Distribution of the GPS Signal Over Long Distances

GPS over Fiber System
Rosenberger presents a new and innovative GPS over Fiber system for applications where coax cannot be used to route the GPS signal to base stations. With more centralized RAN and large-scale DAS applications, there are many cases where the GPS antennas are located too far from the base stations for coaxial losses to be acceptable. To overcome this issue, the GPS over Fiber system converts the RF signal to light, transmits it over the fiber, and then restores the light to the original RF signal. Working in contrast to the many systems that employ a bulky remote unit – which requires power and separate mounting space – as well as a large master unit encompassing an active GPS splitter, Rosenberger has rethought the process and designed a fiber-optic replacement for the coaxial cable. Instead of a master unit and a remote unit, the system uses an electro-optical converter (E/O converter) at the antenna and an opto-electrical converter (O/E converter) near the base station.

By employing this method, the E/O converter becomes a small, compact unit that connects directly to the GPS antenna. The unit is so small that it can even fit within a 1 ½ inch pipe of the kind often used to mount GPS antennas.

The O/E converter handles all alarms and is a compact unit. It can be used to power the E/O converter and can be connected to standard GPS splitters with full support for their redundancy functionality. This means that the GPS over Fiber system fully emulates the behavior of a passive copper cable and GPS antenna, allowing any device that is normally connected to the GPS antenna to maintain proper operation when connected to an O/E converter.

Interconnecting the two units i.e. E/O converter to the O/E converter is a thin hybrid cable comprised of fiber and power, which means no power source is required at the GPS antenna.

The individual link support for each GPS antenna allows for the flexibility of using a normal coaxial configuration and simply replacing each coax cable from a GPS antenna with an E/O converter, an O/E converter, and a hybrid cable. With a maximum hybrid cable length of 1.9 miles (3 km), this system can meet the demands of almost any installation.

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- Converts the RF signal to an optical signal, then back again
E/O Converter

The E/O converter directly connects to any active GPS antenna and converts the GPS RF signal to an optical one. Powered through a hybrid cable, the E/O converter not only transfers the GPS signal to the O/E converter, it also supplies power to the GPS antenna and detects any antenna faults, relaying the alarm information to the O/E converter. Small enough to fit inside a 1 ½ inch conduit, the E/O converter meets IP67 requirements and its rugged design is suitable for harsh environments.

O/E Converter

The O/E converter receives the optical signal from the E/O converter via the hybrid cable connection and converts it back to an RF signal. The O/E converter also sends power to the E/O converter via the same hybrid cable. Available as a standalone unit or as part of a 19” rack unit that can hold up to 4 O/E converters, the O/E converter can be powered through PoE or a direct -48 VDC connection. Supporting SNMP, the O/E converter reports alarms in the event of antenna failure and faults in communication with the E/O converter. An RF connection to any industry-standard active GPS splitter completes the system.

As the splitter is not included in the O/E converter, more flexibility is available for configuring the system.

External Power Supply Unit (PSU)

In applications that intend to use existing fiber optics, a small external power supply is available for powering the E/O converter directly and providing a fiber cable for connecting to the O/E converter. The PSU connects to the E/O converter via a short hybrid cable, using the Rosenberger RQC hybrid connector to ensure a safe power and fiber connection as well as environmental protection. The PSU is available as PoE and AC options.
## Specifications

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<td>Frequency range</td>
<td>L1 (GPS, SBAS), E1 (Galileo), G1 (GLONASS), B1I (Beidou)</td>
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<td>Link gain (typical)</td>
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<td>100 to 240 VAC @ 50/60 Hz or PoE</td>
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### Alarms
- Loss of antenna
- Link failure indicated by LED
- Readout by SNMP

### Remote access
- n.a.
- SNMP (v1, v2c, v3) via Ethernet
- n.a.

### Optical
- Fiber length: SMF > 3.8 miles / 6 km
- Hybrid cable length: 1.9 miles / 3 km (1 mm² / AWG 18)
- Wavelength (typical): 1310 nm
- Optical power (typical): 8 dBm

### Mechanical
- Dimensions: Ø 40 mm x 145 mm
- Connectors: N male 50 Ω (RF), Rosenberger RQC, Hybrid (optical & power)
- Weight: 295 g

### Environmental
- Operating temperature: -40 °C to +50 °C
- Compliance: FCC, CE
- Protection: IP67, IP11, IP67

### Ordering Information
- GPS over Fiber System: 98GOF002-TX, 98GOF002-RX (standalone), 98GOF0102-RX (2 O/E converters in 1 HU 19" rack), 98GOF001-PSU (PoE), 98GOF002-PSU (AC)
- Hybrid cable: L98B-A0650-XXX (shielded hybrid cable, RQC connectors, XXX m), L98B-A0651-XXX (shielded hybrid cable, RQC - LC duplex APX, XXX m)
- GPS antenna: GPS-36-N-SC (GPS only), GPSGLONASS-36-N-SC (GPS, Galileo, Glonass, Beidou)
About Rosenberger

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Rosenberger Communication

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