

## EXTRACT FROM ACCUSPEED™ OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR R3HNX 450 MHz UHF TRANSCEIVER & RF AMPLIFIER BOARD



#### Radio Frequency (RF) Transceiver.

The RCR 'Gold Box' incorporates the **R3HNX Transceiver Board**, together with its 'companion' **RF Power Amplifier Board**.

**The R3HNX Transceiver Board** is a multi channel, UHF-synthesized RF receiver with a Liquid <u>Crystal Display</u> (LCD). Additionally, it has a built in RF transmitter for 'POLLING<sup>TM</sup>, data transmission. The R3HNX receiver section incorporates a microprocessor and uses Digital Signal Processing (DSP) techniques to selectively recover digital messages using CATTRON-THEIMEG<sup>TM</sup> protocol. The receiver section also has LED indicators for:

- Power ON
- *Carrier Detect* (RF signal or carrier is present)
- *VCO Lock* (receiver bcked on freq.)
- *Data* (received message data)
- *Q-sync* (synchronization pulse)

**The RF Power Amplifier Board** is a high power RF amplifier that connects between the R3HNX Transceiver Board and the Antenna Connector. An on-board LED indicator shows when transmitted digital RF 'POLLING<sup>TM</sup>' data from the R3HNX transmitter is being amplified and sent to the RCT.

Opening the front door of the RCR enclosure and removing the 'Gold Box' lid will expose the **R3HNX Transceiver Board**, together with its 'companion' **RF Power Amplifier Board**. Referring to Figure 1-7 and Table 1-2 below, transceiver and amplifier board LED indicators indicate system status and are particularly useful when troubleshooting and adjusting the transceiver.



#### Radio Frequency (RF) Transceiver, continued.

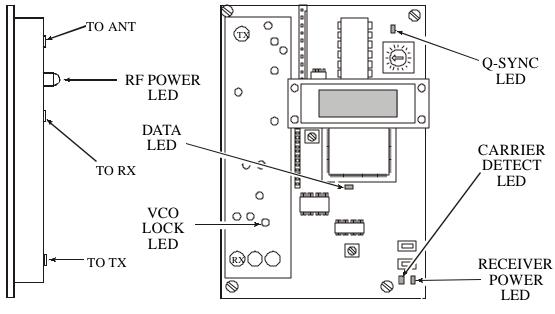


Figure 1-7. R3HNX Transceiver & RF Amplifier Board LED Indicators

#### RF AMPLIFIER BOARD

TRANSCEIVER BOARD

| LED               | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| Transceiver Power | This red LED indicates the presence of DC power on the transceiver circuit board.   |
| Carrier Detect    | The green Carrier Detect LED indicates that the receiver section is receiving a RF signal.  |
| Data              | This yellow LED indicates that the received RF message contains data.   |
| Q-Sync            | This orange LED indicates an interrupt that signifies the computer/<br>decoder has received a new message.  |
| VCO Lock          | This red LED (located undernneath the EMI/RFI shield) illuminates when<br>the transceiver frequency synthesizer is unable to lock onto the required<br>frequency.                 |
| RF Power LED      | This red LED (located on the RF amplifier) flashes when the transmitted digital RF 'POLLING <sup>™</sup> ' data from the R3HNX transmitter is being amplified and sent to the RCT |



### **SYSTEM SUMMARY – Technical Specifications**

## LCU [RCR]

| Enclosure:   | 20"L x 20"H x 8"W (50.80cm x 50.80cm x 20.32cm), NEMA 4 (IP66) Steel.  |  |
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| Weight:  | Approximately 70 lbs (31.75 kg)  |  |
| Environment:   | Outdoors, -22°F to 150°F (-30°C to 65°C), RH 0 to 95% non-<br>condensing (-40°F units available – contact factory for details) |  |
| Electrical   |  |  |
| Input/Output connections:  | Qty 4, quick connect/disconnect plugs and sockets  |  |
| Solid State Digital Outputs:   | Total of 96 rated at 100VDC with individual fusing at 5A   |  |
| Solid State Digital Inputs:  | Total of 48 rated at 74VDC with individual fusing at 5A  |  |
| Electro-mechanical Outputs:  | 100VDC @ 10A   |  |
| Output Termination:  | 2 screw terminals per I/O position   |  |
| Receiver/Decoder Power Source: DC-DC converter; 24-78 VDC Input/13.8 VDC output @ 0.8 A with Under/Over Voltage protection |  |  |
| Minimum Locomotive   |  |  |
| Battery voltage:   | 62VDC  |  |
| Micro-controllers  | Qty 3, Intel <sup>™</sup> 8051 family microprocessors  |  |
| Serial Communication Ports:  | RS232 port for GPS Receiver/clock and external event recorder  |  |
|  | RS485 port for locomotive monitoring   |  |
| Frequency Range:   | 447-473 MHz  |  |
| Channel Spacing:   | 12.5 kHz   |  |
| Emission/Modulation:   | 9K801FD ±2.5 kHz deviation   |  |
| RF Transmit Power:   | 1.6W (factory set)   |  |
| Range:   | 1-mile line of site  |  |
| Antennas:  | Qty 2, 5 dB gain, coupled antennas, mounted vertically as a broadside array for receive and transmit                           |  |
| Approvals:   | US FCC (Part 90)   |  |
|  | Industry Canada (RSS119)   |  |
| Receiver Sensitivity:  | 0.5 µV (20 dB quieting) typical  |  |
| Frequency Stability:   | $\pm 0.0005\%$ of reference frequency  |  |
| Decoder Microprocessor Speed:  | 11.059 MHz   |  |
| Axle Generator:  | 120 PPR Dual Phase.  |  |
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