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1.0 SCOPE

This document provides guidance for preparing an MDU Amplifier requirements specification, independent of manufacturer and type.

2.0 INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

Test Procedures used to establish, verify or characterize line extenders should conform to established SCTE requirements. The following test procedures apply when specifying line extender performance.

Test Procedure for Measuring Transmission and Reflection	ANSI/SCTE 144 2007
Test Procedure for Hum Modulation	ANSI/SCTE 16 2007
Measurement Procedure for Noise Figure	ANSI/SCTE 62 2007
Composite Distortion Tests (CSO & CTB)	ANSI/SCTE 06 2009
AM Cross Modulation Measurements	ANSI/SCTE 58 2007
Test Method for AC to DC Power Supplies	ANSI/SCTE 46 2007
Surge Withstand Test Procedure	ANSI/SCTE 81 2007
Test Method for Group Delay	ANSI/SCTE 45 2007
Carrier to Noise (C/N), Carrier to Intermodulation Noise (CIN)	ANSI/SCTE 17 2007
Test Point Accuracy	ANSI/SCTE 75 2007
Test Method for Low Frequency and Spurious Disturbances	ANSI/SCTE 82 2007
Measurement Procedure for Noise Power Ratio	ANSI/SCTE 119 2006
Test Method for Downstream Bit Error Rate	ANSI/SCTE 121 2006

3.0 DATA FORMAT

Amplifier performance information should specify units and tolerances presented in a clear tabulated format. Ambiguous specification should include explanation notes. Notes should clarify deviation from SCTE test procedures and configuration.

Specification data should include a statement outlining manufacturer's recommended operating settings.

4.0 MDU AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATION NOTES

1. All specifications should include a brief overview of the technology and features incorporated in the product.
2. Unless otherwise specified, this specification represents worst-case performance for all parameters within the stated operating conditions.
3. Gain and distortion specifications should clearly outline setup and description of specific accessories used in product qualification.
4. Noise figure (NF) specifications are within the specified amplifier operating pass-band with specified accessory (pads and equalizers) values and at operational gain as specified in section 5.0.
5. Distortion characteristics should apply to all channels, covering the specified operational temperature range with the amplifier configured for normal operation.
6. MDU Amplifier Specifications should include but are not limited to all SCTE requirements. Product specification may include additional information over and above SCTE minimum requirements.
7. All test points should be labeled directional or non-directional and referenced to a port or other location (input/output).

5.0 DATA TEMPLATE

PRODUCT MODEL #					
PARAMETER		Notes	Units	Forward	Reverse
Technology					
Passband			MHz		
Flatness			+/-dB		
Minimum Full Gain			dB		
Operational Gain			dB		
Manual Control Range	Gain		dB		
	Slope		dB		
Pilot Operating Frequency			MHz		
Pilot Operating Levels	AGC		dBmV		
AGC Range (for +/- 0.5dB hold)			+/-dB		
Noise Figure			dB		
Channel Loading	Analog		#		
	Digital		#		
Rated Output Level	F_{min}/F_{max}		dBmV		
Distortion (@ Rated Output Level)	CTB		dBc		N/A
	XM		dB		N/A
	CSO		dBc		N/A
	CIN		dBc		N/A
Forward BER					N/A
Dynamic Range @ 54dB C/N+IM			dB	N/A	

PARAMETER	Notes	Units	Forward	Reverse
Forward Group Delay (Channel Carrier to Chroma)				
1st Analog above bandedge		nSec		
2nd Analog above bandedge		nSec		
3rd Analog above bandedge		nSec		
Reverse Group Delay				
Lower bandedge to 1.5MHz above		ns/MHz		
1.5 MHz above to 3.0MHz above		ns/MHz		
3.0MHz above to 4.5MHz above		ns/MHz		
4.5MHz below Upper bandedge to 3.0MHz below		ns/MHz		
3.0MHz below to 1.5MHz below		ns/MHz		
1.5MHz below to upper bandedge.		ns/MHz		
Test Point	Accuracy	+/-dB		
Directional	Yes? No	Input		
Directional	Yes? No	Output		
Return Loss		Input		
		Output		
Return Loss		Input		
		Output		

PARAMETER	Notes	Units		
Hum Modulation		dBc		
DC Voltage (B+)		Vdc		
Current DC		mA		
DC Ripple		mV		
Power Consumption		W		
AC Input Voltage		V		
AC Current	Fully loaded	A		
Mains Interconnect Plug Type				
Fire and Electrical Safety Rating	UL 1950 CSA 22.2			
Should reference a National Standard such as those listed:	IEC 950 EN60950 and National variants			
Operating Temperature Range		° F (° C)		
Operating Humidity Range		%		
Operating Altitude		f(m)		
Weight		lb(kg)		
Dimensions		in(mm)		