



**ACT AT5100
1 GHz DMOD
Optical
Transmitter**

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Precautions



Warning

Exposure to class 1M laser radiation is possible. Access should be restricted to trained personnel only. Do not view exposed fiber or connector ends when handling optical equipment.

- Ensure adequate cooling and ventilation as specified.
- The installation and operation manual should be read and understood before units are put into use.
- Always replace protective caps on optical connectors when not in use.
- The typical connectors fitted are SC/APC 8°. **Note:** 8° angle polished connectors must be used.

Cleaning

Use only a damp cloth for cleaning the front panel. Use a soft dry cloth to clean the top of the unit.

Do not use spray cleaner of any kind.

Grounding

The Optical Transmitter should have good grounding with grounding resistance $< 4\Omega$.

According to the international standard, 220V plug in adopts tri-wire rule and the middle wire is the grounding wire.

Before connecting circuit, please use proper electric wire (#20AWG and more) to connect the grounding screw and the grounding frame. When use DC input power supply, the equipment chassis must be grounded.

Overloading

Overloading wall outlets and extension cords can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.

Use approved electrical cords.

Damage requiring service

Unplug unit and refer servicing only to Ascent Communication Technology qualified service personnel.

Servicing

Do not attempt to service this unit yourself. Refer all servicing only to Ascent Communication Technology qualified service personnel.

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

ACT AT5100 1RU 1550nm Direct-Modulated (DMOD) Laser Transmitter offers a flexible and scalable optical transmission for high quality video in short, medium distance CATV networks. It was designed with high linearity and low chirp DFB laser, with built-in pre-distortion compensation and AGC close loop control for improved performance.

AT5100 DMOD series transmitters are capable of delivering analog and digital video transmission up to 15km, all Digital loading up to 40km and all QAM overlay up to 70km, with intuitive front panel LCD display to make operator's daily operation easier. The optical transmitter is packaged in a self-contained 19" sub-rack of 1 RU with universal mains power supply and SNMP management.

The optical output power level can be ordered at either 6 dBm, 9dBm or 10dBm with single or dual power supply for redundancy. Combined with ACT AT5100 EDFA optical amplifier, AT5100 DMOD transmitter provides the most cost-effective solution for short, medium FTTX deployment, IPTV, VOD and traditional CATV signal in HFC network.

1.2 Features

- Suitable for short, medium distance FTTH applications
- Suitable for long distance 1550 nm QAM Overlay applications, up to 70km
- Optimized models for analog and digital signal up to 15km
- High linearity and low chirp DFB laser
- Built-in pre-distortion compensation and AGC closed loop control,
- Dual redundant hot-swappable AC or DC power supplies
- Stimulated Brillouin Scattering (SBS) suppression for optimized CSO
- Front-panel LCD for local monitoring of transmitter status
- Local or remote monitoring and configuration
- SNMP/HTTP monitoring, management and control

1.3 Specifications

AT5100 DMOD 1550nm Direct-Modulated (DMOD) Laser Transmitter - 19" 1RU

RF Specification

RF Bandwidth	47 MHz to 862 MHz or 1002 or 1218 MHz
RF Flatness	± 0.75 dB @ 47 MHz to 862 MHz
RF Input Level	20 dBmV $\pm$ 2 dBmV
RF Input Return Loss	≥ 16 dB
RF Input Impedance	75 Ω
RF Test Point	-20 dB
TV Channel Plan	60 PAL channels, 80 NTSC channels

Link Performance

CNR	50 dB (60 ch PAL, 15 km fibre, -1 dBm receive)
CTB	-63 dBc
CSO	-57 dBc
MER	39 dB (80 QAM256 channels within 47 MHz to 1002 MHz)

Optical Specifications

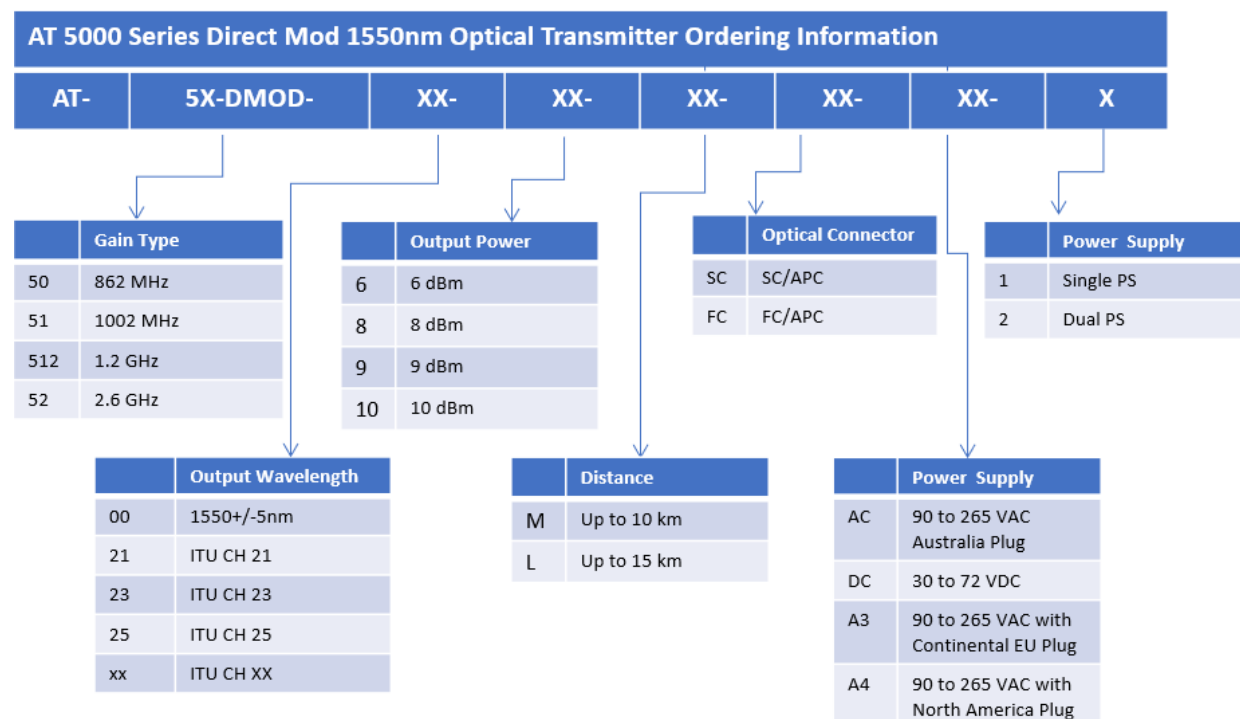
Wavelength	1550 nm $\pm$ 5 nm and ITU Channels
Line Width	≤ 1 MHz
Optical Output Power	Single or Dual 5dBm, 6 dBm, 9 dBm, 10 dBm
Optical Connector	SC/APC
Optical Return Loss	55 dB

General Specifications

Management Interface	RJ45 Web & SNMP, RS232
Operating Temperature	-5 °C to +65 °C
Storage Temperature	-40 °C to +85 °C
Power Supply	90 to 265 VAC or 36 to 60 VDC
Power Consumption	≤ 50 W (single power supply)
Operating Relative Humidity	5 % to 95 % RH (non-condensing)
Dimensions (W $\times$ D $\times$ H)	483 mm $\times$ 254 mm $\times$ 44 mm
Weight	5 kg
Ship Weight	5.5 kg

Note: Measured in a typical system configuration for the nominated channel numbers and nominated fibre lengths for each model at 25 °C ambient temperature.

1.4 Models and Options



2 Installation

2.1 Equipment Inventory

On receiving your new AT5100-DMOD, you should carefully unpack and examine the contents for loss or damage that may have occurred during shipping. Refer to warranty registration if loss or damage has occurred. The AT5026-DMOD should consist of the following:

Qty	Description
1	AT5100-DMOD unit
1	Key for switching laser ON / OFF
1	Test report
1	Power supply cord
1	Product User Manual (Optional)

2.2 Packaging and Transportation

Keep all AT5100-DMOD packing boxes and packaging for future transport.

Use only the original AT5100-DMOD packaging when transporting. This packaging has been specifically designed to protect the equipment.

2.3 Power and Cooling Requirements

The AT5100-DMOD requires a mains input of 90 V_{AC} to 265 V_{AC} at 50 to 60 Hz. The unit will automatically adjust the power conversion for inputs within these ranges, with no switch setting or other user intervention. Power consumption of the unit is 50 W maximum.

The transmitter is designed to operate with an ambient temperature of -5 °C to +65 °C with humidity up to 95 %. Free ambient air should be maintained around all sides of the unit. Care should be taken to ensure that the air flow around the unit is unrestricted.

The AT5100-DMOD should have a minimum ventilation clearance of 1 RU above and below the transmitter.



Warning

DO NOT expose AT5100-DMOD to conditions which would permit condensation to form on the inside of the transmitter.

DO NOT operate AT5100-DMOD outdoors.

2.4 Installation and Adjustment



Warning

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The following steps explain how the AT5100-DMOD is to be installed.

1. Unpack the transmitter and inspect the unit as stated in **Section 3.1**.
2. Locate the transmitter in a 19" cabinet ensuring adequate ventilation and space for accessing the rear ports and front-panel keypad.
3. Before connecting AC power to the unit, make sure that the LASER ON/OFF key is switched **OFF** (front panel).
4. Use the supplied power cord to apply mains power to the transmitter.
5. Switch the AC power ON (switch located on the rear panel).

The ALARM LED will light red.

The LCD will light and display "Model: AT5100-DMOD" and "KEY OFF" on start up.

6. Switch on the laser using the key switch.

Front panel shows "KEY ON...", Laser status LCD turns green from red, the unit enters self-checking, after checking it enters working status, display "Descriptor"



Note

Allow 15 minutes for the transmitter to reach its stable operating temperature. Do not connect the optical ports to the network or start aligning your system until then.

7. Before connecting an RF signal, check that the power input level is within the acceptable range. Refer to **Section 2** for details.
8. Connect a matrix generator or head-end RF signal.



Note

The default control mode is AGC. The modulation control mode displayed in the main menu is RF Mode = AGC.

9. Connect a fiber patch-cord from optical port to an optical power meter and verify the LCD reading matches your power meter reading.

When the ALARM LED shows green, the transmitter is ready for full operation.

2.5 Front Panel Operation



	Port	Item	Description
1	Mounting Points	Holes for securing unit to rack	
2	LASER ON/OFF	Key switch for laser activation	
3	LASER	Laser indicator	
		GREEN – Output power is normal	
		RED – Abnormal status	
4	RF	RF indicator	
		GREEN – Normal operation	
		RED – RF input is too low or too high	
5	Status	Status indicator	
		GREEN – Status is normal	
		RED – Status temperature is too low or too high	
6, 7	PWR1/PWR2 (Optional)	Power 1 / Power 2 indicators	
		GREEN – Two-way switch power supply is working	
		YELLOW – One-way power supply is working	
		RED – Abnormal status	
8	VFD/LED	VFD/LED display for satellite optical transmitter parameters such as model number and operation status	
9, 10	KEYPAD	Keypad used to scroll through menu items on transmitter display	
11	ENT	Enter button	
12	RF TEST	Input level test (-20 dBm)	

2.6 Rear Panel Operation



Port	Item	Description
1	FAN	Intelligent fan, begins to run when the chassis temperature reaches 32 °C to 35 °C (set by
2	IF/RF IN	IF/RF signal input
3	Power Supply Switch	UP – 12 V _{DC} MIDDLE – Off DOWN – 18 V _{DC}
4	CONSOLE	Console for computer network management
5	ETHERNET	Ethernet port, compliant with CNMP standard interface
6, 7	PS2/PS1	Power supply 2 outlet

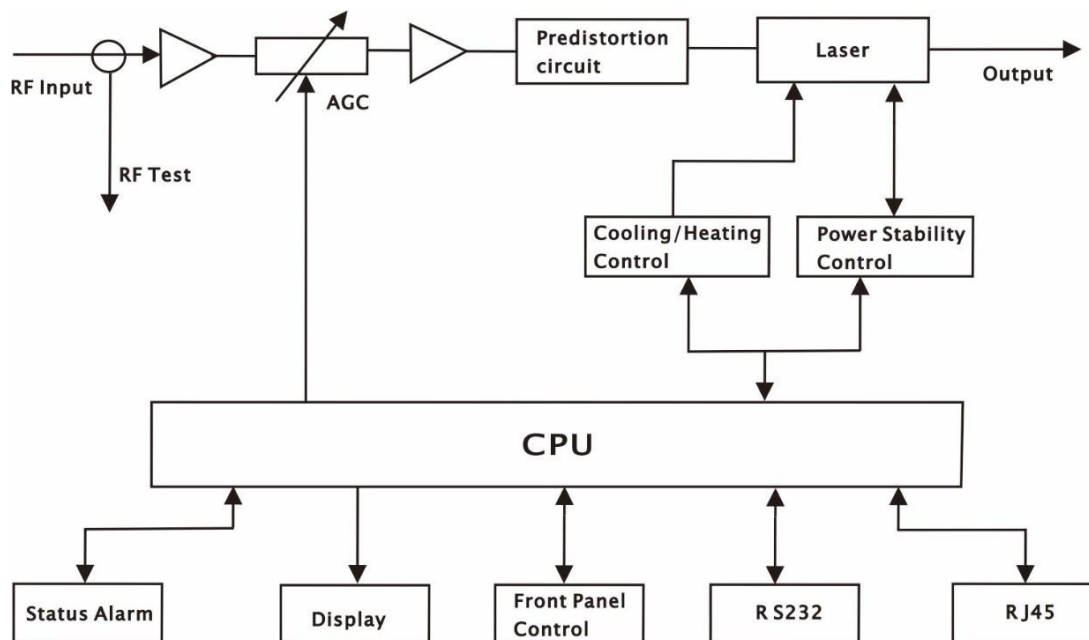


Note

Product appearance may vary with model options.

3 Technical Description

3.1 Overview



3.2 Physical Description

The unit is housed in a 19" rack, 1 RU height. Status indicators and control keys are located on the front panel along with an RF monitor port. The front panel provides an LCD display for comprehensive status information and user interface. The rear panel contains the optical interconnects, power, and data interface connectors.

The RF test port on the front panel is -20 dB from the modulating signal level. This is just after the internal AGC functional block. This signal is constant when the AGC circuit is functioning normally. Refer to the specification for typical levels. The output impedance of this port is 75 Ω , with an F-type connector.

The rear panel also contains the two optical ports, which are typically SC/APC bulkhead connectors.

The power interface, is a standard 3-prong line cord, with hot, neutral, and chassis ground. The metal chassis of the transmitter is tied to ground.

3.3 AGC Operation

The AT5100-DMOD will be in AGC mode (Automatic Gain Control) when first powered on. To change it to MGC mode (Manual Gain Control), refer to **Section 5.3**.

3.4 ITU Frequency Grid

AT55100-DMOD Wavelength Options: The following table contains the ITU frequency plan with corresponding wavelengths available to the AT5100-DMOD.

Channel	ITU Freq. (THz)	Avail. ITU Wavelengths (nm)	Channel	ITU Freq. (THz)	Avail. ITU Wavelengths (nm)
Order Code			Order Code		
60	196.0	1529.55	40	194.0	1545.32
59	195.9	1530.33	39	193.9	1546.12
58	195.8	1531.12	38	193.8	1546.92
57	195.7	1531.90	37	193.7	1547.72
56	195.6	1532.68	36	193.6	1548.51
55	195.5	1533.47	35	193.5	1549.32
54	195.4	1534.25	34	193.4	1550.12
53	195.3	1535.04	33	193.3	1550.92
52	195.2	1535.82	32	193.2	1551.72
51	195.1	1536.61	31	193.1	1552.52
50	195.0	1537.40	30	193.0	1553.33
49	194.9	1538.19	29	192.9	1554.13
48	194.8	1538.98	28	192.8	1554.94
47	194.7	1539.77	27	192.7	1555.75
46	194.6	1540.56	26	192.6	1556.55
45	194.5	1541.35	25	192.5	1557.36
44	194.4	1542.14	24	192.4	1558.17
43	194.3	1542.94	23	192.3	1558.98
42	194.2	1543.73	22	192.2	1559.79
41	194.1	1544.53	21	192.1	1560.61

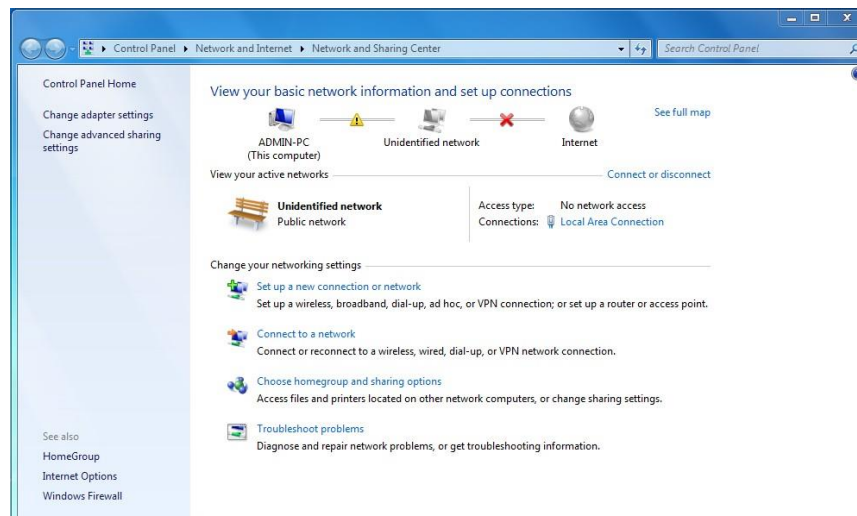
4 Software Description – Operation

4.1 Web Management

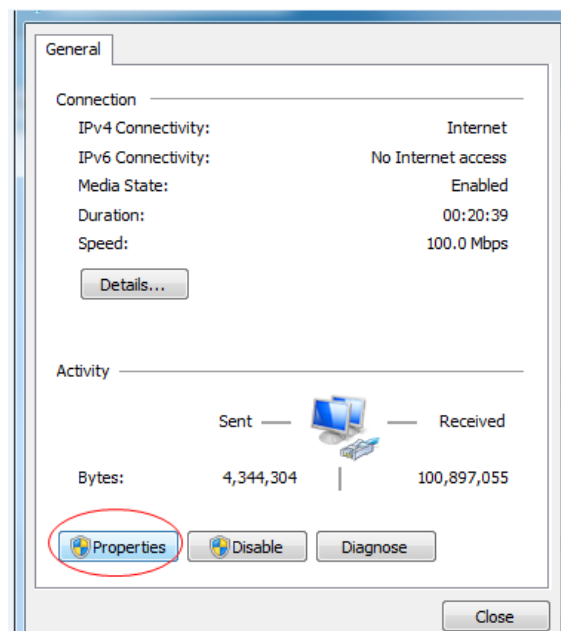
The user can use web browser to check the working condition and basic parameters of the amplifier, it supports IE, Chrome, Firefox, Opera and other main web browser. The following example are based on Opera browser.

1. Find the IP add in the machine, The default IP address is 192.168.0.22, set the IP add of the PC in the same range as following:

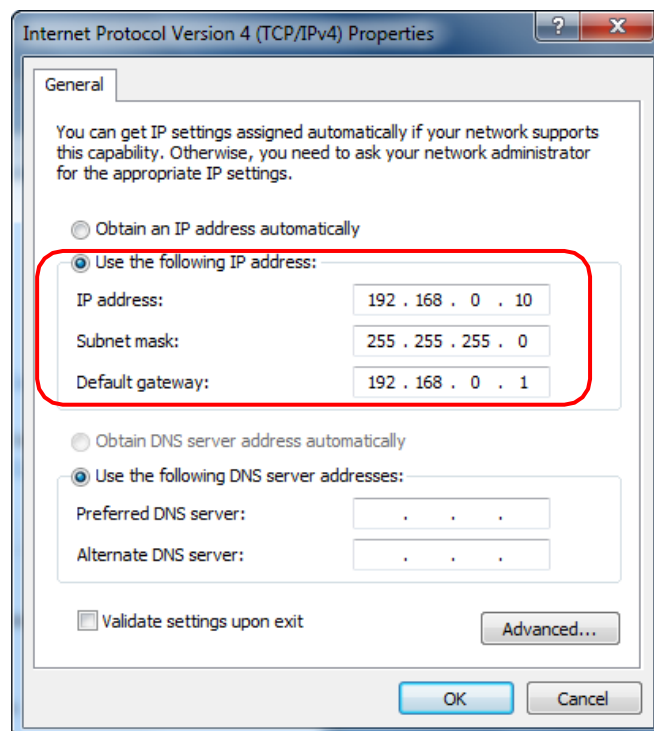
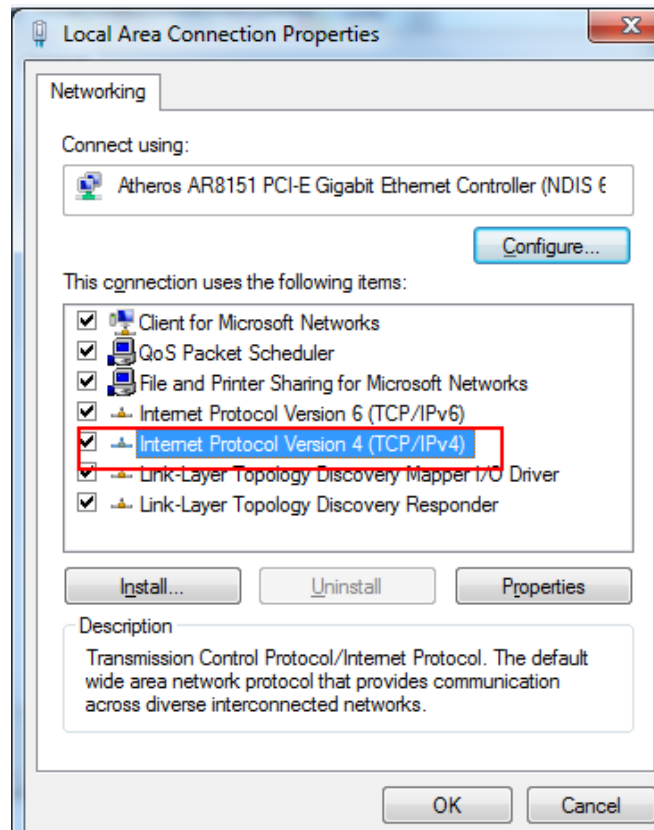
Step 1: Open local Area Connection setting:



Step 2: Set Properties



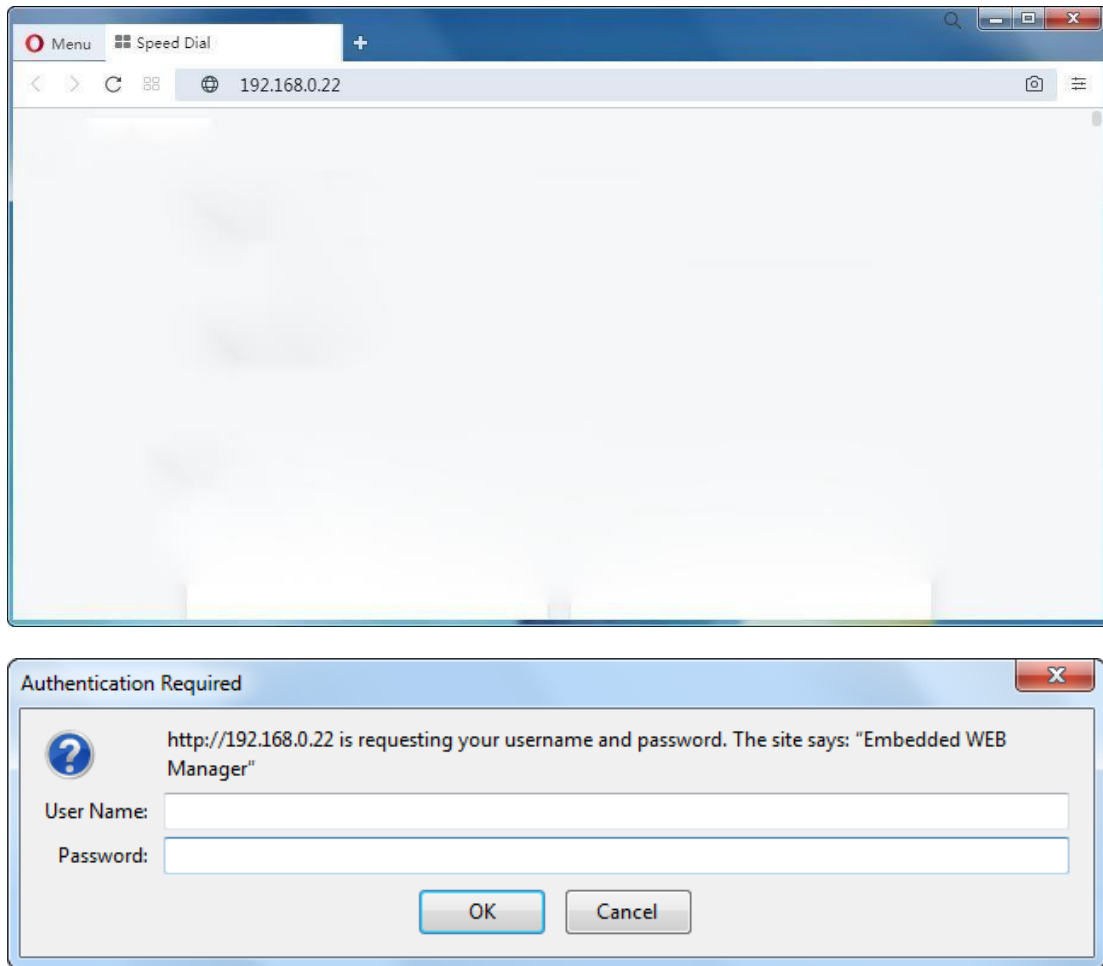
Step 3: Set the PC IP address in the same range with device IP address, so that the computer can access the device.



2. Open web browser, input the IP add and login in. The IP factory setting is 192.168.0.22.

User Name: admin

Password: ascent



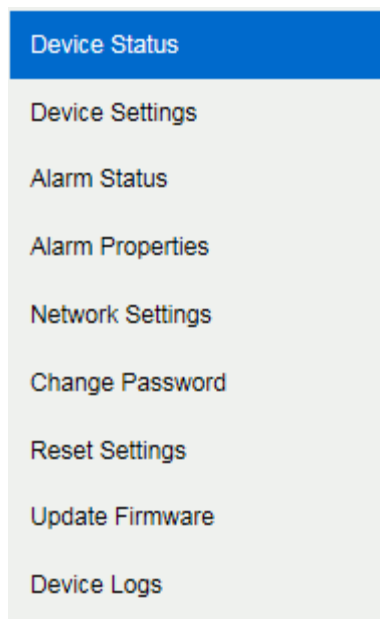
First Time Log-in to WEB Manager

The username/password for the first time log-in to the WEB Manager is **admin/ascent**, we recommend that the customer change the username and password as soon as possible.

Restore Factory Setting

If in future you forget the user name and password you set up, or for any other reasons in need to change to default, the product can be restored to factory setting, click Reset Settings on the left-bar, then click Restore Factory, the setting will revert to default state, and the username and password will become **admin/123456**.

3. The web management consist of nine submenus. Items guide on the left, click to enter.



Page Navigation Bar

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Device Status

Device Model: AT-51-DMOD-00-06
Serial Number: 230922126782
Device Version: 2.0.0
Unit Temperature: 31.0 °C
Power Supply 1: Normal
Power Supply 2: Normal

Laser Output: 4.3 mW
Laser Wavelength: 1550.12 nm
Input RF Level: 80 dBuV
Laser Driver Level: 102 dBuV

Index	BIAS	TEMP	TEC
1	51.0 mA	24.2 °C	0.02 A

Index	Power Name	Power Voltage
1	DC +3.3V	3.3 V

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OMI mode: switch AGC/MGC statuses.

OMI Value: -5 dB to +5 dB adjustable, factory setting is 0 dB.

MGC ATT: 0 dB to 15 dB continuously adjust, 0.1 dBm step 0.1 dB.

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Laser Status: Laser ON

Set

OMI Mode: AGC

Set

OMI Value: 0.0 dB (-5.0~5.0)

Set

MGC ATT: 10.0 dB (0~15.0)

Set

Channel Number: 84

Set

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Index	Parameter Name	Alarm Status
1	Unit Temperature	Nominal
2	Drive Level	Nominal
3	Input RF Level	Nominal
4	Laser TEMP	Nominal
5	Laser BIAS	Nominal
6	Laser Opt-output	Nominal
7	Laser TEC	Nominal
8	DC +3.3V	Nominal

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Alarm Properties

Index	Parameter Name	HIHI	HI	LO	LOLO	Deadband	Action
1	Unit Temperature (°C)	☒ 85	☒ 70	☒ 5	☒ 0	2	Set
2	Drive Level (dBuV)	☒ 120	☒ 110	☒ 90	☒ 60	1	Set
3	Input RF Level (dBuV)	☒ 100	☒ 90	☒ 70	☒ 60	1	Set
4	Laser TEMP (°C)	☒ 40.0	☒ 35.0	☒ 15.0	☒ 10.0	1.0	Set
5	Laser BIAS (mA)	☒ 150.0	☒ 120.0	☒ 20.0	☒ 10.0	1.0	Set
6	Laser Opt-output (mW)	☒ 40.0	☒ 38.0	☒ 1.0	☒ 0.5	0.1	Set
7	Laser TEC (A)	☐ 3.00	☐ 2.00	☐ -2.00	☐ -3.00	0.10	Set
8	DC +3.3V (V)	☒ 4.1	☒ 3.8	☒ 2.8	☒ 2.5	0.1	Set

Index	Parameter Name	Control	Action

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Alarm Properties Page

Set MAC Address, IP Address, etc.

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Device MAC: D8: 29: 16: 57: 05: D8
Update Identifier: OTD138EG01
Agent Version: v1.0.1 Refresh

Static IP Address: Set

Subnet Mask: Set

Default Gateway: Set

Trap Address 1: Set

Trap Address 2: Set

Trap Address 3: Set

Trap Address 4: Set

Trap Address 5: Set

Trap Address 6: Set

Trap Address 7: Set

Trap Address 8: Set

IPv6 Global Unicast:
IPv6 Local Link: fe80::da29:16ff:fe57:5d8

Trap IPv6 Host1: Set

Trap IPv6 Host2: Set

Trap IPv6 Host3: Set

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IPv6 Global Unicast:

IPv6 Local Link: fe80::da29:16ff:fe57:5d8

Trap IPv6 Host1: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host2: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host3: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host4: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host5: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host6: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host7: :: Set

Trap IPv6 Host8: :: Set

NTP: Enable Set

NTP Host: pool.ntp.org Set

DNS1: 223.5.5.5 Set

DNS2: 0.0.0.0 Set

Read Community: public Set

Write Community: public Set

Trap Community: public Set

SNMP Version: V1 Set

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Username:

Password:

New Username:

New Password:

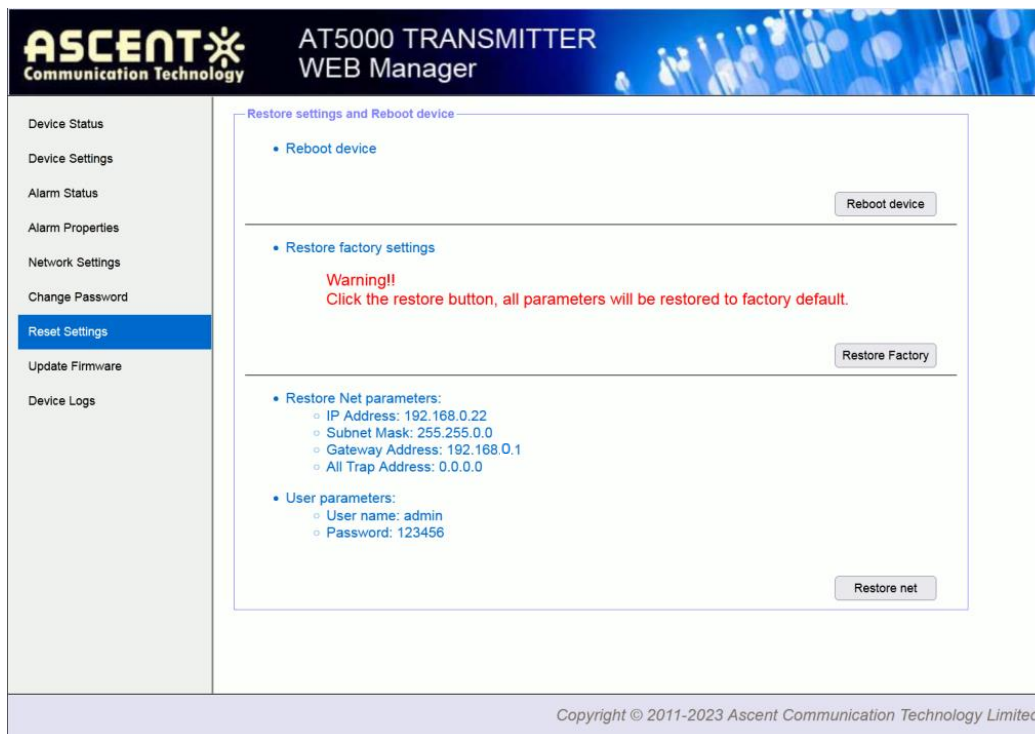
Confirm Password:

Submit

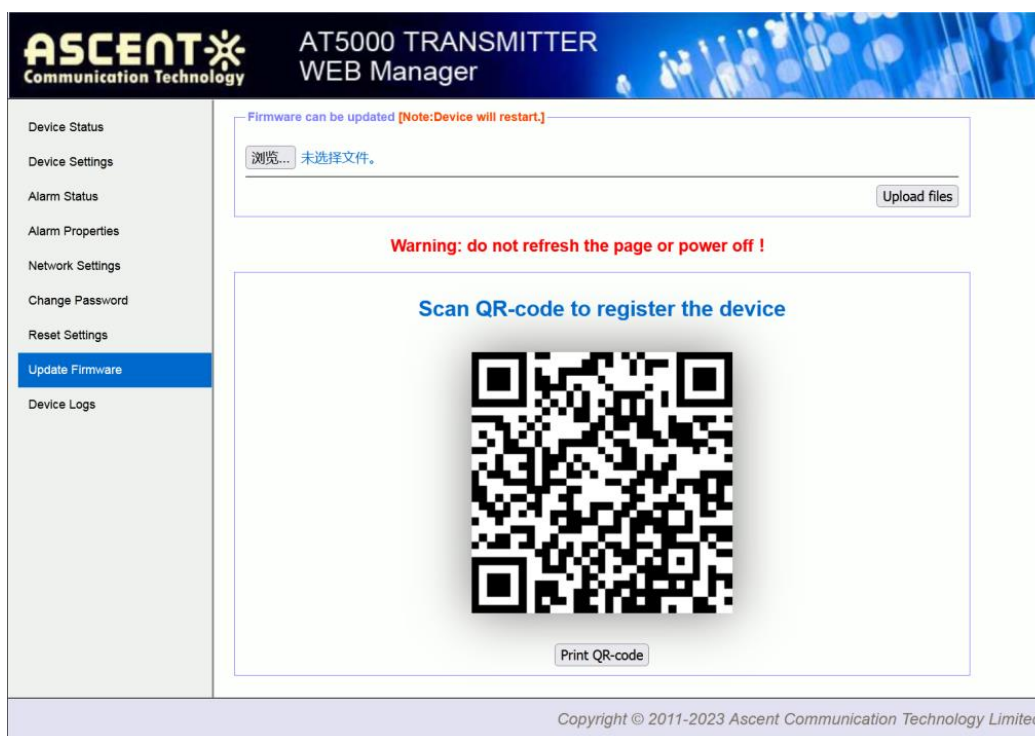
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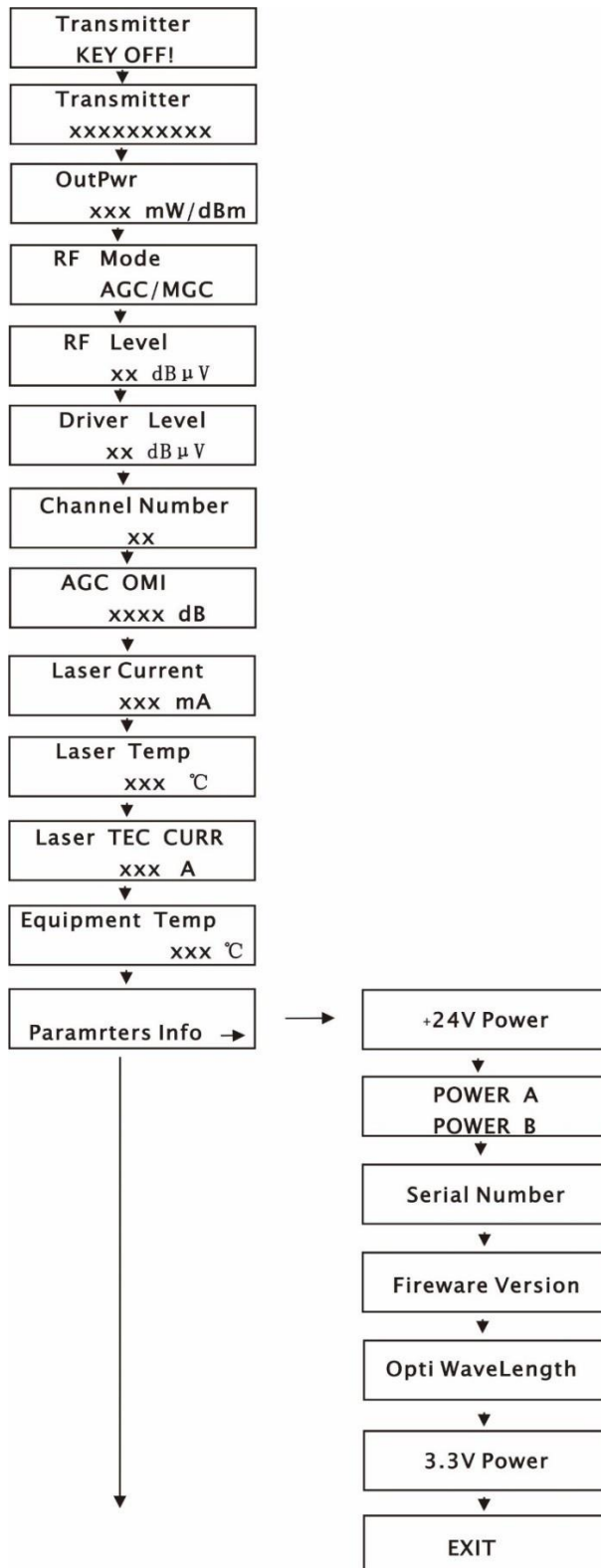
Posix TimeSync Clear Logs

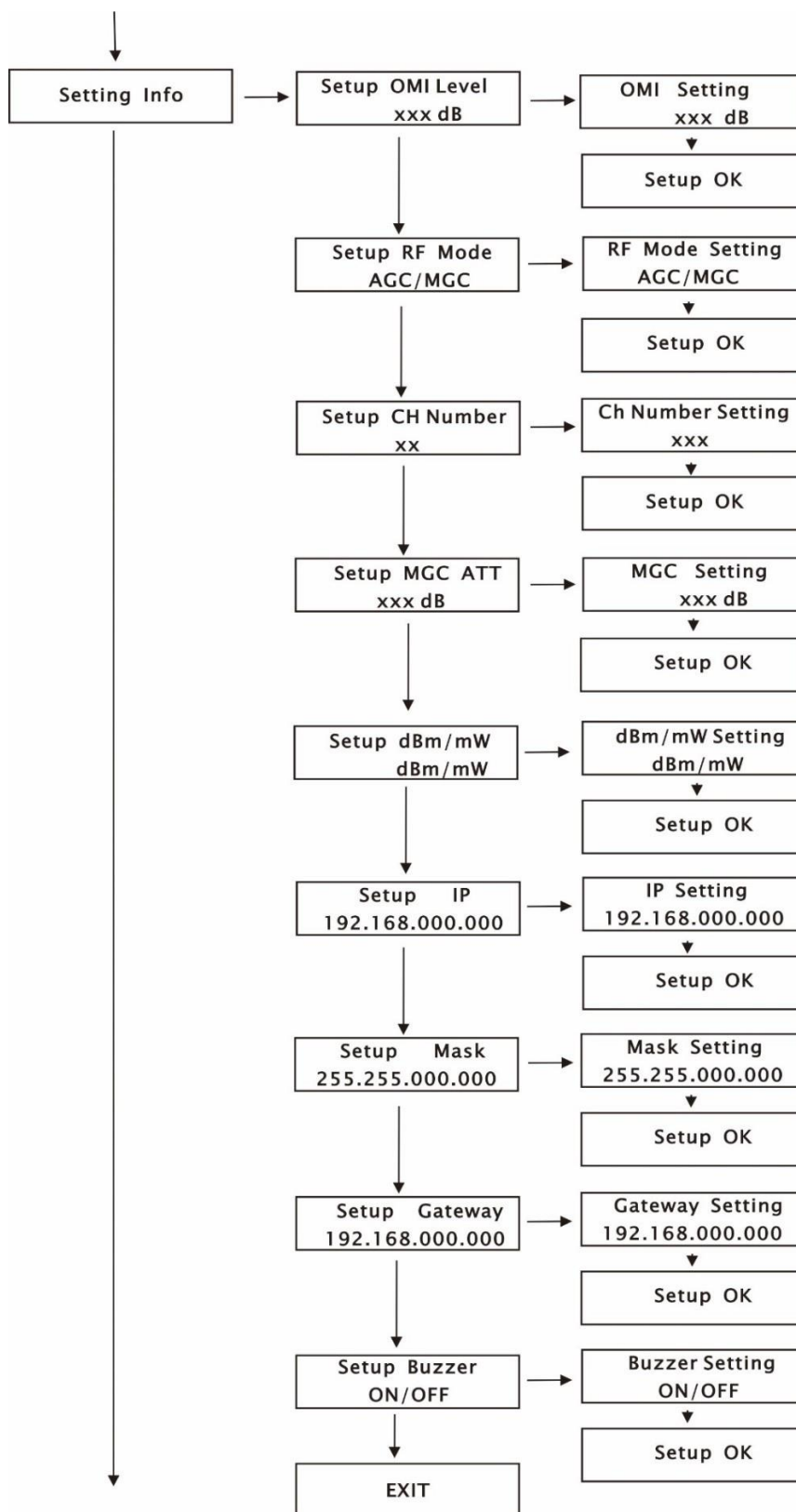
Posix Time	System UpTime	Record Content
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2001/1/1 08:02:28	00:02:28	Drive Level NOMINAL 102dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	DC +3.3V NOMINAL 3.3V
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser Opt-output NOMINAL 4.3mW
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser BIAS NOMINAL 51.0mA
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser TEMP NOMINAL 24.5°C
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Drive Level LO 77dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Unit Temperature NOMINAL 26°C
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	DC +3.3V LOLO 0V
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Laser Opt-output LOLO 0mW
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Laser BIAS LOLO 0mA
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Laser TEMP LOLO 0°C
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Input RF Level LOLO 0dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Drive Level LOLO 0dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:01	00:00:01	Unit Temperature LOLO 0°C
2001/1/1 08:00:39	00:00:39	Input RF Level NOMINAL 81dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:39	00:00:39	Drive Level NOMINAL 102dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:36	00:00:36	Input RF Level LOLO 50dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:36	00:00:36	Drive Level LO 78dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:25	00:00:25	Input RF Level NOMINAL 80dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:25	00:00:25	Drive Level NOMINAL 102dBuV
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	DC +3.3V NOMINAL 3.3V
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser Opt-output NOMINAL 4.3mW
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser BIAS NOMINAL 51.0mA
2001/1/1 08:00:06	00:00:06	Laser TEMP NOMINAL 24.5°C

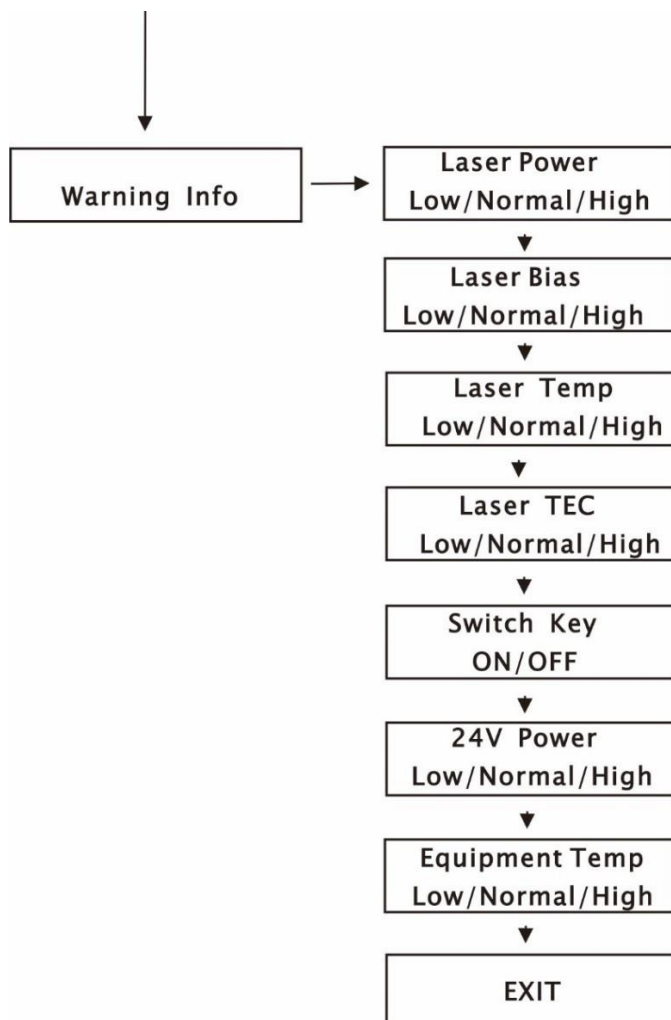
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5 Setup Menu







6 Input Signal Level

The total RF analog input level depends on the number of analog channels in your system and is identical for the type of system (NTSC, PAL, CENELEC) used. Use the following equation to determine the optimum RF input level per channel when the rated channel loading is not being used:

$$\text{Analog Input Level (dBmV)} = A + 10\log(N/M) + 10\log(W1/W2)$$

A: Manufacturer's recommended nominal drive level for optical transmitter/module;

N: The number of channels corresponding to A;

M: Actual number of loaded channels

W1: The bandwidth corresponding to A;

W2: The actual bandwidth

For example, if the product datasheet give the following parameters:

75 dB μ v @ 59 PAL channels

If the customer actually has: 40 NTSC channels, the drive level will be:

$$\text{Actual drive level} = 75 + 10\log(59/40) + 10\log(8/7) = 75 + 10 \cdot 1.69 + 10 \cdot 0.06 = 75 + 1.7 + 0.6 = 77.3 \text{ (dB}\mu\text{V)}$$

For digital channels, if the digital signal level is 6 dB lower than the analog signal level, then 4 digital channels are equal to 1 analog channel; If the digital signal level is 10 dB lower than the analog signal level, then 10 digital channels are equal to 1 analog channel. In the actual calculation, first calculate the number of digital channels as the number of analog channels, and then use the above formula. For example, with 20 analog channels, 20 digital channels, and with the digital channel being 6 dB lower than the analog channel level, then the total number of channels is:

$$20 + 20/4 = 25 \text{ (channels)}$$

7 Troubleshooting

7.1 Fiber Optic Maintenance

Any time the fiber leads to the amplifier are disconnected, there is the potential for contamination of the ends of the fiber connectors. Dirt or other contaminants on these components can reduce the amplifier's performance and can result in permanent damage to the device. It is recommended that the fiber connectors be cleaned prior to connection, or reconnection, to the system.

7.2 Troubleshooting Conditions

No lights ON

Is the power on?
Is the fuse OK?

In LED displays the right optical power, but not enough by test meter

Check optical meter setting
Check input optical power within the range (-3 dB to +10 dB)
Check loss in the test pigtail
Check if there is dust in the connectors

Pout fail ON

Check the optical output power and pump parameters on the LCD. Contact ACT Technical Support.

Appendix 1: Conversion of Optical Power

mW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
dBm	0.0	3.0	4.8	6.0	7.0	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.4	10.8	11.1	11.5	11.8	12.0
mW	17	18	19	20	21	22	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200
dBm	12.3	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.2	13.4	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23



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