level Sensor gives feedback to the Level Platform Assy Motor (M4) and to the Elevation Motor (M3) when the cross bar is off level.

The motor control of the elevation and the cross bar axis are independent servo loops. The rate sensor deviation in these axes are used directly to move the motor in the opposite direction to compensate for sea movement. But because the low inherent accuracy of the rate sensors, each of the control loops also includes a level tilt sensor feedback to assure long time stability.

The coupling between motor rotation axis and influence of sensors is as follows:

| Axis of rotation: | Stepper motor: | Sensors / influence: |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| Elevation axis: | Elevation Motor (M3) | Elevation Rate Sensor (J9) Level Sensor (J15) |
| Cross bar axis: | Cross Bar Motor (M2) | Cross Bar Rate Sensor (J6) Level Sensor (J15) |
| Azimuth axis: | Azimuth Motor (M1) | External gyro compass Azimuth Rate Sensor (J18) |

Error detection in the pedestal robot

If there is an abnormal behaviour of the pedestal, and no visual faults like broken motor belts or broken cables are observed, first check the alarm and status messages, refer to the **Alarm Table** and **Terminal Status Table** for details.

If there is no error or status messages present, the pedestal should be serviced by trained service personnel. A few hints may be helpful in fault diagnosis:

- 1 With the system in standby operation, check that all step motors are active.
If movement of a step motor cannot be observed, check that the corresponding axis can be moved by force. If the axis is moveable by force, but never seems to be activated by the system, it may either be the motor itself, the supply leads, the rate sensor, level sensor or the PCU board that fails.
- 2 With power off, make sure that the pedestal can be moved freely in all directions. Switch system power on, and wait until system initialization is completed (displayed on the handset up to 2 min. after power on).
Disconnect the power leads to the Azimuth Motor and/or make sure that the azimuth axis is fixed in one position.
To check that the Level Sensor functions properly, move the cross bar and the level platform off level by hand.
If lack of compensation is observed, the rate sensor in the corresponding axis is most probably the reason. If a long time drift out of the normal position is observed, it may either be the rate sensor or the level sensor that cause problems.

| Spare Parts – Above Deck Equipment | |
|--|------------------|
| Description | Nera Part Number |
| Antenna Control Unit (ACU) | QROF 219 9041 |
| Fan | QBKV 101 001/12 |
| Step motor (Az/El/Cross) | R 906 566/8415 |
| Step motor (Level platform) | MM 111 100 |
| Rate sensor | MM 112 266-2 |
| Fluxgate PCB assy | MM 111 459 |
| Level platform PCB assy (MM 112 442) | MM 151 20-2 |
| PCU PCB assy | MM 113 101 |
| Drive belt (AZ motor drive belt) | 108 870-13 |
| Drive belt (AZ drive belt) | 108 870-5 |
| Drive belt (Cross bar drive belt) | 108 870-25 |
| Drive belt (Cross bar motor drive belt) | 108 870-16 |
| Drive belt (EL motor drive belt) | 108 870-17 |
| Drive belt (EL drive belt) | 108 870-7 |
| Tx/Rx (Transceiver) | QUFC 911 931 |
| Level platform assy belt | 109 770-17 |

| Spare Parts – Main Control Unit | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Description | Nera Part Number |
| Main Control Board | QROF 219 9001-2 |
| Power Board | QROF 219 9002 |
| Connection Board | QROF 219 9005 |
| Gyro Board | QROF 219 9003 |
| Complete fan | QSXK 911 959 |

General

The diagram provides an overview of all Saturn Bm functions, including five special "Service Level" functions:

- **Terminal Status**, function no. 33 *
- **Statistic info**, function no. 34 *
- **Error**, function no. 35
- **Restart cause**, function no. 36
- **Erase all NV data**, function no. 79

The "Service Level" is selected with the "SET USER LEVEL" function no. 12.

(See "Setting User Level" in the Operator's Manual)

The service level is set by keying 5 when selecting level, and entering the password **753951** when prompted.

(1=user level, 2=operator level, 5=service level).

Terminal Status (3)3 *

The Terminal Status function shows the status of several test points monitored in the MCU. The signals are marked with an asterisk (*) on the MCU and Antenna Unit block diagrams. They are also listed in the Terminal Status Table.

Statistic Info (3)4 *

The Statistic Info function has no relevance for service. It should only be used on request from NERA.

Error (3)5

The (SW) error function has no relevance for service. It should only be used on request from NERA.

Restart Cause (3)6

The Restart Cause function displays the reason for the latest restart causes. It always contains at least the Power up restart cause. The function is a development tool, and has no relevance for service. It should only be used on request from NERA.

Erase all NV data (7)9

The Erase all NV data function can be used if configuration mistakes are made and the user

has difficulties in recovering the system. It resets all configuration values to default.

Service printouts on PC

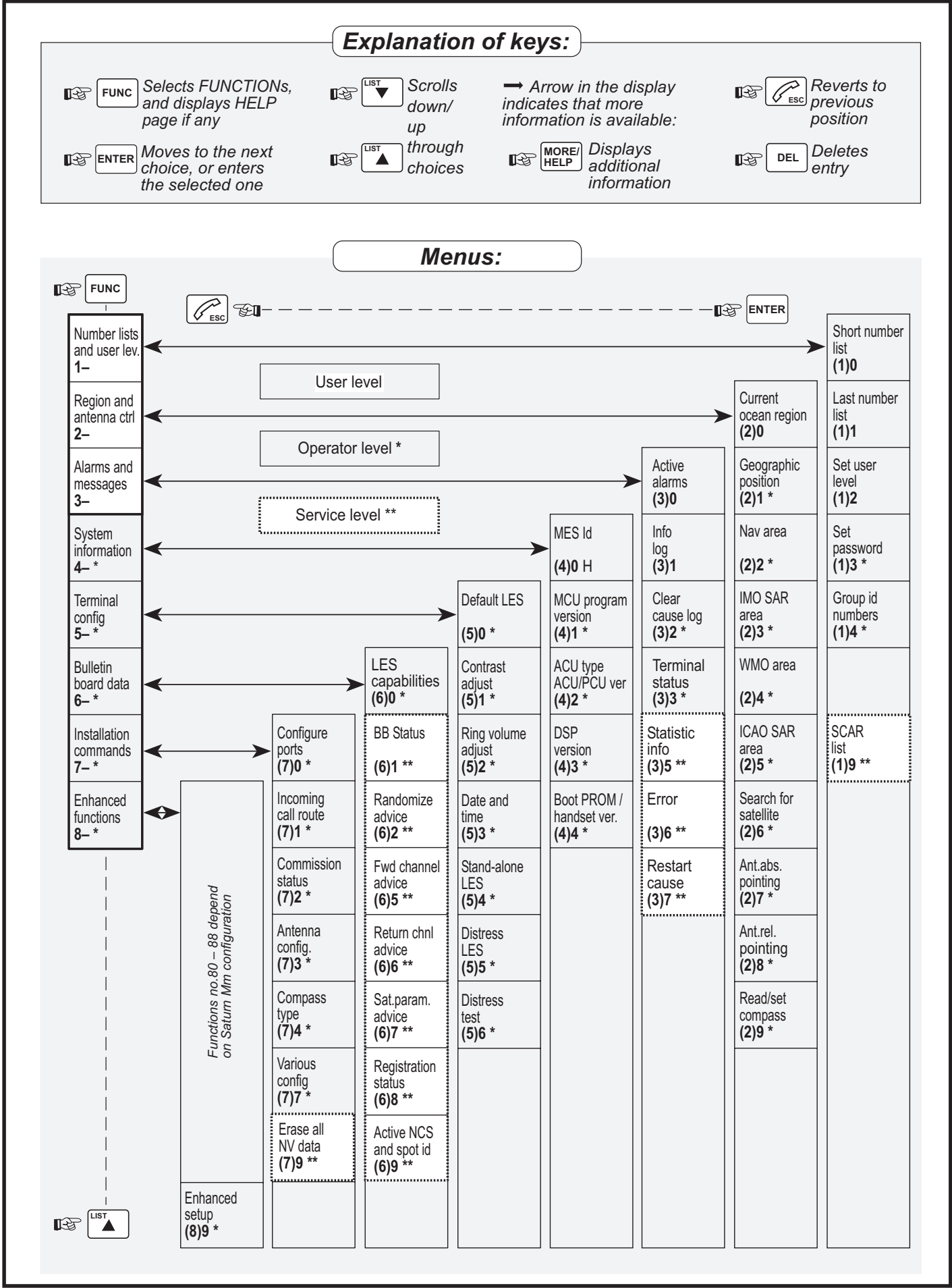
Information from the following functions can be routed to a PC:

- **Active alarms**, function no. 30
- **Info log**, function no. 31
- **Clear cause log**, function no. 32
- **Terminal Status**, function no. 33 *
- **Statistic info**, function no. 34 *

Connection

A modem cable is connected between the DTE port on the MCU and the Serial port of the PC. A terminal emulator program, e.g. Procomm, must be set up with the following port configuration:

Default 19.2 Kbps, 8-bit, no parity, 1 stopbit, or as set with function no.86, see Saturn B Data Service Operator's Manual.



| Ref No. | Display Message | Comments | Action |
|---------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 0 | RX LOCK FAILURE | Receiver synthesizer out of lock | • Replace MCB board. |
| 1 | ANTENNA LINK FAILURE | No communication with antenna. | • If also ANTENNA INIT FAILURE, check FUNC. 33 "RX SIGNAL": -if "OFF", check antenna cable. -if "ON", replace antenna TX unit. • Replace antenna ACU. • Replace MCB board. |
| 2 | TERMINAL ID CRC FAILURE | ID PROM in Main Control Unit (MCU) defective. | • Replace ID PROM. |
| 3 | TX DETECTOR FAILURE | Illegal initial transmitter output level detected in Antenna Control Unit (ACU). | • If also TX MONITOR FAILURE, check FUNC. 33 "RX SIGNAL": if "OFF", replace antenna RX unit. • Replace antenna TX unit. |
| 4 | TX MONITOR FAILURE | Illegal initial transmitter input level detected in Antenna Control Unit (ACU). | • Replace antenna TX unit. |
| 5 | ACU 28 VOLT FAILURE | Antenna Control Unit (ACU) input power too low. | • Check 28 voltage in both ends of cable: if missing at MCU end with cable disconnected, replace MCU power. |
| 6 | ACU EPROM FAILURE | Antenna Control Unit (ACU) EPROM defective. | • Replace antenna ACU PROM. • Replace antenna ACU. |
| 7 | ACU RAM FAILURE | Antenna Control Unit (ACU) RAM defective. | • Replace antenna ACU. |
| 8 | DSP COMM. FAILURE | Digital Signal Processor - CPU communication failure. | • Replace DSP software. • Replace MCB board. |
| 9 | ALONE LES PRESELECTED | Default Standalone LES preselected. | • Information only. No alarm. |
| 10 | DISTRESS LES PRESELECTED | Default Distress LES preselected. | • Information only. No alarm. |
| 11 | STANDALONE LES USED | Standalone LES operative. | • Information only. No alarm. |
| 12 | CALL REPEAT TIME LONG | Due to heavy traffic. Minimum time between call requests can be up to 17 minutes. | • The time between two call attempts too short. No alarm. |
| 13 | EEPROM CRC FAILURE | EEPROM in Main Control Unit (MCU) erased or defective, or new software loaded. | • If the last record in the "INFO LOG" (FUNC.31), then information only. No alarm. • Replace ID PROM. |

| Ref No. | Display Message | Comments | Action |
|---------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 14 | NVRAM CRC FAILURE | NVRAM in Main Control Unit (MCU) erased or defective. | • If one of the two last records in the "INFO LOG" (FUNC.31), then information only. No alarm. |
| 15 | GROUP ID FAILURE | Error occurred when trying to register new group id. | • Information only. No alarm. |
| 16 | DISTRESS UNIT FAILURE | Distress Alarm defective or not connected, or wrong address programming. | • Check distress ID in FUNC.70, • Check distress ID in Distress Unit. |
| 17 | ANT.RESET FAILURE | No response to antenna reset. | • Replace antenna ACU. |
| 18 | ACU/MCU TYPE MISMATCH | Wrong antenna type connected to Main Control Unit (MCU). | • Replace ACU software. |
| 19 | CALIBRATING FAILURE | Fluxgate compass failure | • Replace fluxgate. • Too strong magnetic field close to the antenna. |
| 20 | TX POWER OFF FAILURE | Main Control Unit failed to turn off transmitter in antenna. | • Replace antenna TX unit. |
| 21 | MCU CARRIER MISSING | Main Control Unit carrier not received by transmitter in antenna. | • Perform Clear RAM in MCU. • Replace antenna TX unit. • Replace MCB board. |
| 22 | HPA CARRIER NOT SENT | Carrier not sent by antenna transmitter. | • Replace antenna TX unit |
| 23 | MCU BURST MISSING | Main Control Unit carrier not received by transmitter in antenna. | • Perform Clear RAM in MCU. • Replace antenna TX unit. • Replace MCB board. |
| 24 | HPA BURST NOT SENT | Carrier not sent by antenna transmitter. | • Replace antenna TX unit |
| 25 | PRINTER NO RESPONSE | Printer programmed in Main Control Unit (MCU), but fails to respond. | • Check cable between MCU and serial printer. • Disable printer connection to printer port in various printer programming. |
| 27 | PC TELEX NOT READY | PC output programmed in Main Control Unit (MCU), but telex fails to respond. | • Check cable between PC Telex and MCU. • Start PC Telex program on PC telex. • If no PC Telex connected to MCU, set SERV.ANN=0 in FUNC.77. |

| Ref No. | Display Message | Comments | Action |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 28 | GEO POSITION NOT SET | Geographic Position is not entered in due time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter Geo position in FUNC.21. Connect GPS to NMEA-183 connector and set GEO POSITION to AUTO in FUNC.77. If no GPS available, set GEOPOSTITON to "MANUAL" (0) in FUNC.77. |
| 29 | NEED VERSION XX.XX | Wrong software version loaded in Main Control Unit (MCU), or wrong BOOT PROM version. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that BOOT and MCU software match. Enter opening key provided by Nera. |
| 30 | FUNCTIONALTY IS LOST | Enhanced function inconsistency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter opening key provided by Nera. |
| 31 | TRAFFIC LOG DATA LOST | Traffic log erased. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only. No alarm |
| 32 | ANTENNA INIT FAILURE | No communication with antenna. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If also ANTENNA LINK FAILURE, check FUNC.33 "RX SIGNAL": -if "OFF", check antenna cable. -if "ON", replace antenna TX unit. Replace antenna ACU. Replace MCB board. |
| 33 | PEDESTAL CMD NOT ACCEPTED | Communication failure between Antenna Control Board (ACB) and Pedestal Control Unit (PCU). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace antenna PCU. Replace antenna ACU. |
| 34 | ANTENNA CMD NOT ACCEPTED | ACU rejects command. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace antenna ACU. |
| 35 | PEDESTAL CTL FAILURE | ACU unable to control PCU. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace antenna PCU. Replace antenna ACU. |
| 36 | AZ ENCODER FAILURE (ANT) | Early Saturn Mm models only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace AZ Encoder |
| 37 | X-LEV SENSOR FAILURE (ANT) | Omitted | |
| 38 | EL RATESENSOR FAILURE (ANT) | Omitted | |
| 39 | AZ RATESENSOR FAILURE (ANT) | Omitted | |

| Ref No. | Display Message | Comments | Action |
|---------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 40 | X-LEV. DRIVE FAILURE (ANT) | Not possible to keep the level platform assy in level in X-axis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check operation of all step motor phases Replace PCU Replace level sensor Replace X-level rate sensor |
| 41 | AZ/EL DRIVE FAILURE (ANT) | Elevation drive failure. Not possible to keep the level platform assy in level in EL-axis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that all phases of the step motor are operative Replace PCU Replace level sensor Replace elevation level rate sensor |
| 42 | AZ DRIVE FAILURE (ANT) | Omitted | |
| 43 | PEDESTAL PWR FAILURE (ANT) | 12V supply from ACU to PCU faulty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace ACB |
| 44 | AZ POTMETER FAILURE (ANT) | Potmeter readout faulty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace azimuth potmeter |
| 45 | EL POTMETER FAILURE (ANT) | Potmeter readout faulty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace elevation potmeter |
| 46 | ACU DATA OUT OF RANGE | Erroneous values from antenna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace ACU PROM Replace ACU |
| 47 | ANTENNA MOVE FAILURE | Move, sweep or rewind failed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check movement of antenna in azimuth direction Replace azimuth rate sensor Replace PCU |
| 48 | GYRO VALUE ILLEGAL | <i>If step-by-step or synchro gyro:</i> gyro not connected, wrong gyro cabling, illegal gyro signal voltage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check connection to Ship's Gyro. If no gyro connected, check FLUXGATE programming (Saturn Mm only) |
| 49 | SATELLITE NOT VISIBLE | The selected Ocean Region is below horizon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select an other Ocean Region |
| 50 | NMEA GYRO NOT RECEIVED | Digital gyro signal not detected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check connection on NMEA plug. |
| 51 | RX SIGNAL MISSING | Failure in the RX path | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check coax cables between RX unit in the antenna and the MCU |
| 52 | HEADING CLRD NEED UPDATE | Warning in case of direct pointing of antenna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key in correct heading according to ship's gyro |
| 53 | PLEASE SET HEADING | Warning in case of direct pointing of antenna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key in correct heading according to ship's gyro |

| <i>Ref No.</i> | <i>Display Message</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| 0 | PLEASE WAIT | Only occurs at power up or when trying to load new software. |
| 1 | CPU FLASH ID * | Cannot load new system program: problem with hardware. |
| 2 | CPU BURN ERR* | Failure when loading new system program: hardware error. |
| 3 | CPU RAM ERR | Cannot start system: hardware error. |
| 4 | DSP FLASH ID* | Cannot load new DSP program: problem with hardware. |
| 5 | DSP BURN ERR* | Failure when loading new DSP program: hardware error. |
| 6 | VERSION ERR | Illegal version of system program loaded, cannot start. |
| 7 | FLASH ERROR | Incomplete system program, cannot start. |
| 8 | BOOT PROM TOO OLD | Illegal version of system program loaded, cannot start. |
| | | *Only occurs when trying to load new software. |

| <i>Ref No.</i> | <i>Display Message</i> | <i>Comments</i> |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | RX SIGNAL | AGC active |
| 1 | TX1 LOCK | TX1 synchronized |
| 2 | TX2 LOCK | TX2 synchronized |
| 3 | LO LOCK | Local oscillator locked |
| 4 | OSC LOCK | Oscillator locked |
| 5 | TX ENABLE | Transmitter on |
| 6 | TX INPUT | Transmitter output low |
| 7 | TX OUTPUT | Transmitter output high |
| 8 | NOT IN USE | |

| Ref No. | Display Message | Action | Comments |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| 0000/000 | UNSPECIFIED REASON | | |
| 1021/000 | OFF_HOOK TIMEOUT | TRY AGAIN | Off Hook was not received from addressed MES terminal within time limit. |
| 1081/000 | TERMINAL ID MISMATCH | | The specified MES terminal number has not been installed |
| 1141/000 | PRIORITY | PREEMPTION | Pre-emption by MES user instruction to establish a higher priority call |
| 1142/000 | DISTRESS | PREEMPTION | Offered shore-call cleared, pre-empted at MES by Distress. |
| 1144/000 | DISTRESS PREEMPTION | | Attempted ship-call cleared, pre-empted at MES by Distress. |
| 1145/000 | PRIORITY PREEMPTION | | Attempted ship-call cleared, pre-empted at MES. |
| 11D1/000 | UNDEFINED REASON | TRY AGAIN | Invalid information from MES; Service-Nature, -Type or Channel Param. |
| 11D2/000 | INCORRECT NUMBER | TRY AGAIN | The "service address" information received from MES is invalid |
| 11D3/000 | INCORRECT NUMBER | TRY AGAIN | The "service address" received from MES is currently undefined |
| 11D4/000 | CREDIT CARD DATA INVALID | TRY AGAIN | Credit card information received from the MES is invalid |
| 1201/000 | SIMPLEX CALL SUCCESSFUL | | MES is acknowledging the receipt of a simplex call |
| 1261/000 | SIMPLEX CALL UNSUCCESSFUL | | Acknowledge of a simplex call which is possibly unsuccessfully received. |
| 1262/000 | DISTRESS TEST TIMEOUT | | Telephony 'Distress Test' call cleared after 120s |
| 12B1/001 | DIAL TIMEOUT | TRY AGAIN | MES is clearing due to timeout of timer TS011 |
| 12B1/002 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | MES is clearing (no SCPC signal received) |
| 12B1/003 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Channel is not tuned within allowed time limit. |
| 12B1/004 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | MES is clearing due to timeout. Waiting for assignment from NCS during shore call. |

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| 12B1/005 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | MES is clearing due to timeout. Waiting for assignment from NCS during distress call. |
| 12B1/008 | LES UNDEFINED | TRY NEW LES | Signal NUMBER from user carries an illegal CES access code parameter. |
| 12B1/009 | UNSPECIFIED REASON | TRY AGAIN | Call rejected because a call set-up is already in progress. |
| 12B1/010 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | MES is clearing due to timeout. Waiting for assignment from NCS during ship call. |
| 12B1/011 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Respond-channel is not tuned in time. |
| 12B1/012 | BUSY WITH CALL | TRY LATER | Control did not grant access to terminal due to conflicting ship call. |
| 12B1/013 | BUSY WITH CALL | TRY LATER | Control did not grant access to terminal due to conflicting shore call. |
| 12B1/014 | TOO FREQUENT CALL ATTEMPT | TRY LATER | Control did not grant access to terminal due to too frequents request. |
| 12B1/015 | MES BUSY | TRY LATER | Control did not grant access to terminal. |
| 12B1/020 | TEMPERATURE TOO HIGH | | System has failed. Ex. temperature alarm. |
| 12B1/021 | ANTENNA LINK FAILURE | | The communication link to ACU has failed. |
| 12B1/022 | TX BURST TIME WAS TOO LONG | | The tx burst duration has exceeded the maximum limit. |
| 12B1/023 | TX POWER OUT WAS TOO HIGH | | The tx power output level has exceeded the maximum limit. |
| 12B1/024 | TX SYNTH. FAILURE | | TX synth out of lock, call cleared or abandoned. |
| 12B1/025 | INITIALIZING TRY LATER | | System is not ready yet after start-up |
| 12B1/026 | SPOT BEAM SELECTION | | Spot beam selection is being performed |
| 12B1/027 | NETWORK DATA VALIDATION | TRY LATER | Bulletin board data (satellite channel information etc.) is not yet verified |
| 12B1/028 | GROUP ID DOWNLOAD | | Group IDs are being updated |

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| 12B1/029 | ELEVATION ESTIMATION | | Calculation of elevation zone is in progress |
| 12B1/030 | OCEAN REGION REGISTRATION | | Ocean region registration is in progress |
| 12B1/031 | ANTENNA INITIALIZING | TRY LATER | Antenna is not yet ready for use |
| 12B1/033 | NO SATELLITE IS FOUND | REPOINT ANT. | No satellite sync can be achieved |
| 12B1/034 | CONFIGURING ANTENNA | TRY LATER | Antenna configuration is taking place |
| 12B1/035 | FAST TRACK SATELLITE | TRY LATER | Antenna is tracking satellite |
| 12B1/036 | SEARCHING SATELLITE(S) | TRY LATER | Antenna is searching for satellite(s) |
| 12B1/041 | PRINTER NOT RESPONDING | | Power may be turned off, cable not connected, paper empty or printer not selected/on-line. |
| 12B1/043 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | No acknowledge |
| 12B1/044 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | No sync |
| 12B1/045 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | No rx lock |
| 12B1/046 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | No tx1 lock |
| 12B1/047 | UNSUCCESSFUL | TRY AGAIN | No tx2 lock |
| 12B1/048 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Missing or illegal channel |
| 12B1/049 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | No authorization |
| 12B1/050 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Burst not sent |
| 12B1/051 | NO TIME LEFT DIAL 230# | CALL AGENT | Precharge terminal has run out of time. Must refill before call is possible. |
| 12B1/052 | UNACCEPTABLE PIN CODE | | Wrong PIN code entered. |

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| 12B1/054 | RESTRICTION DIAL 33# | CALL AGENT | Access restricted due to Enhanced Function inconsistency. |
| 12B1/055 | ANTENNA CMD NOT ACCEPTED | | A command to the ACU was not accepted (4 times), link restarted. |
| 12B1/56 | PEDESTAL CMD | | A command to the PCU was not accepted (4 times), link restarted. |
| 12B1/57 | ANTENNA INIT FAILED | | Antenna initializing failed. |
| 12C1/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Scrambling Vector Ack was not received within allowed time limit. |
| 12C2/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Credit Card Accepted was not received within allowed time limit. |
| 12C3/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | LES Connect message is not received by the MES terminal within allowed time limit. |
| 12D1/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Invalid "spot-beam ID" information from MES |
| 12D2/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | The Scrambling Vector information received from MES is invalid |
| 1361/000 | REWIND INTERRUPTION | TRY AGAIN | Above-decks equipment is about to "cable unwrap" |
| 1362/000 | SIGNAL INTERRUPTION | TRY AGAIN | Long term interruption in reception. |
| 1363/000 | REPOINTING | TRY LATER ANTENNA | PFC has commanded the Above-decks equipment to repoint to a different Ocean Region. |
| 1451 /000 | TERRESTRIAL | TRY AGAIN CONGESTION | An appropriate terrestrial circuit is not currently available at this LES. |
| 1452/000 | LES CONGESTION | TRY AGAIN | An appropriate channel unit and associated terrestrial circuit, with 'one-to-one' connection, are not currently available at this LES. |
| 1541/000 | PRIORITY PREEMPTION | | Pre-emption of LES by a higher priority call. |
| 1551 /000 | LES CONGESTION | TRY AGAIN | An appropriate satellite channel is not currently available at this LES. |
| 1552/000 | LES CONGESTION | TRY AGAIN | An appropriate tdm and/or tdma time-slot is not currently available. |

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| 1581/000 | SERVICE NOT PROVIDED | TRY NEW LES | LES is not equipped to provide the specified service. |
| 1591/1000 | SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE | TRY AGAIN | LES is equipped to, but not currently able to provide the service. |
| 1592/000 | CREDIT CARD TYPE INVALID | TRY NEW LES | Specified credit card type is not currently supported by this LES. |
| 15A1/000 | MES NOT AUTHORIZED | TRY NEW LES | MES is not authorized for any service, except Distress, via this LES. |
| 15A2/000 | SERVICE NOT AUTHORIZED | TRY NEW LES | MES is not authorized for specific requested service via this LES. |
| 15A3/000 | CREDIT CARD NOT ACCEPTED | | Credit card data from MES rejected by the authorization checking process. |
| 15B1/000 | UNDEFINED CAUSE | | The call is cleared or rejected for a reason not currently defined. |
| 15C1/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Channel Assignment message is not received within allowed time limit. |
| 15C2/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | The service-address information is not received within allowed time limit. |
| 15C3/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Scrambling Vector message is not received within allowed time limit. |
| 15C4/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Neither Scrambling Vect. nor Serv. Address is received within time limit. |
| 15C5/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | LES is clearing the call because the complete "credit card data" info has not been received. |
| 15C6/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Return Carrier Identifier message not received within allowed time limit. |
| 15C7/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | MES Connect message is not received within the allowed time limit. |
| 15C8/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Telegraphy call cleared; MES Answerback is not received within time limit. |
| 15D1/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Channel Assignment message from NCS contains inappropriate information. |
| 15D2/000 | MES-ID USED BY OTHER MES | | MES ID and channel number is cleared in the busy lists at LES and NCS because a new call to/from this MES is being set up, and thus any previous call to/from this MES must have cleared. |

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| 15E1/000 | FORCED RELEASE | | LES is attempting to clear an MES which has sent an SCPC channel release message, but is found still to be transmitting 5.12 s later. |
| 1651/000 | LES | TRY AGAIN | LES is rejecting the call because an appropriate channel unit is not currently available. |
| 1661/000 | SIGNAL INTERRUPTION | TRY AGAIN | Interruption in reception of the MES carrier exceeding allowed time limit. |
| 16C1/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Telegraphy call cleared; MES carrier is not received within time limit. |
| 16C2/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | An appropriate SCPC MES carrier is not received by LES (at the commencement of the call) within the time limit. |
| 1851/000 | SATELLITE CONGESTION | TRY AGAIN | Appropriate SCPC channel is not currently available. |
| 18A1/000 | MES-ID UNKNOWN | TRY NEW LES | MES ID is not in the 'Forward and Return MES ID' cross reference table. |
| 18B1/000 | CALL REJECTED | | The call is cleared or rejected for a reason not currently defined. |
| 18E1/000 | MES-ID USED BY OTHER MES | | The specified MES ID is in the "MES busy list" at the NCS, listed as being busy with a call through the same LES as that now requesting a "call announcement" addressed to that MES. |
| 1C61/000 | UNSUCCESSFUL CALL ATTEMPT | TRY AGAIN | Telegraphy call cleared; MES Answer back is not received within time limit. |
| 1F01/000 | SUBSCRIBER ON HOOK | | Normal clearing due to instruction from relevant terrestrial circuit. |
| 1F11/000 | SUBSCRIBER BUSY | | Terrestrial called party is busy. |
| 1F21/000 | NO ANSWER | | Appropriate off-hook signalling from the terrestrial called party is not received within the allowed time limit |
| 1F61/000 | SUBSCRIBER LINE FAILURE | TRY AGAIN | Failure in the relevant terrestrial circuit. |
| 1F62/000 | SUBSCRIBER ON HOOK | | Terrestrial network cleared the call before "MES connect" was received by the LES. |

AC Alternating Current

ACB Antenna Control Board

ADE Above Deck Equipment

ALC Automatic Level control

ANT Antenna

AOR-E Atlantic Ocean Region East.

AOR-W Atlantic Ocean Region West.

ASIC Application Specific Integrated Circuit

AU Antenna Unit, major part of MiniPhone

AUX Auxiliary

BDE Below Deck Equipment

BPSK Binary Phase Shift Keying

Bulletin Board system status information for MES

C Band band of radio frequencies from about 4.0 GHz to 6.0 GHz, used by Inmarsat links for the satellite/LES link.

CCITT International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee

CES Coast Earth Station

Codec speech encoder/decoder

CPU Central Processing Unit

CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

CTS Clear To Send

DAC Digital-Analogue Converter

dBW deciBels relative to 1 Watt

DC Direct current

DCD Data Carrier Detect

DI Destination Identification digits

Downlink radio link from the satellite down to stations on Earth.

DSP Digital Signal Processor

DSR Data Set Ready

DSUB Data Sub-band, SCPC sub-band signalling.

DSUB Data Subminiature

DTE Data Terminal Equipment

DTR Data Terminal Ready

EEPROM Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory

EIRP Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power

EPROM Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory

FDMA Frequency Division Multiple Access

FIO Fax Interface Unit

GPS Global Positioning System, a satellite navigation system.

HPA High Power Amplifier

Hz Hertz

ID Identification Digit(s)

IMN Inmarsat Mobile Number, a unique 9-digit number.

Inmarsat International Maritime Satellite Organisation

IOR Indian Ocean Region.

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network, digital national and international telecommunications network.

ITU International Telecommunications Union, international organisation that oversees and compiles standards for telecommunications.

KBPS KiloBits Per Second

L Band band of radio frequencies from about 1.5 GHz to 1.6 GHz, used by Inmarsat for the MES/satellite link.

Latitude distance north or south of the equator, measured in degrees.

LED Light-Emitting Diode, semiconductor element that emits light.

LES Land Earth Station, a station that interconnects fixed telecommunications networks with the Inmarsat system; may also be called a CES (Coast Earth Station) or a GES (Ground Earth Station).

LES-SIG LES Signalling, SCPC mode for in-band signalling.

LESA Land Earth Station Assignment Channel

LESD LES Data, SCPC mode for data communications

LESI LES Interstation Signalling Channel, TDM channel carrying signalling information to NCS.

LESV LES Voice, SCPC mode for voice communications

LHCP Left Hand Circular Polarization

LNA Low Noise Amplifier

LONG longitude

Longitude distance east or west of Greenwich meridian, measured in degrees.

MCB Main Control Board

MCC Mobile Country Code

MCU Main Control Unit, major part of terminal; performs all signal processing and message handling functions.

MES Mobile Earth Station, a user terminal for an Inmarsat system; the Saturn M terminal is an MES for the Inmarsat-M system; MES may also be called SES (Ship Earth Station) or, if on aircraft, AES (Aeronautical Earth Station).

MES-SIG MES Signalling, SCPC mode for in-band signalling.

MESCA MES Call Acknowledgement, random access (Slotted Aloha) burst mode channel carrying acknowledgement messages for fixed-originated simplex calls.

MESD MES Data, SCPC mode for data communications

MESRP MES Response, TDMA channel carrying the response information required for a fixed-originated call.

MESRQ MES Request, random access (Slotted Aloha)

burst mode channel carrying access request messages to LESs for initiation of mobile-originated calls.

MESRR MES Registration channel, random access (Slotted Aloha) burst mode channel carrying the Ocean Registration messages required to route fixed-originated calls.

MESV MES Voice, SCPC mode for voice communications

MHz MegaHertz

MID Maritime Identification Digits

NCRA Network Coordination Registration Acknowledgement, TDM channel carrying responses to registration messages transmitted by MESs.

NCS Network Coordination Station, station that supervises all messages and signals sent in the Inmarsat system; one in each Ocean Region.

NCSA NCS Assignment, TDM channel carrying channel assignment messages.

NCSC NCS Common, TDM channel carrying signalling messages including call announcements, Bulletin Board and forced channel clearing.

NCSI NCS Inter-station channel used by NCS to carry signalling information to the LES.

NCSS NCS Spotbeam, TDM channel carrying spotbeam identification numbers.

NMEA National Marine Electronics Association, US industrial organisation whose activities include stipulating standards for marine navigation systems.

O-QPSK Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying.

OCC Operation Control Centre, Inmarsat centre that monitors entire Inmarsat system.

Ocean Region area of coverage of a single Inmarsat satellite, from 70°N to 70°S; there are four: Atlantic East, Atlantic West, Pacific, Indian.

OI Originating Identification digits

OSC Oscillator

PC Personal Computer

PCM Pulse Code Modulation, analogue-to-digital signal conversion method.

PCU Pedestal Control Unit

PLL Phase Locked Loop

POR Pacific Ocean Region

Prefix service in Inmarsat-M, two-digit prefix to number called, keyed in to stipulate special service, such as credit-card call.

PROM Programmable Read Only Memory

Protocol the internal rules in the system that enable communications.

PSDN Packet Switched Data Network, terrestrial network for packet data communications.

PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network, terrestrial network for telephone, telefax and data modem services.

QUART Quad Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter, provides four interfaces between parallel data circuits and serial data circuits.

RF Radio Frequency

RHCP Right Hand Circular Polarization

ROM Read-Only Memory, microchip memory that stores programs and/or data.

RS 232 Serial Data Interface

RS 422 Serial Data Interface

RTS Request To Send

RX IF Receiver Intermediate Frequency

Rx Receive

RXD Receive Data

SAMBA TX/RX Up/down conversion between intermediate frequency and base band.

SCC Satellite Control Centre

SCPC Single Channel per Carrier

SDM (Inmarsat-M) System Definition Manual

SES Ship Earth Station

Spot Beam (Inmarsat-M) service that divides each Ocean Region into sub-regions, each “spotlighted” by a beam from the region satellite; permits increasing capacity of system.

SU Signalling Unit, 96-bit data packets transmitted on SCPC sub-band signalling channels, to conduct system signalling.

SU Signalling Unit, data packets

TDM Time Division Multiplexing, method of allowing several users to share the same channel.

TDMA Time Division Multiple Access

Terrestrial Network a fixed telecommunications network, such as a telephone network or a data network, which connects to the Inmarsat-M system at an LES.

TUP Telephone User Part of CCITT Signalling System No 7.

TX IF Transmitter Intermediate Frequency

Tx Transmit

TXD Transmit Data

UART Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter, provides interface between parallel data circuits and serial data circuits.

Uplink radio link from a station on Earth up to the satellite.

UTC Coordinated Universal Time, referenced to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

UW Unique Word

VSUB Voice Sub-band, SCPC sub-band signalling.

WMO World Meteorological Organization

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