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Preface

Scope of Manual

This manual provides information on installing and operating the TB9400 base station. It is intended for use by experienced technicians familiar with installing and operating base station equipment. It also includes configuration, maintenance and troubleshooting information.

-  Except where stated otherwise, the information in this manual generally applies to both standard and receive-only base stations and reciters. When “reciter” is referred to, this generally applies also to the receiver (receive-only reciter). References to power amplifiers (PAs) and transmitting obviously do not apply to receive-only equipment.

Unless mentioned specifically, this manual will use the term “base station” to refer to both base station and repeater.

Document Conventions

The TB9400 base station has a web interface with an accordion menu on the left side of the screen. “Configure > Base Station > Channels” means click Configure in the top-level menu, then in the expanded Configure menu click Base Station, and finally click on the Channels tab on that page.

Within this manual, four types of alerts may be given to the reader. The following paragraphs illustrate each type of alert and its associated symbol.



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Notice This alert is used to highlight information that is required to ensure procedures are performed correctly. Incorrectly performed procedures could result in equipment damage or malfunction.



This icon is used to draw your attention to information that may improve your understanding of the equipment or procedure.

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The following associated documentation for this product is available on the Tait support website.

- TB9400 Specifications Manual (MBC-00002-xx)
- TN9400 P25 Trunked Network Maintenance Manual (MNC-00001-xx)
- TaitNet P25 Trunked Networks with TB9400 Base Stations System Manual (MBA-00064-xx)
- TaitNet Analog Conventional Networks with TB9400 Base Stations System Manual (MND-00001-xx)
- Safety and Compliance Information (MBA-00012-xx)

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1 Description



The Tait TB9400 base station is a robust state-of-the-art digital fixed station that combines Tait's proven strengths in reliability, high performance and modular design with software-based configurability and operation, digital signal processing, and voice-over-IP technology.

The TB9400 operates as a transceiver in Project 25 trunked, trunked simulcast, and P25 conventional networks. It is capable of either P25 Phase 1 FDMA operation, or 6.25kHz equivalent P25 Phase 2 TDMA operation.

The TB9400 can also operate in an analog conventional simulcast or non-simulcast multi-site network.

The TB9400 combines industry-leading digital voice quality with rugged design specifications and intuitive user interfaces. These products are designed to meet the needs of the public safety and public service sectors.

The ability of the base station to link stations using standard Internet Protocol communications, and to add features through software options ensures that P25 systems designed with the TB9400 are scalable in both size and functionality.

Its Ethernet interface provides built-in network connectivity, allowing the TB9400 to join with other TB9400 base stations to form a channel group. This network supports voice-over-IP and remote management of all base stations via a web browser.

1.1 Features

The following are some of the features of the base station:

- Fully compliant with the P25 Common Air Interface. Can therefore interoperate with any similarly compliant radios.
- Supports P25 Phase 1 operation with either C4FM or LSM modulation on the transmitter
- Supports P25 Phase 2 operation.
- Analog conventional repeater operation.
- Analog conventional simulcast operation on an IP backbone requiring no audio calibration or training.
- Integrated built-in voting facility. No external voter is needed.
- Can be completely managed remotely from a PC running a web browser: configuration, alarm monitoring, fault diagnosis, feature and firmware upgrades. Alarms can also be reported via SNMP traps, allowing integration with an SNMP-based network management system.
- An integrated wiring solution is provided for the system control bus and DC power connections to each module in the subrack.
- Reciters (receiver/exciter modules) can be replaced without affecting the operation of other reciters in the same subrack.
- Rugged construction with generous heatsinks and fan-forced cooling for continuous operation from -22°F to $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$ (-30°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$).

1.2 Modules

The base station consists of a subrack with up to two transmit/receive channels, or up to four receive-only channels.

- ① Receive-only base stations are currently available for operation only on B3 band (148MHz to 174MHz), H1 band (400MHz to 440MHz), H2 band (440MHz to 480MHz), H3 band (470MHz to 520MHz), and K4 band (762MHz to 870MHz)¹.

The single PMU (power management unit) supplies and manages power to the whole subrack (refer to [“Theory of Operation” on page 22](#)). One reciter and one PA (power amplifier) are needed for each transmit/receive channel. The PA is not required for a receive-only base station. There is also a front panel with user controls and fans. The modules are interconnected at the front of the subrack. External connections to the modules are located at the rear.

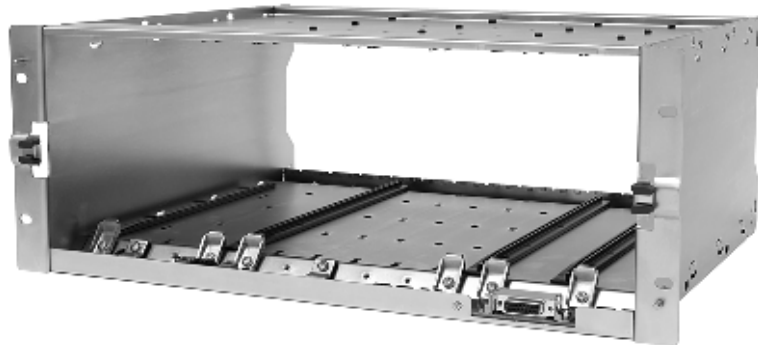
Modules come in different variants depending, for example, on the RF band or the supply voltage.

Each module is inserted into the 4U subrack from the front and is secured at the front with a metal clamp. Both clamp and module are easily removed for rapid module replacement. The modules are secured laterally with plastic guides that clip into the top and bottom of the subrack. These guides can be easily repositioned to change the configuration of a subrack. The heavier modules are also secured laterally by metal tabs at the rear of the subrack.

The following provides a brief description of the available modules.

Subrack

The 4U subrack is made of passivated steel and is designed to fit into a standard 19 inch rack or cabinet. The subrack is fitted with an interconnect board that connects the system control bus and power to the modules and front panel. The position of a module in the subrack is defined by the socket on the subrack interconnect board to which the module is connected by the system control bus.



1. Refer to [“Frequency Bands and Sub-bands” on page 18](#).

Front Panel

The front panel is mounted onto the subrack with two quick-release fasteners. It incorporates the indicator LEDs, four-line LCD display, user controls, ambient temperature sensor and cooling fans.

The indicator LEDs allow some monitoring of the operational status of the base station. The user controls and display allow the technician to configure the IP address of each module. Refer to “[Front Panel](#)” on page 39 for more information.



- ① The base stations have different front panel ducting arrangements depending on PA type and power. Front panels may not be interchangeable.
- ① The microphone input and speaker are not used in this release of the TB9400.

Reciter

The reciter module comprises the receiver, exciter and digital control circuitry. The reciter provides the Ethernet interface and system inputs and outputs.

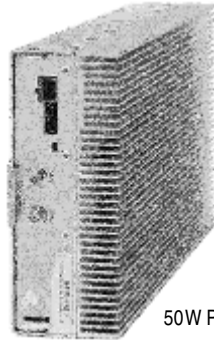
Receiver modules (receive-only reciters) are not fitted with the transmit circuitry or front panel SMA connectors, and are physically unable to transmit.



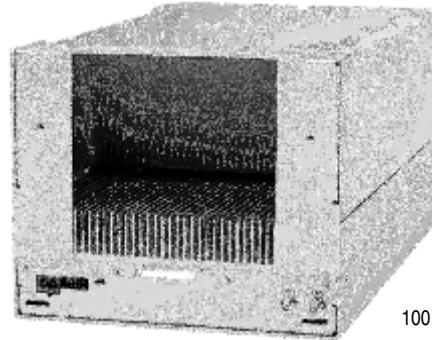
Power Amplifier

The PA amplifies the RF output from the reciter and is available in 50W and 100W models.

The 50W model mounts vertically in the subrack, while the 100W model mounts horizontally as it has a wider heatsink. The 100W PA is also fitted with an airflow duct.



50W PA



100W PA

Both models are designed to operate on the 28VDC output provided by the PMU. PAs are not required in a receive-only base station.

Power Management Unit

The PMU provides the 28VDC power supply for the modules in the subrack. It can operate on 120/230VAC 50/60Hz nominal, and 12, 24 or 48VDC nominal. The input voltage can be AC, DC, or both AC and DC, depending on the model. The PMU also has an auxiliary DC output of 13.65VDC, 27.3VDC, or 54.6VDC, depending on the model.



AC and DC PMU shown

1.3 Mechanical Assembly

This section illustrates the main mechanical components of the base station.

Figure 1.1 below shows the configuration for a typical dual 50W base station. The subrack has six slots, numbered from right to left as viewed from the front of the subrack. The PMU occupies slots 5 and 6, with the reciter and PA pairs to the right of it in slots 1 to 4. Each PA is mounted vertically with its heatsink facing its associated reciter. The PMU and each reciter/PA pair have their own cooling fans.

The front panel can be easily removed from the subrack by undoing two quick-release fasteners. Refer to “[Replacing Modules](#)” on page 106 for more details.

Figure 1.1 Mechanical assembly - dual 50W base station with front panel

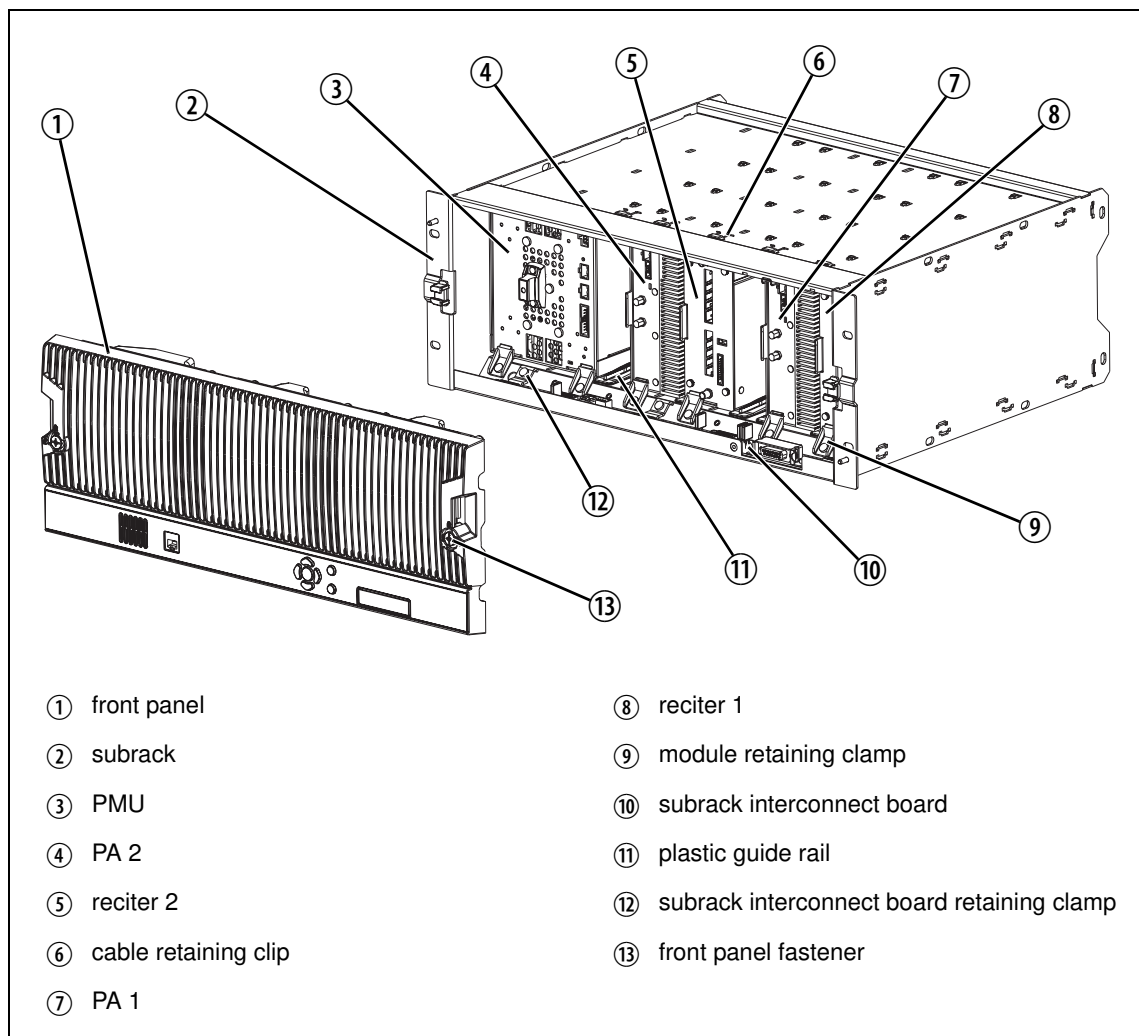


Figure 1.2 below shows the configuration for a typical single 50W base station. The PMU again occupies slots 5 and 6, with the reciter in slot 1 and PA in slot 2. The PA is mounted vertically with its heatsink facing the reciter. The PMU and the reciter/PA pair have their own cooling fans.

Figure 1.2 Mechanical assembly - single 50W base station

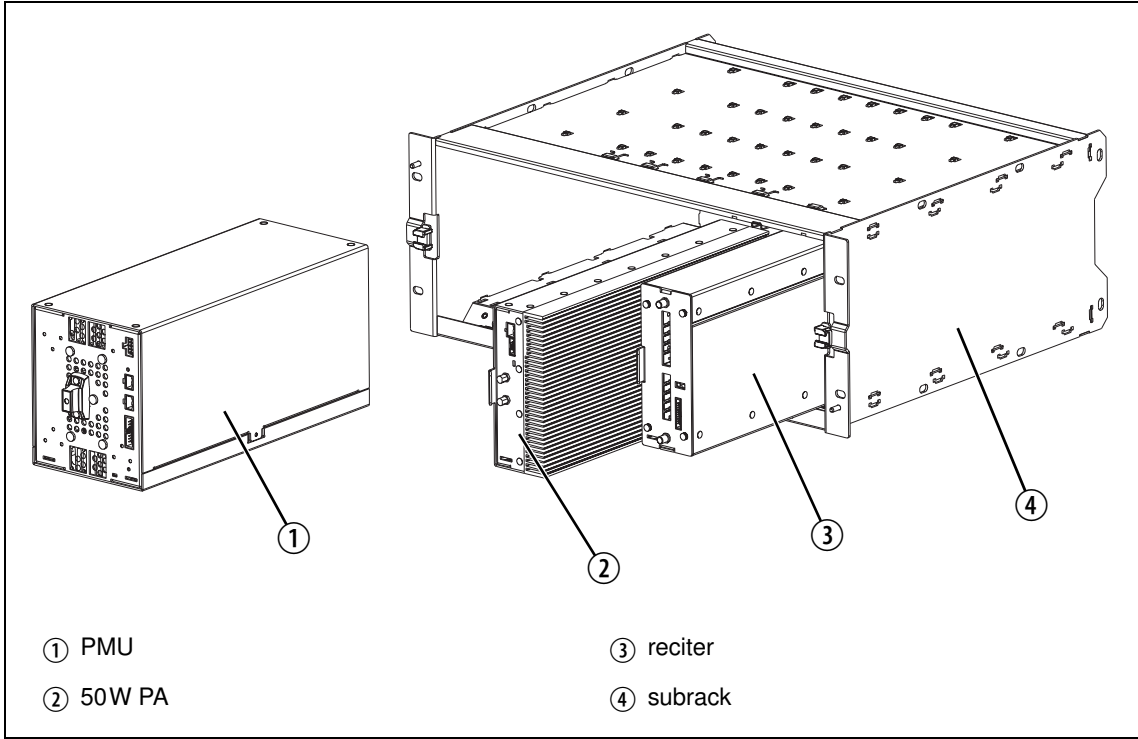
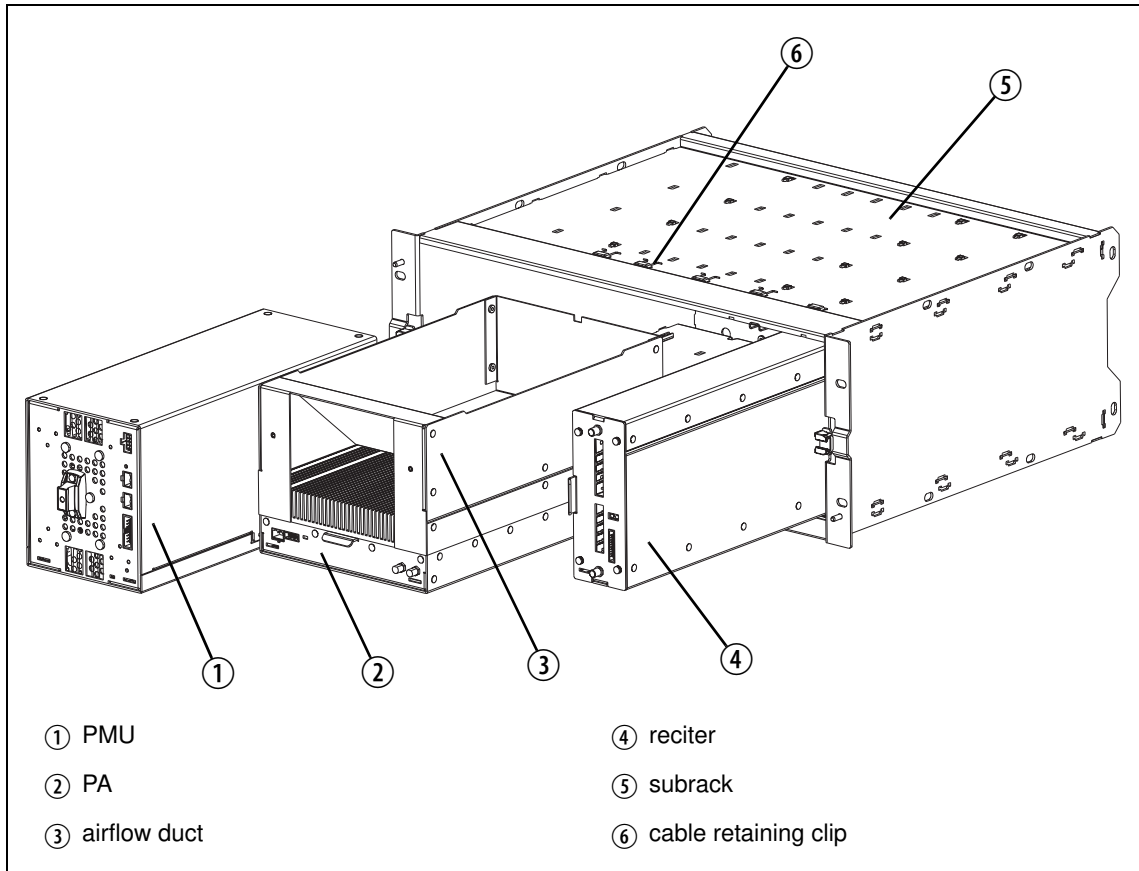


Figure 1.3 below shows the configuration for a typical 100 W base station. The PMU occupies slots 5 and 6, with the PA directly beside it in slots 3 and 4. The reciter occupies slot 1. Unlike the 50 W PAs, the 100 W PA is mounted horizontally with the heatsink facing upwards. It is also fitted with an airflow duct to channel the airflow from the cooling fan through the heatsink fins.

Figure 1.3 Mechanical assembly - single 100W base station



1.4 Frequency Bands and Sub-bands

Much of the circuitry in the base station is common to all frequency bands, and is therefore covered by a single description in this manual. In some cases the descriptions refer to specific bands or sub-bands, and these are identified with the letters listed in the following table.

Frequency Identification	Frequency Band and Sub-band	50W	100W	Receive-only
B band	B3 = 148MHz to 174MHz	✓	✓	✓
H band	HH = 378MHz to 420MHz	✗	✓	✗
	H1 = 400MHz to 440MHz	✓	✓	✓
	H2 = 440MHz to 480MHz	✓	✓	✓
	H3 = 470MHz to 520MHz	✓	✓	✓
K band	K4 = 762 MHz to 870MHz ^a	✓	✓	✓

a. The actual frequency coverage in this band is:

Transmit: 762MHz to 776MHz, and 850MHz to 870MHz

Receive: 792MHz to 824MHz

In Brazil, for K band, the TB9400 is considered to be configured as a base station with retransmission of received signals.

1.5 Applications

The TB9400 operates in P25 trunked networks (Phase 1 or Phase 2), P25 conventional networks and analog conventional networks. It operates as a stand-alone repeater/base station, or as part of a channel group, providing receiver voting and simulcast transmission. All air interfaces and system types support simulcast operation.

In P25 Phase 2 operation, a single TB9400 base station can provide two traffic channels, since each radio frequency (physical channel) provides two logical channels (timeslots). However, it can provide only one control channel, since control channels are still P25 Phase 1.

In a trunked simulcast network, the transmitters in the channel group are synchronized and transmit simultaneously on the same frequency. Each transmitter needs a highly accurate 1 PPS pulse and an external frequency reference, so that it can time transmissions with the required accuracy. Also required is an NTP source that is derived from the same source as the 1 PPS signal. This will ensure a common timestamp in logs across all units in the system. An external frequency reference, along with an NTP source and 1 PPS signal derived from the same GPS source, are also essential for all reciters for P25 Phase 2 operation.

In a P25 conventional network, the TB9400 operates as a single or wide area conventional repeater, with receiver voting and optional simulcast. Dispatch connection is via the Tait P25 Console Gateway, supporting conversion between P25 and analog consoles with MDC1200 signalling.

In an analog conventional network it can operate as a repeater with CTCSS¹ or DCS subaudible signaling.

The base station can also operate as part of an analog conventional simulcast network and is fully IP-connected. The base station also features an internally integrated voter, and therefore requires no external voter.

The base station can be provided as a receive-only variant in systems that need sites to enhance the receive coverage. The receiver module in a receive-only base station is physically unable to transmit.


The base station can be configured for Shared Channel operation, to detect interference on the uplink, as long as the site controller is compatible.

For more information on these applications, refer to the Help and appropriate Tait System Manual.

1. Private Line (PL).

1.6 Licenses

Some operational functions of the base station are controlled by licenses. These functions will not work unless you purchase the appropriate feature license and enable the feature set controlled by that license. The feature sets currently available are listed below.

 The central voter and satellite licences listed below are alternatives.

Analog Air Interface (TBAS041 - Default Licence)	This is the licence that accompanies the base station. A base station with this license can operate as a repeater in an analog conventional network.
P25 Common Air Interface (TBAS050)	Allows the base station to go into Online mode. Base stations are always provided with this license.
P25 Trunking Operation (TBAS056)	Allows the base station to participate in Trunking Operation. Without this feature, the base station cannot provide a control or a status connection to a trunking site controller and it cannot function as a control or traffic channel.
Digital Fixed Station Interface (TBAS060)	Allows the base station to integrate with dispatch consoles supporting DFSI (Digital Fixed Station Interface).
Central Voter (TBAS061)	P25 and analog. This feature allows a base station to act as a central voter.
Simulcast (TBAS062)	This feature is required in base stations that have transmitters and belong to a P25 Phase 1 simulcast or analog simulcast network ¹ . It is also required in the central voter of a simulcast channel. ²
Linear Simulcast Modulation (TBAS065)	P25 only. Allows the base station to transmit using the LSM modulation scheme ¹ . This scheme allows increased site separation in simulcast networks. Also requires the Simulcast license (TBAS062).
P25 Trunking Failsoft (TBAS063)	Allows trunked channels that become isolated from a site controller to perform simple conventional operation and to interface to a digital dispatch system. If a trunked channel consists of several base stations in a channel group, only the central voter (normally the master) needs this license. It is then able to become the failsoft repeater for that channel group.

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1. Not needed for receive-only base stations.
 2. The central voter in a simulcast channel needs the respective Phase 1 or Phase 2 simulcast license. Normally, a transceiver member of a simulcast channel will have a simulcast license, so this constraint should not be an issue.

**P25 Phase 2
Trunking
(TBAS066)**

This feature allows the base station to operate in trunking mode using two-slot TDMA as defined by the P25 Phase 2 standards.

**P25 Phase 2
Simulcast
(TBAS069)**

This feature is required in base stations that have transmitters and belong to a P25 Phase 2 simulcast network¹. It is also required in the central voter of a P25 Phase 2 simulcast channel². Also requires the P25 Phase 2 Trunking (TBAS066) and Simulcast (TBAS062) licenses. Tait also recommends adding the Linear Simulcast Modulation (TBAS065) license as it provides improved RF performance.

**IP Networking
Satellite
(TBAS071)**

All system types and all air interface types. This feature allows a base station to be part of a channel group without requiring the Central Voter (TBAS061) license.

Table 1.1 Licenses and applicability

Licence	Name	Air Interface	System Type
TBAS041	Analog Air Interface	Analog	Conventional
TBAS060	Digital Fixed Station Interface	Analog & P25 Phase 1	Conventional
TBAS061	Central Voter	Analog & P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked, Conventional
TBAS071	IP Networking Satellite	Analog & P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked, Conventional
TBAS062	Simulcast	Analog & P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked, Conventional
TBAS050	P25 Common Air Interface	P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked, Conventional
TBAS065	Linear Simulcast Modulation	P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked, Conventional
TBAS056	P25 Trunking Operation	P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked
TBAS063	P25 Trunking Failsoft	P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked
TBAS066	P25 Phase 2 Trunking	P25 Phase 1 & 2	Trunked
TBAS069	P25 Phase 2 Simulcast	P25 Phase 2	Trunked

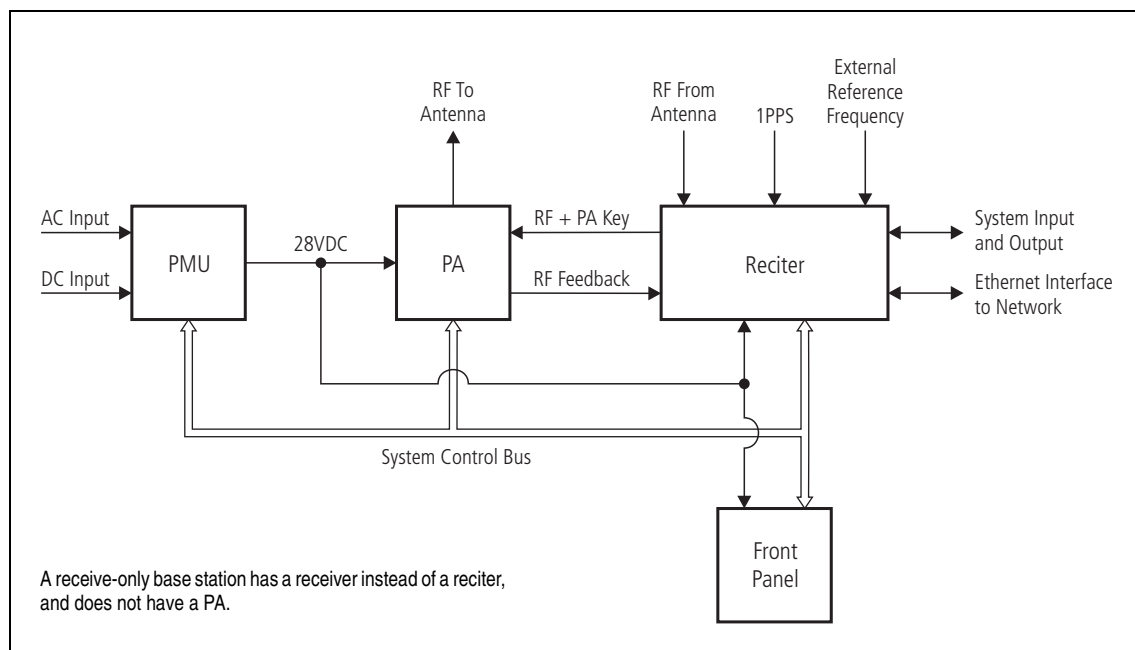
1.7 Theory of Operation

The reciter receives RF signals from its RF input and sends RF from its RF output to the PA, along with a PA key signal. The PA sends an RF feedback signal to the reciter for linearization and power control purposes. The reciter also receives signals from, and sends signals to, the system interface, the Ethernet interface, and the front panel (see [Figure 1.4](#)).

A system control bus interconnects the modules and carries alarm and control signaling between the reciter and the other modules (refer to [“Intermodule Communications”](#) on page 25 for more details).

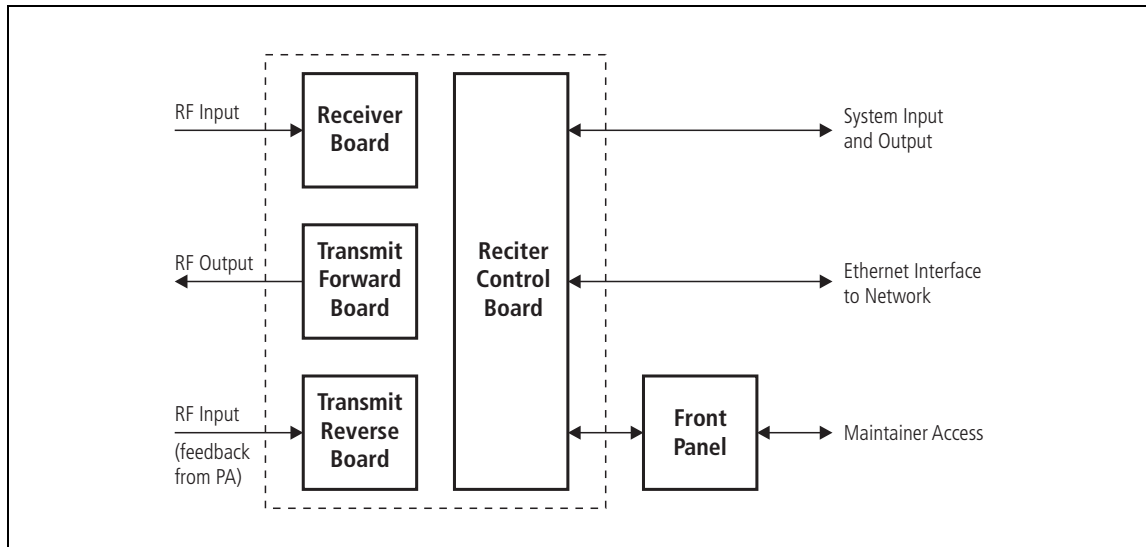
The Ethernet interface carries voice over IP and also allows maintainer access via a web browser.

Figure 1.4 Base station high-level diagram



The reciter carries out signal processing and has overall control of the base station. Its circuit boards are shown in [Figure 1.5](#).

Figure 1.5 Reciter boards



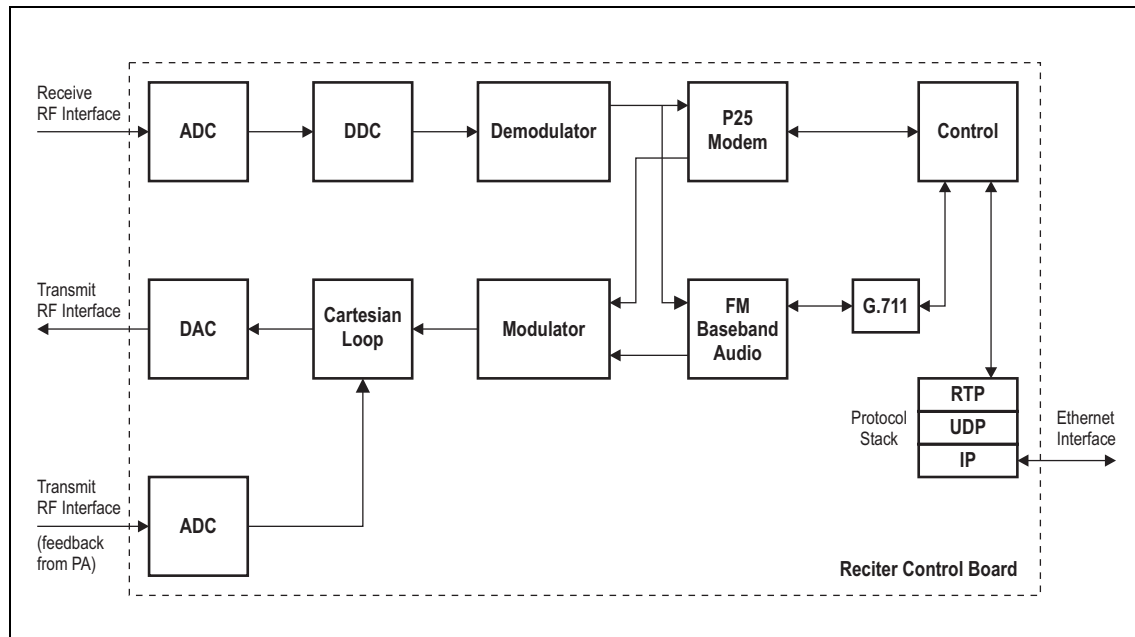
The receiver board contains all the receiver circuitry, while the exciter circuitry is located on the transmit forward board.

The reciter control board converts information between analog and digital and controls the maintainer's access via the front panel. It performs the air interface signal processing for digital P25 operation, gives the base station an identity as a network element, and provides the physical connections for the Ethernet and system interfaces.

1.7.1 Signal Paths

Figure 1.6 gives an overview of signal paths within the reciter.

Figure 1.6 Reciter signal paths



Digital P25 signals from the receive RF interface pass through the digital receiver and P25 modem to the control software in the control processor. The control software passes the signal through the Ethernet interface to the site controller (P25 trunked networks), to the console gateway (conventional networks), or for a satellite, to the central voter in a simulcast system.

Input to the Ethernet interface can be from the site controller (P25 trunked networks), from the console gateway (conventional networks), or from the central voter in a simulcast system. These inputs are processed by the control processor and passed through the P25 modem to the transmitter. If the base station is itself a central voter, this input can also be a received signal, which is voted on and sent back through the Ethernet interface to the site controller.

1.7.2 Online and Offline Modes

The base station normally operates in Online mode, but you can put it into Offline mode via its web interface.

Online Mode

In Online mode, the base station performs its normal functions.

Offline Mode

Some procedures, such as activating firmware or running certain diagnostic tests, require the base station to be in Offline mode. This takes the base

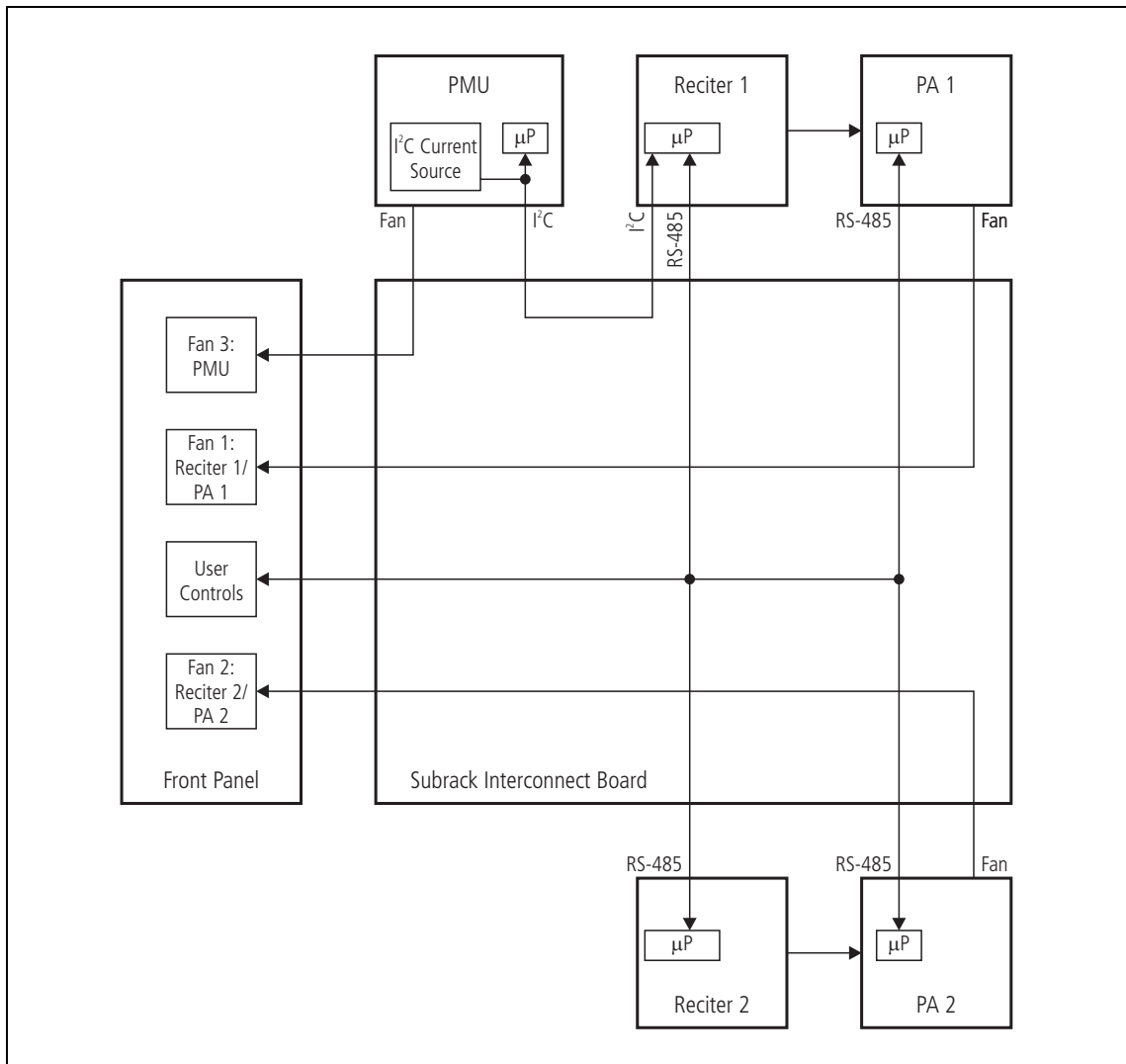
station out of service. However, the front panel is still operational and can be used in the normal way.

1.7.3 Intermodule Communications

A system control bus and a subrack interconnect board link the modules in the subrack and carry alarm and control signaling between the reciter and the other modules, as shown in Figure 1.7.

Specific configuration settings for dual base stations are described in “Recommended Configuration Settings” on page 59.

Figure 1.7 Intermodule communication paths



1.7.4 Power Management and Distribution

The PMU manages the supply of power to ensure uninterrupted operation of the base station. A range of parameters is monitored and these can trigger alarms that are sent to the reciter. Alarms can be monitored via the web interface and reported via SNMP traps; they are also recorded in the reciter's internal log file.

AC to DC Changeover

When the PMU has an AC and a DC module, the base station can be powered by either the AC (mains) or the DC (battery) supply. The base station will default to the AC supply if both supplies are provided. If the AC supply becomes unavailable, a seamless changeover from the AC to DC supply takes place, providing that the battery voltage is above the configured minimum startup voltage. You can use a web browser to check whether the base station is running on battery or mains power.

DC Operation

When the base station is running off the DC supply and the battery voltage falls below the configured minimum, the base station will enter battery protection mode to protect the battery and base station equipment. The standby power supply card maintains the power to the PMU microprocessor, while the rest of the PMU is shut down. When the battery voltage rises to the configured startup setting, power is resumed to the DC supply. Refer to [“PMU Operation on DC Input” on page 28](#) for more detailed information.

Auxiliary Power Control

The output from the auxiliary power supply board can be used to power other site equipment. The maximum output is 40 W.

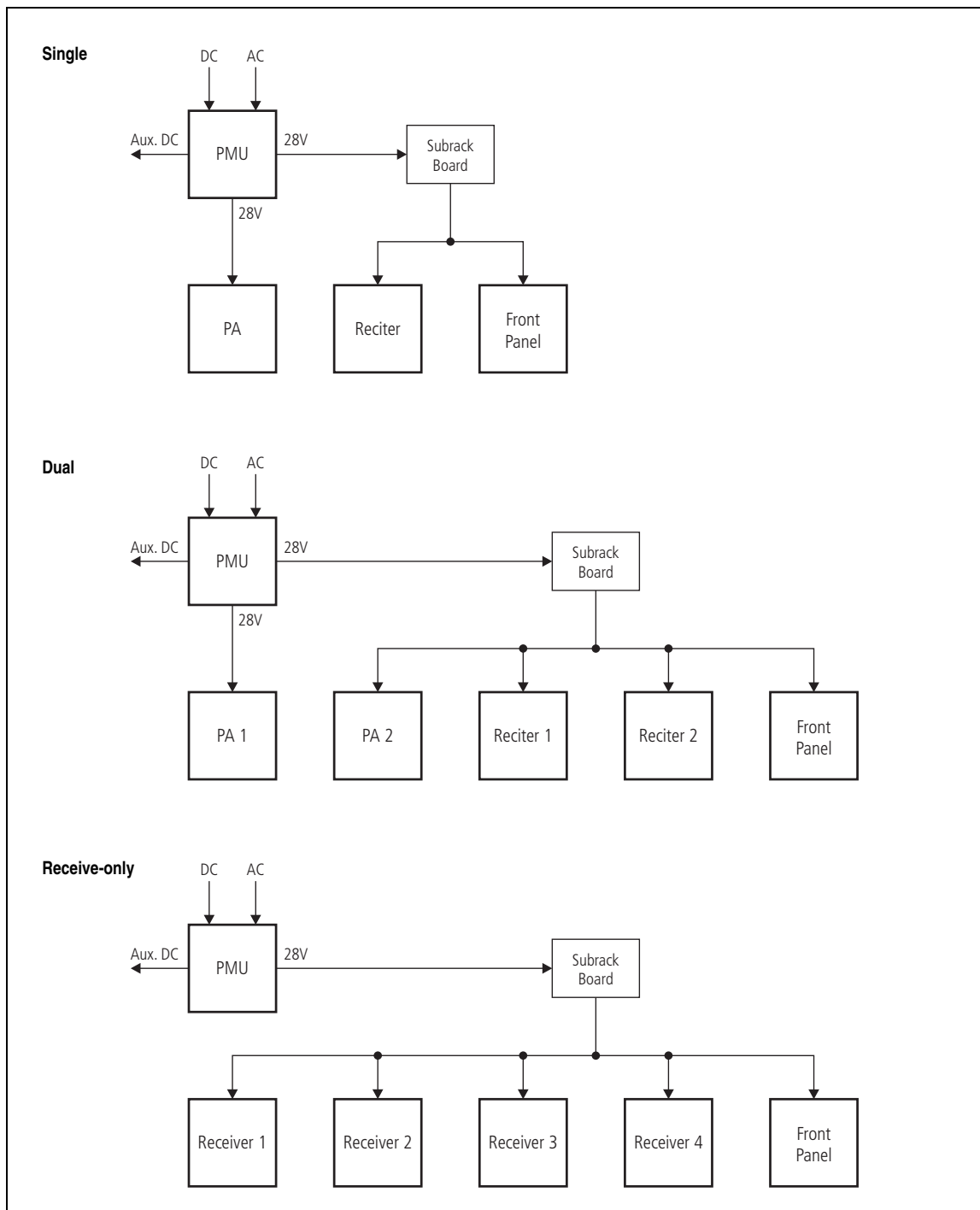
Distribution

[Figure 1.8](#) shows how power is distributed to modules in the subrack. The 28 VDC output from the PMU is fed directly to the PA in a single base station, or directly to PA 1 in a dual base station, and to the other modules via the subrack interconnect board. Power to the reciters and front panel is current-limited by self-resetting fuses on the subrack board.

The AC converter has a series switch which breaks the phase input to the converter. The DC input, however, has much higher current ratings. Its switch does not disconnect power from the DC converter itself, but disables the converter by switching off its control circuitry.

The outputs from both the AC and DC high power converters are added together and fed to the modules via the high-current outputs. The auxiliary output is also tapped off this summed output.

Figure 1.8 Subrack power distribution



1.7.5 PMU Operation on DC Input

The operation of the PMU on DC input is controlled by three sets of parameters:

- user-programmable alarms
- user-programmable startup and shutdown limits
- battery protection limits

The voltage range for each of these parameters is provided in [Table 1.2 on page 29](#). [Figure 1.9 on page 30](#) illustrates how these parameters interact, and how they control the operation of the PMU over a range of DC input voltages.

Alarms

User-programmable alarms can be set for low or high battery voltage (Configure > Alarms > Thresholds). The alarms will be triggered when the set voltage levels are reached. These limits are subject to the tolerances of the battery protection circuitry, as stated in “Battery Protection (Fail-safe) Limits” in [Table 1.2](#).

Startup and Shutdown Limits

The user-programmable startup and shutdown limits allow for adjustable startup and shutdown voltages (Configure > Base Station > Miscellaneous). These limits can be adjusted for different numbers of battery cells, or for the particular requirements of the base station operation. Once the limits are reached, the PMU will shut down. These limits are subject to the tolerances of the battery protection circuitry, as stated in “Battery Protection (Fail-safe) Limits” in [Table 1.2](#).

Notice It is possible to set the startup voltage of the base station below the nominal voltage of the battery. Continuing to use a battery for extended periods when it is below its nominal voltage will severely shorten its service life. For more information on battery management, we recommend that you consult the battery manufacturer.

Battery Protection Limits

The battery protection limits are set in hardware at the factory, and cannot be adjusted by the user. These limits will not be reached under normal operation conditions, but are provided as “fail-safe” measures to protect the battery from deep discharge. They also remove the need for low-voltage disconnect modules.

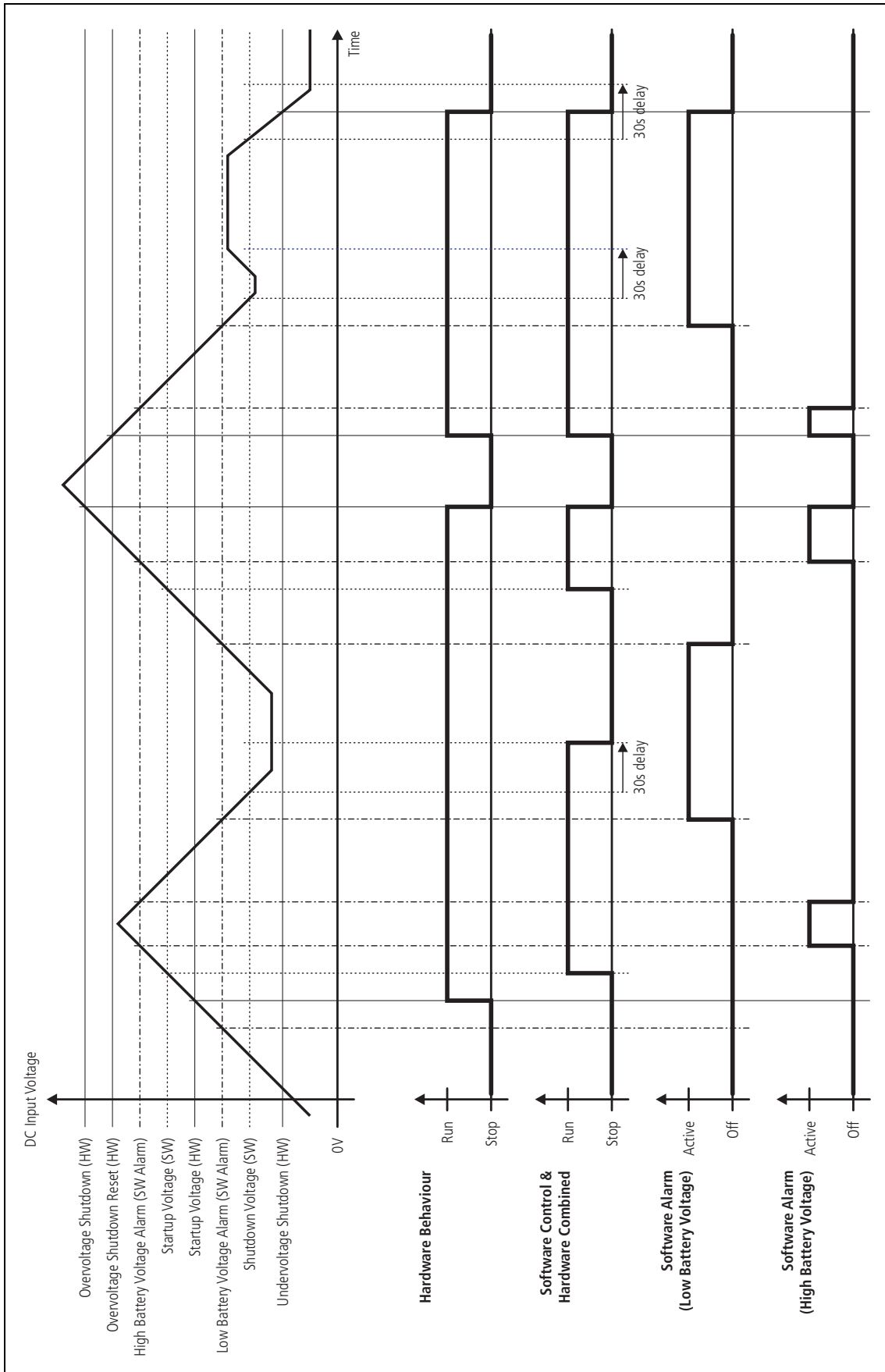
Table 1.2 PMU DC voltage limits^a

Parameter	Voltage Range		
	12V PMU	24V PMU	48V PMU
User-programmable Alarms ^b			
Low Battery Voltage	10V to 14V	20V to 28V	40V to 56V
High Battery Voltage	14V to 17.5V	28V to 35V	56V to 70V
User-programmable Limits ^b			
Startup Voltage (after shutdown)	10.9V to 15V \pm 0.3V	21.8V to 30V \pm 0.5V	43.6V to 60V \pm 1V
Shutdown Voltage	10V to 13.5V \pm 0.3V	20V to 27V \pm 0.5V	40V to 54V \pm 1V
Battery Protection (Fail-safe) Limits			
Startup Voltage	10.8V \pm 0.2V	21.6V \pm 0.5V	43.2V \pm 1V
Undervoltage Shutdown	9.5V \pm 0.3V	19V \pm 0.5V	38V \pm 1V
Overvoltage Shutdown	18.1V \pm 0.3V	36.2V \pm 0.5V	72.4V \pm 1V
Overvoltage Shutdown Reset	17.1V \pm 0.3V	34.2V \pm 0.5V	68.4V \pm 1V

a. The information in this table is extracted from the Specifications Manual. Refer to the latest issue of this manual for the most up-to-date and complete PMU specifications.

b. Using the base station's web interface.


Figure 1.9 PMU alarm thresholds and voltage limits when operating on DC



1.7.6 Front Panel Fans

The front panel is equipped with three fans. One fan is for the PMU, and the other two are for the reciter/PA pairs in a 50W base station, or for the PA and reciter in a 100 W base station, or for the receivers in a receive-only base station (refer to “[Appendix C – Identifying Front Panels](#)” on [page 122](#)). Front panel fans do not operate continuously, but are switched on and off as needed. The PMU and PA control their own fan. Reciters request the front panel to turn on their fan. The reciter in slot 1 can also carry out a fan test on all three fans.

Front panel fans are 3-wire fans (power, ground, and rotation detect). The reciter can monitor whether the fans are rotating and generate an alarm if any of the fans fail.

-  The fans turn on for the duration of time the base station takes to boot from power up. The fans also turn on for a few seconds after the front panel is refitted to a base station that is powered up.

Configuring Fan Control

The operation of the PA fan is configurable via the web interface; you can specify the threshold temperature at which the fan will be turned on, and set the fan to operate only when the PA is transmitting.

Notice If a fan is not operational, the fan alarm will only be raised when the fan is turned on, not at system start-up. To avoid discovering a fan fault after leaving the site, Tait recommends running a diagnostics fan test.

The PMU fan has fixed on/off thresholds and a defined set of duty cycles based on the PMU temperature and load current, as described in the following table.

PMU Temperature	Current	Fan Duty Cycle
< 149°F (65°C)	< 4A 4A–6A 6A–8A 8A–12A 12A–14A ≥ 15A	always off 2 minutes on, 8 minutes off 2 minutes on, 5 minutes off 3 minutes on, 3 minutes off 4 minutes on, 1 minute off always on
> 149°F (65°C)	—	always on

2 General Safety and Regulatory Information

This chapter provides general information on safety precautions for operating the base station.

2.1 Personal Safety

2.1.1 Unpacking and Moving the Equipment

To prevent personal injury and equipment damage, we recommend that two people unpack and move the equipment.



Caution A subrack complete with modules can weigh up to 55lb (25kg), or up to 62lb (28kg) complete with packaging. We recommend that you have another person help you unpack and move the equipment. The TBAA03-16 carrying handles will make it easier to move the equipment once it has been unpacked. If necessary, remove the modules from the subrack before moving it (refer to [“Replacing Modules” on page 106](#)). In all cases follow safe lifting practices.

2.1.2 Lethal Voltages



Warning The PMU contains voltages that may be lethal. Refer to the ratings label on the rear of the module.

The equipment must be installed so that the rear of the PMU is located in a service access area which is accessible only by qualified personnel. The PMU must be connected to the mains supply source by qualified personnel in accordance with local and national regulations.

Disconnect the mains IEC connector and wait for five minutes for the internal voltages to self-discharge before dismantling. The AC power on/off switch does not isolate the PMU from the mains. It breaks only the phase circuit, not the neutral.

The PMU should be serviced only by qualified technicians. There are no user-replaceable parts inside. If the PMU is damaged and does not function properly, stop the module safely and contact your regional Tait office immediately.

All servicing should be carried out only when the PMU is powered through a mains isolating transformer of sufficient rating.

2.1.3 AC Power Connection

English (en)	The PMU must be connected to a grounded mains socket-outlet.
Norsk (no)	Apparatet må tilkoples jordet stikkontakt.
Suomi (fi)	Laite on liitettävä suojamaadoitus-koskettimilla varustettuun pistorasiaan.
Svenska (sv)	Apparaten skall anslutas till jordat uttag.

2.1.4 Explosive Environments



Warning Do not operate the equipment near electrical blasting caps or in an explosive atmosphere. Operating the equipment in these environments is a definite safety hazard.

2.1.5 High Temperatures

Take care when handling a PMU or PA which has been operating recently. Under extreme operating conditions (+140°F [+60°C] ambient air temperature) or high duty cycles, the external surfaces of the PMU and PA can reach temperatures of up to +176°F (+80°C).

2.1.6 LED Safety (EN60825-1)

This equipment contains Class 1 LED Products.

2.1.7 Proximity to RF Transmissions / A proximité des émissions RF

To comply with the RF Field Limits for Devices Used by the General Public for (Uncontrolled Environment)^a, a safe separation distance of at least 12 feet (3.6 metres) from the antenna system should be maintained.

This figure is calculated for a typical installation, employing one 100 W base station transmitter. Other configurations, including installations at multi-transmitter sites, must be installed so that they comply with the relevant RF exposure standards.

- a. Reference Standards
Health Canada's Safety Code 6: *Limits of Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy in the Frequency Range from 3kHz to 300GHz*
USA Federal Communications Commission OET bulletin 65 (47CFR 1.1310)
IEEE C95.1 2005: *Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3kHz to 300GHz*

Pour respecter les limites imposées au champ RF au niveau des équipements utilisés par le grand public (environnement non contrôlé)^a, une distance de séparation de sécurité d'au moins 3.6 mètres du bloc d'antenne devrait être observée.

Ce nombre est calculé pour une installation typique, ayant un émetteur de station de base de 100 W. D'autres configurations, incluant les installations ayant des sites de plusieurs émetteurs, doivent être installées de façon à se conformer aux normes pertinentes des expositions RF.

- a. Normes de référence
Code de sécurité 6 de Santé Canada: *Limites d'exposition humaine à l'énergie électromagnétique radioélectrique dans la gamme de fréquences de 3kHz à 300GHz*
Commission fédérale des communications (FCC) des Etats Unis d'Amérique bulletin OET numéro 65 (47CFR 1.1310)
IEEE C95.1 2005: *Norme pour les niveaux de sécurité compatibles avec l'exposition des personnes aux champs électromagnétiques de radiofréquence 3kHz à 300GHz*

2.2 Equipment Safety

2.2.1 Installation and Servicing Personnel

The equipment should be installed and serviced only by qualified personnel.

2.2.2 Preventing Damage to the PA

The base station has been designed to operate safely under a wide range of antenna loading conditions. Transmitting into a low VSWR will maximize the power delivered to the antenna.

Notice Do not remove the load from the PA while it is transmitting.

Load transients (switching or removing the load) can damage the PA output stage. See “[Connecting RF](#)” on page 75 for recommendations.

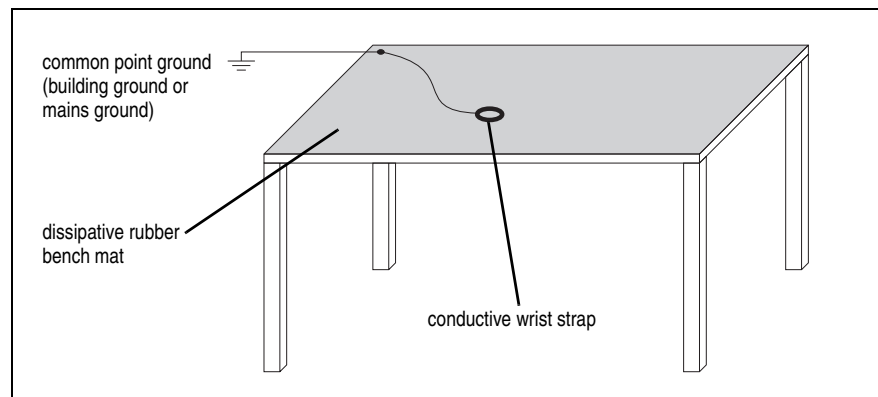
2.2.3 ESD Precautions

Notice This equipment contains devices which are susceptible to damage from static charges. You must handle these devices carefully and according to the procedures described in the manufacturers’ data books.

We recommend you purchase an antistatic bench kit from a reputable manufacturer and install and test it according to the manufacturer’s instructions. [Figure 2.1](#) shows a typical antistatic bench set-up.

You can obtain further information on antistatic precautions and the dangers of electrostatic discharge (ESD) from standards such as ANSI/ESD S20.20-1999 or BS EN 100015-4 1994.

Figure 2.1 Typical antistatic bench set-up



2.2.4 Anti-tampering Devices

All network elements should be physically secured, where possible. This includes the use of locked cabinets and the use of seals on connectors.

All network connectors should be sealed with the stick-on type of seal. The purpose of the seals is to detect unauthorized tampering. The seal should reveal if any of the connectors have been unplugged or if any unauthorized equipment has been plugged in.

The seals must be difficult to remove without breaking, and must bridge between the cable and equipment side (plug and socket) of the connection.

Seals must cover any unused network sockets. This includes the Ethernet connector on the rear panel, any spare switch ports, and the console port on the router and switch.

The seals must be difficult to reproduce. A sticker initialed or signed by the technician should satisfy this.

Seals must be replaced if they need to be disturbed during maintenance.

2.3 Environmental Conditions

2.3.1 Operating Temperature Range

The operating temperature range of the equipment is -22°F to $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$ (-30°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$) ambient temperature. Ambient temperature is defined as the temperature of the air at the intake to the cooling fans.

2.3.2 Humidity

The humidity should not exceed 95% relative humidity through the specified operating temperature range.

2.3.3 Dust and Dirt

For uncontrolled environments, the level of airborne particulates must not exceed $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

2.4 Regulatory Information

2.4.1 Distress Frequencies

The 406 to 406.1 MHz frequency range is reserved worldwide for use by Distress Beacons. Do **not** program transmitters to operate in this frequency range.

2.4.2 Compliance Standards

This equipment has been tested and approved to various national and international standards. Refer to the latest issue of the Specifications Manual for a complete list of these standards.

2.4.3 FCC Compliance

This equipment complies with:

- CFR Title 47 Part 15 Class B (except PMU):

Radiated and conducted emissions, and electromagnetic susceptibility specifications of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules for the United States.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- a. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- b. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

- CFR Title 47 Part 15 Class A (PMU only):

Radiated and conducted emissions, and electromagnetic susceptibility specifications of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules for the United States.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- a. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- b. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

2.4.4 Unauthorized Modifications

Any modifications you make to this equipment which are not authorized by Tait may invalidate your compliance authority's approval to operate the equipment.

The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

3 Operation

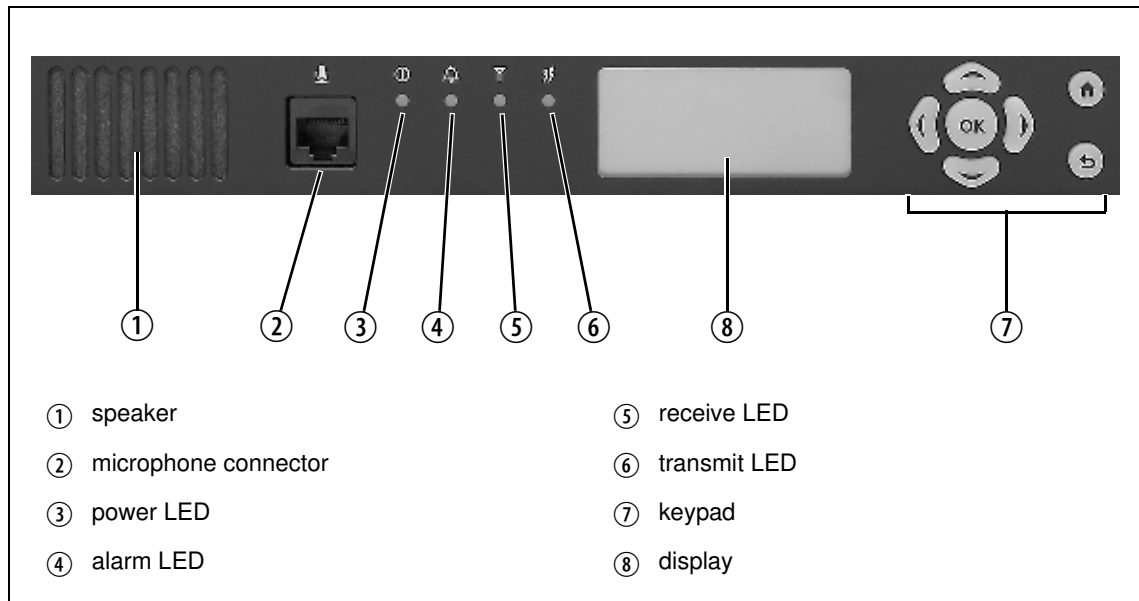
This section describes the user controls and indicator LEDs on the front panel and on the base station modules.

3.1 Front Panel

The user controls and indicator LEDs on the front panel are shown in [Figure 3.1](#). They allow some manual control over the base station and monitoring of its operational status.

Notice If there is more than one reciter in a subrack, inputs from all reciters are summed to drive the front panel LEDs.

Figure 3.1 Operating controls on the control panel



① ② **Speaker and Microphone Connector**

The speaker and microphone connector are not currently used.

③ **Power LED**



The green power LED is lit when power is supplied to the subrack.

④ **Alarm LED**



The red alarm LED will flash at a rate of 2 to 5 Hz when an alarm has been generated by any of the base station modules. It will continue to flash until the alarm is canceled or the fault is fixed. Note that only those alarms which are enabled using the web interface will cause this LED to flash.

LED	Description
Flashing	One or more faults are present.
On (steady)	A base station is in Offline mode, and no faults are present.
Off	A base station is in Online mode, and no faults are present.

⑤ **Receive LED**



The amber receive LED indicates whether the base station is receiving a valid RF signal (on one or both logical channels in P25 Phase 2 operation).

LED	Description
On (steady)	A base station is receiving a valid RF signal.
Off	A base station is not receiving a valid RF signal.

⑥ **Transmit LED**



The amber transmit LED is lit while the transmitter is transmitting.

⑦ **Keypad**

The keypad is used to navigate the base station's menus, enter text, and to adjust the contrast of the display. The complete list of menu items is provided in [“Menu Map” on page 42](#).

If required, the keypad can be disabled in the web interface to prevent access to the base station via the front panel menus (see [“Disabling the Front Panel Keypad” on page 100](#)).

Key	Name	Function
	left and right arrow keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Move the cursor to the left or right when entering text. Moving the cursor beyond the end of a line will return it to the other end of the same line. ■ Decrease or increase the contrast in the Display Contrast screen.
	scroll keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Scroll up and down through a list of menu items. ■ Scroll up and down through the list of available characters when entering text. ■ Increase or decrease the contrast in the Display Contrast screen.
	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Selects the highlighted menu item. ■ Confirms any adjustments made and exits to the previous menu. ■ When setting the IP address, moves the cursor down one line. When all the IP addresses are confirmed, exits to the previous menu.
	home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Returns to the home screen from any other menu.
	return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Returns to the previous menu. ■ Moves the cursor up one line in the IP address screen. When the top line is reached, pressing again returns to the previous menu.

Unlike a computer keyboard, the keys do not auto-repeat. Each action requires a separate key-press.

⑧ Display

The display is used in conjunction with the keypad to access the base station's menus. It allows the technician to configure the IP address of each reciter (refer to [“Setting the IP Address” on page 83](#)), and to set the contrast of the display (see below).

After the base station is powered up, the display shows “Please wait...” while the base station is starting up, followed by the home screen when the start-up process is complete. The home screen shows four lines of user-defined text, which can be entered via the web interface (Identity > Identity > Base Station Identity).

From the home screen press an arrow key, a scroll key or OK to go to the base station menu. The display returns to the home screen from any other screen 30 seconds after the last key press. Press any key to turn on the backlight. The backlight turns off 30 seconds after the last key press.

- ⑨ If the keypad has been disabled, pressing an arrow key, a scroll key or OK will cause the display to show “Keypad Disabled”.

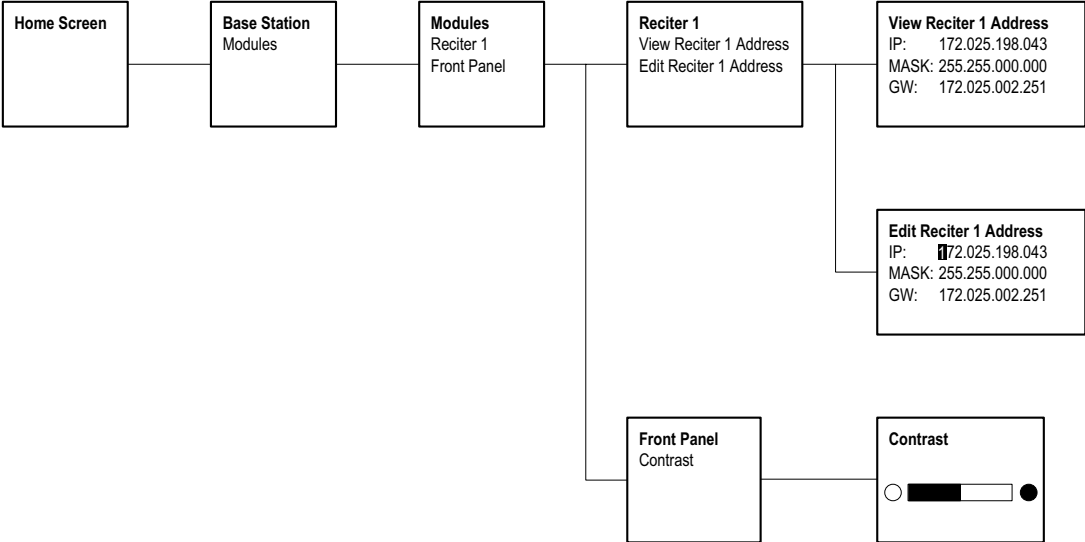
Set the display contrast as follows:

1. From the base station menu select Modules > Front Panel > Contrast.
2. To increase the contrast, press the right arrow or scroll up key. To decrease the contrast, press the left arrow or scroll down key.
3. When the contrast is set to the required level, press OK to save the changes and exit the menu.

Menu Map

The menu map below shows the menu items available in this release of the base station.

Notice The menu map shown is for a single base station. The menu items available in your base station will depend on which modules are present in the subrack, and whether the keypad has been disabled (refer to [“Disabling the Front Panel Keypad”](#) on page 100).



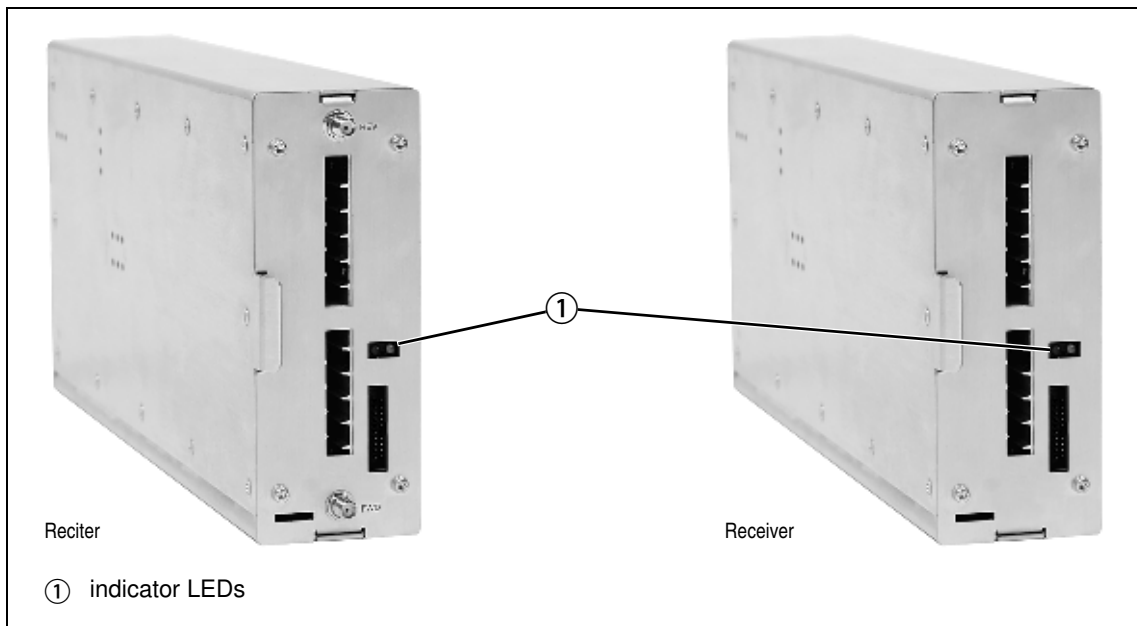
3.2 Module Indicator LEDs and Switches

Additional status information is displayed by LEDs in individual modules. The PMU also has switches that let you turn the AC and DC modules off.

3.2.1 Reciter and Receiver

Front View The indicator LEDs on the front of the reciter or receiver are visible through a slot in its front panel.

Figure 3.2 Indicator LEDs on the front of the reciter and receiver



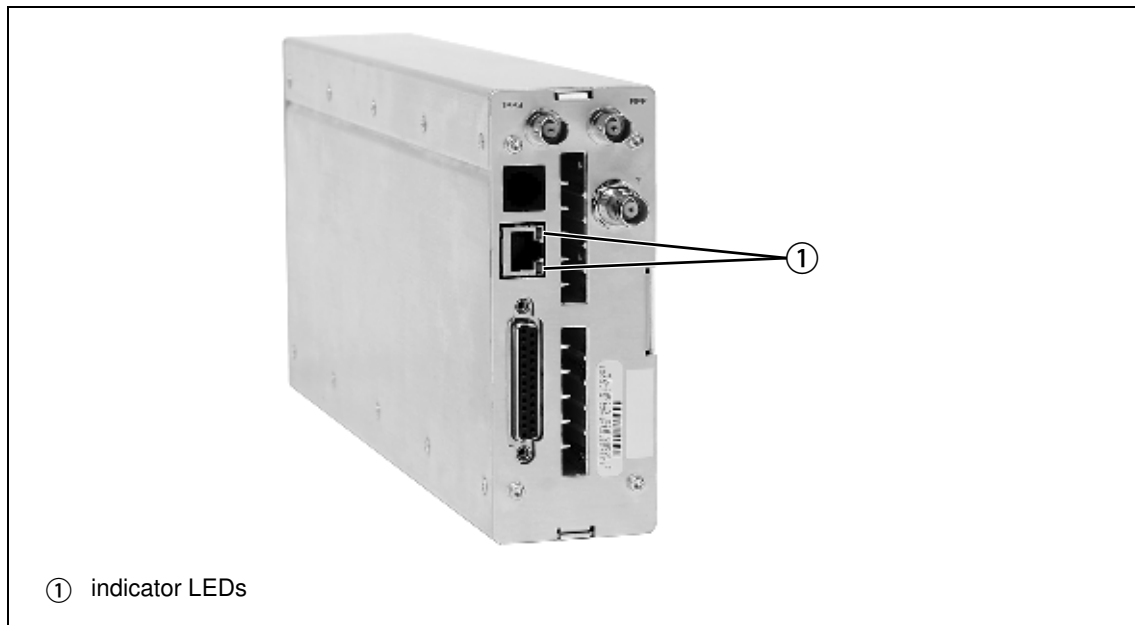
These LEDs provide the following information about the state of the reciter or receiver:

- steady green - the reciter or receiver is powered up
- flashing red - one or more alarms have been generated; you can use the web interface to find out more details about the alarms.

Rear View

The indicator LEDs on the rear of the reciter and receiver are on the Ethernet connector.

Figure 3.3 Indicator LEDs on the rear of the reciter and receiver



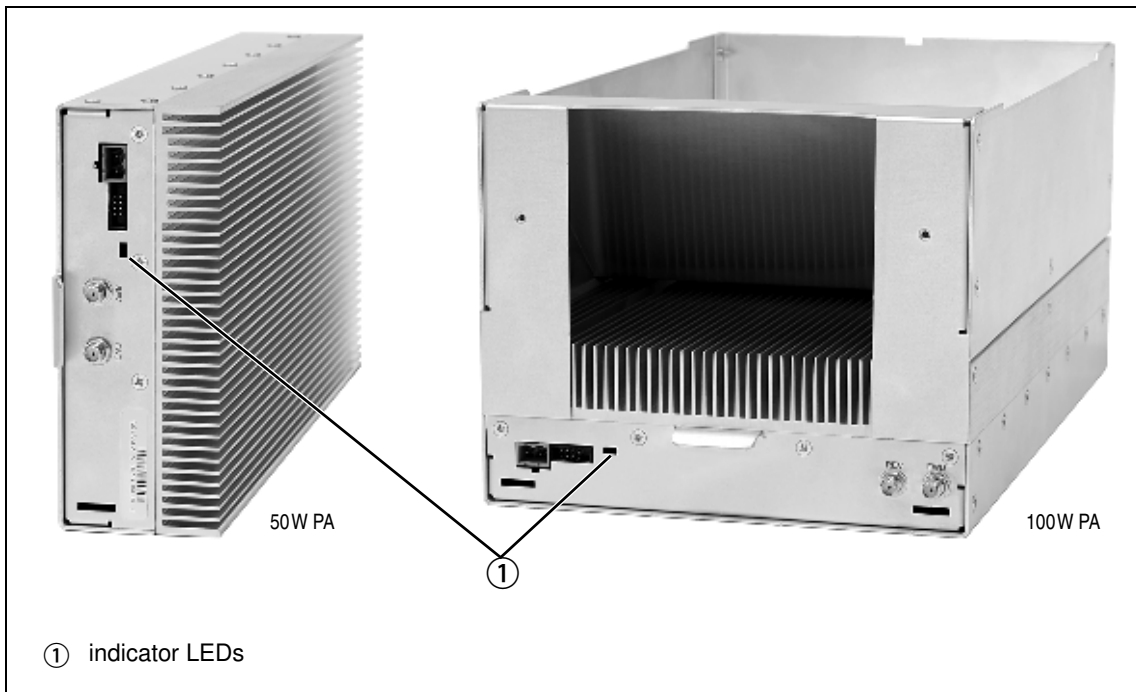
These LEDs provide the following information about the state of the reciter and receiver:

- steady amber - the Ethernet interface is connected
- flashing green - data is being transmitted across the Ethernet interface.

3.2.2 PA

The indicator LEDs on the PA are visible through a slot in its front panel.

Figure 3.4 Indicator LEDs on the PA



Indicator LEDs

These LEDs provide the following information about the state of the PA:

- steady green - the PA is powered up
- flashing green - the PA has no application firmware loaded or activated; you can use the web interface to download or activate the firmware; also see [“Preparing to Download Firmware” on page 100](#)
- flashing red - one or more alarms have been generated; you can use the web interface to find out more details about the alarms.

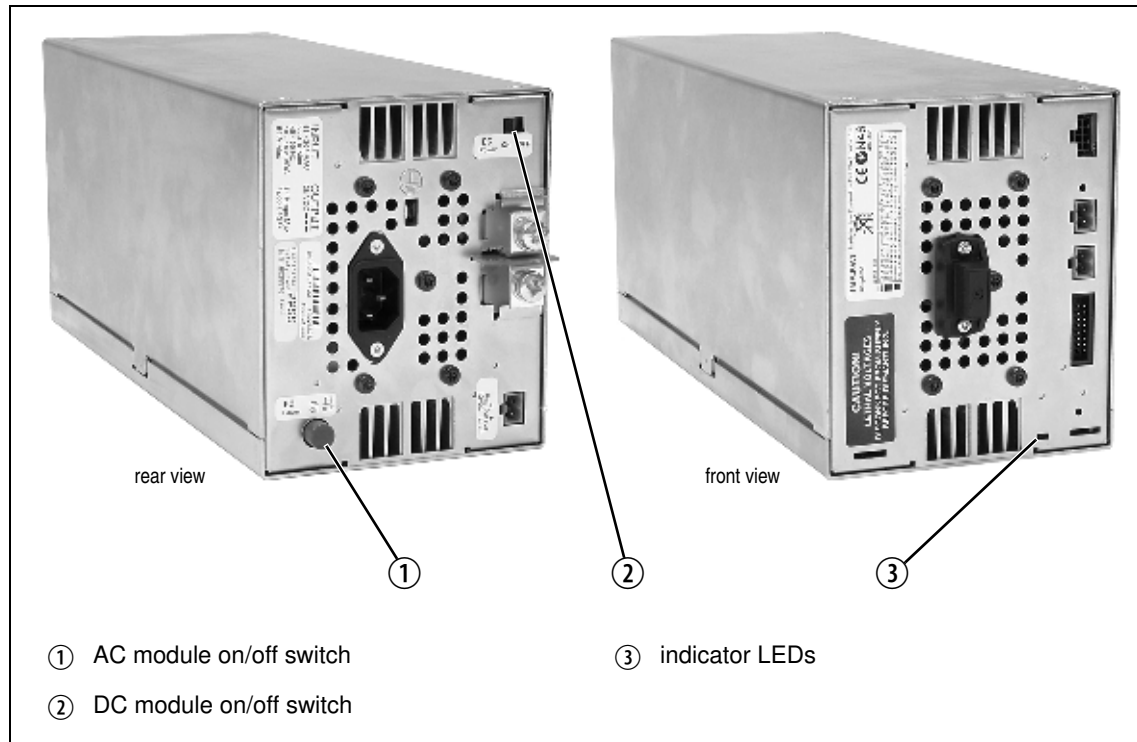


The alarm LED will flash whenever an alarm is generated, whether or not this alarm has been disabled via the web interface.

3.2.3 PMU

The only controls on the PMU are the on/off switches on the rear panel for the AC and DC modules, and the indicator LEDs visible through a slot in its front panel.

Figure 3.5 Operating controls on the PMU



Warning The AC and DC module on/off switches do not totally isolate the internal circuitry of the PMU from the AC or DC power supplies. You must disconnect the AC and DC supplies from the PMU before dismantling or carrying out any maintenance.

AC Module On/Off Switch

This switch turns the AC input to the PMU on and off. Note that this switch breaks only the phase circuit, not the neutral.



The red button remains “out” whether on or off.

DC Module On/Off Switch

This switch turns the DC output from the PMU on and off. Note that this switch does not disconnect power from the DC converter itself. It disables the converter by switching off its control circuitry. Even when the DC converter is off, the DC input is still connected to its power circuitry.

The switch is recessed to prevent the DC module being accidentally switched off.

Indicator LEDs

These LEDs provide the following information about the state of the PMU:

- steady green - the PMU is powered up
- flashing green - the PMU has no application firmware loaded or activated; you can use the web interface to download or activate the firmware; also see [“Preparing to Download Firmware” on page 100](#)
- flashing red - one or more alarms have been generated; you can use the web interface to find out more details about the alarms
- flashing red and green - the PMU is in battery protection mode; check that the battery voltage is above the configured minimum startup voltage; also check that the minimum startup voltage is configured correctly.



The alarm LED will flash whenever an alarm is generated, whether or not this alarm has been disabled via the web interface.

4 Installation

This chapter provides information on the site requirements for your TB9400 equipment and also describes how to install the base station in a standard 19 inch rack or cabinet.

If this is your first time installing a TB9400 base station, we recommend that you read the entire chapter before beginning the actual installation.

4.1 Before You Begin

4.1.1 Equipment Security

The security of your base station equipment is a high priority. If the site is not fully secure, the base station should at least be locked in a secure, ventilated cabinet to prevent unauthorized access.

4.1.2 Grounding and Lightning Protection

Electrical Ground The base station modules are grounded by physical contact between the module case and the subrack. To ensure a good ground connection you must tighten each module retaining clamp securely (refer to [“Final Reassembly” on page 116](#) for the correct torque).

A threaded grounding connector is provided on the rear of the subrack for connection to the site ground point (refer to [“Connecting Up the Base Station” on page 71](#) for more details).

Lightning Ground It is extremely important for the security of the site and its equipment that you take adequate precautions against lightning strike. Because it is outside the scope of this manual to provide comprehensive information on this subject, we recommend that you conform to your country’s standards organization or regulatory body.

4.1.3 Equipment Ventilation

Always ensure there is adequate ventilation around the base station (refer to [“Cabinet and Rack Ventilation” on page 50](#)).

Notice Do not operate it in a sealed cabinet. You **must** keep the ambient temperature within the specified range, and we **strongly** recommended that you ensure that the cooling airflow is not restricted.

Notice The cooling fans are mounted on the front panel and will only operate when the panel is fitted correctly to the front of the subrack. To ensure adequate airflow through the base station, do not operate it for more than a few minutes with the front panel removed (e.g. for servicing purposes).

4.1.4 Ambient Temperature Sensor

The ambient temperature reading for the base station is provided by the temperature sensor located on the front panel circuit board.

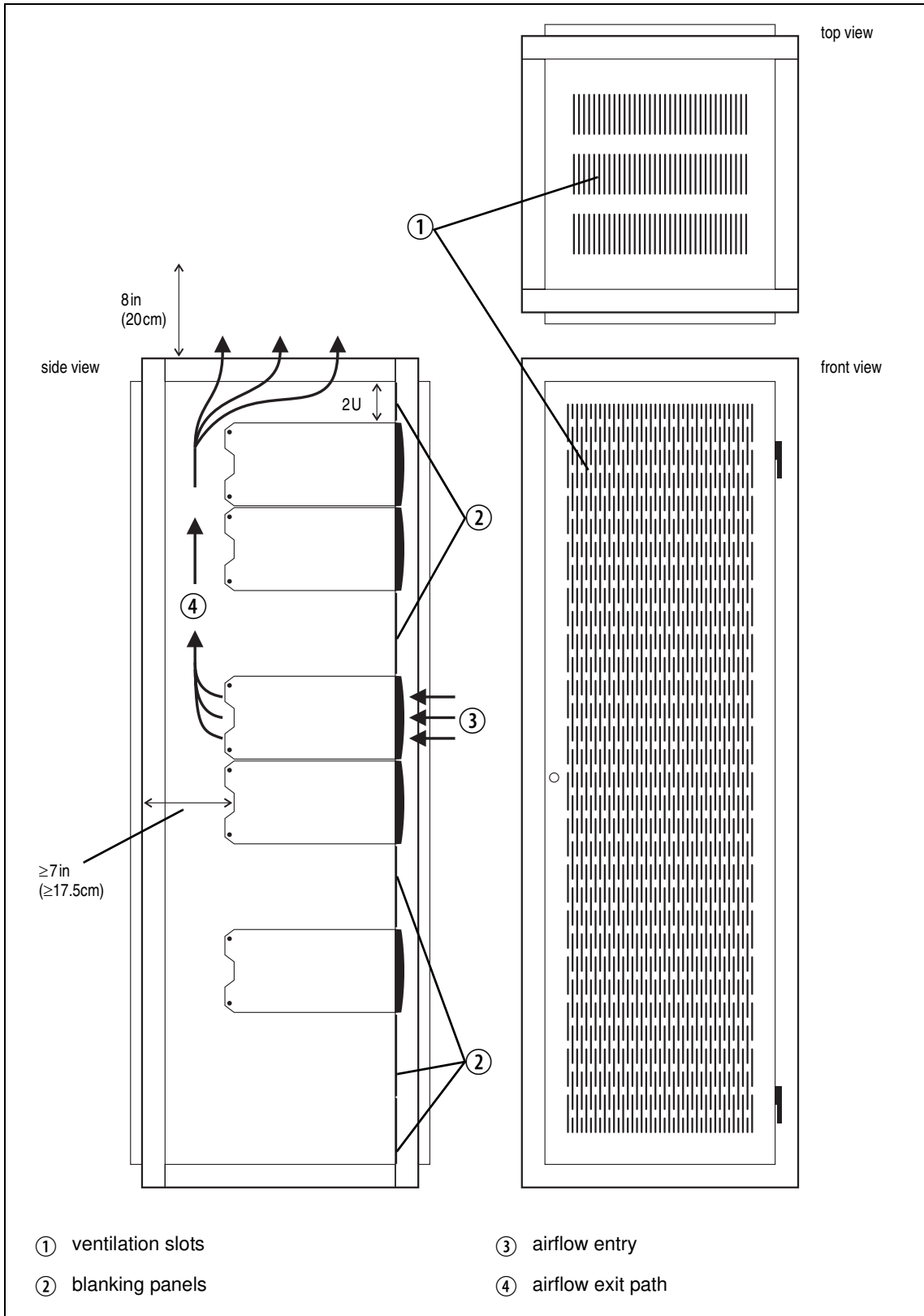
4.1.5 Cabinet and Rack Ventilation

The cooling airflow for the subrack enters through the front panel and exits at the rear. For optimum thermal performance, the heated air that passes through a base station must never be allowed to re-enter the air intakes on the front panel. Any space at the front of the cabinet not occupied by equipment should be covered by a blanking panel. Refer to [Figure 4.1 on page 51](#).

Equipment installation should observe the following guidelines:

- The recommended maximum number of subracks in a 38U cabinet is five as shown in [Figure 4.1 on page 51](#).
- Any space at the front of the cabinet not occupied by equipment should be covered by a blanking panel. Refer to [Figure 4.1 on page 51](#).
- Subrack placement in the cabinet should include a 2U gap at the top of the cabinet.
- To allow enough cooling airflow through a cabinet-mounted base station, the cabinet should allow for 50 cu.ft/min for each subrack (0.024 cu.m/s).
- To ensure adequate ventilation, the cabinet should have a vent at the top with an area of approximately 23 in² (150 cm²) per subrack, or a similar area of ventilation per subrack at the rear of the cabinet behind each subrack.
- The maximum ambient temperature at the base station front panels must not exceed +140°F (+60°C).

Figure 4.1 Typical cabinet ventilation requirements



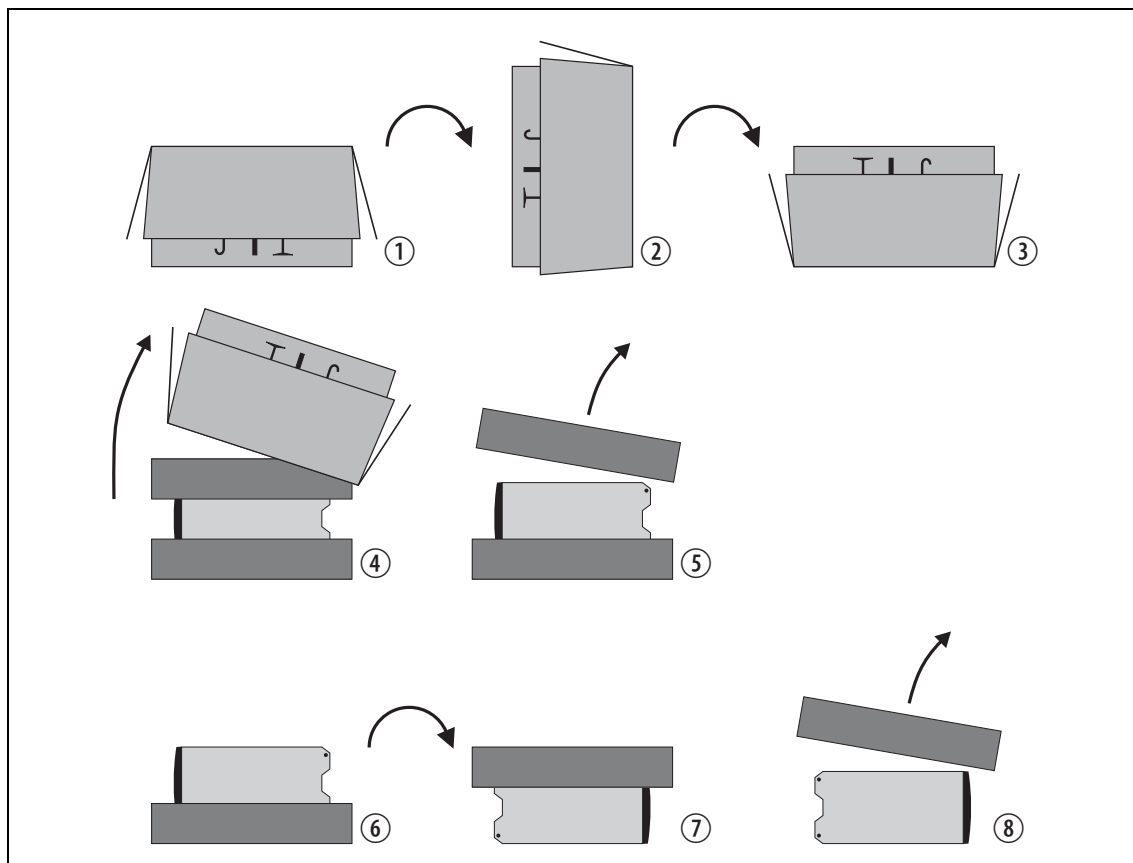
4.2 Unpacking and Moving the Subrack

The subrack is packed in a strong corrugated cardboard carton with top and bottom foam cushions. To prevent personal injury and damage to the equipment, we recommend that two people unpack and move the subrack. To remove the subrack from the carton, follow the procedure illustrated in [Figure 4.2](#).



Caution A subrack complete with modules can weigh up to 55 lb (25 kg), or up to 62 lb (28 kg) complete with packaging. We recommend that you have another person help you unpack and move the equipment. The TBAA03-16 carrying handles will make it easier to move the equipment once it has been unpacked. If necessary, remove the modules from the subrack before moving it (refer to [“Replacing Modules”](#) on page 106). In all cases follow safe lifting practices.

Figure 4.2 Unpacking the subrack



1. Cut the tape securing the flaps at the top of the carton and fold them flat against the sides ①.
2. Rotate the carton carefully onto its side ② and then onto its top ③, ensuring that none of the flaps is trapped underneath.


3. Slide the carton upwards over the foam cushions and lift it away ④. Remove the cushion from the bottom of the subrack ⑤.
4. Rotate the subrack and cushion carefully over the rear of the subrack ⑥ so that it is the right way up with the cushion on top ⑦. Remove the cushion from the top of the subrack ⑧.

**Disposal of
Packaging**

If you do not need to keep the packaging, we recommend that you recycle it according to your local recycling methods. The foam cushions are CFC- and HCFC-free and may be burnt in a suitable waste-to-energy combustion facility, or compacted in landfill.

4.3 Identifying the Equipment

You can identify the model and hardware configuration of the TB9400 modules by referring to the product code printed on labels at the rear of each module. The meaning of each character in the product code is explained in the tables below.

-  This explanation of product codes is not intended to suggest that any combination of features is necessarily available in any one product. Consult your regional Tait office for more information regarding the availability of specific models and options.

Reciter and Receiver Product Codes

Product Code	Description														
T01-0110 <u>X</u> -XXXX	3 = reciter 4 = receiver														
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T01-0110X-X <u>X</u> XX	A = standard														
T01-0110X-XX <u>X</u> X	A = default														
T01-0110X-XXX <u>X</u>	A = default														

- a. The actual frequency coverage in this band is:
Transmit: 762MHz to 776MHz and 850MHz to 870MHz
Receive: 792MHz to 824MHz

PA Product Codes

Product Code	Description														
T01-01121- <u>X</u> XXX	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Frequency Band</th> <th>Tait Band Identifier</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>D = 148MHz to 174MHz</td> <td>B3 band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J = 378MHz to 420MHz</td> <td>HH band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K = 400MHz to 440MHz</td> <td>H1 band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L = 440MHz to 480MHz</td> <td>H2 band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M = 470MHz to 520MHz</td> <td>H3 band</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N = 762MHz to 870MHz^a</td> <td>K4 band</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Frequency Band	Tait Band Identifier	D = 148MHz to 174MHz	B3 band	J = 378MHz to 420MHz	HH band	K = 400MHz to 440MHz	H1 band	L = 440MHz to 480MHz	H2 band	M = 470MHz to 520MHz	H3 band	N = 762MHz to 870MHz ^a	K4 band
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T01-01121-X <u>X</u> XX	A = 50W B = 100W														
T01-01121-XX <u>X</u> X	A = default														
T01-01121-XXX <u>X</u>	A = default														

- a. The actual frequency coverage in this band when used with a K-band TB9400 reciter is 762MHz to 776MHz and 850MHz to 870MHz.

PMU Product Codes

Product Code	Description
TBA <u>X</u> XXX-XXXX	3 = PMU
TBA3 <u>X</u> XX-XXXX	0 = default
TBA3XX <u>X</u> -XXXX	0 = AC module not fitted A = AC module fitted
TBA3XXX <u>X</u> -XXXX	0 = DC module not fitted 1 = 12V DC module fitted 2 = 24V DC module fitted 4 = 48V DC module fitted
TBA3XXX- <u>X</u> XXX	0 = standby power supply card not fitted 1 = 12VDC standby power supply card fitted 2 = 24VDC standby power supply card fitted 4 = 48VDC standby power supply card fitted
TBA3XXX-XX <u>X</u>	0 = auxiliary power supply board not fitted 1 = 12VDC auxiliary power supply board fitted 2 = 24VDC auxiliary power supply board fitted 4 = 48VDC auxiliary power supply board fitted
TBA3XXX-XX <u>X</u>	0 = default
TBA3XXX-XXXX <u>X</u>	0 = default

4.4 Initial Setting Up

Before putting the base station into service, you may want to carry out some basic functional testing, configuration, and tuning (if required). This section provides an overview of these procedures:

- checking that the base station powers up correctly
- checking the basic functionality of the base station by using the tests available in the web interface
- customizing the configuration for the intended installation and verifying that the configuration is correct
- changing the root password
- tuning the base station (if required).

4.4.1 Confirming Operation

Notice Make sure that the RF output is connected to a suitable attenuator or dummy load. Do not remove the load while the PA is transmitting as this may damage the PA output stage.

Applying Power

1. Apply power by turning on the PMU.
2. Check that the base station powers up correctly:
 - The front panel display will show “Please wait...” while the base station starts up (this may take up to two minutes). When the startup process is complete, the display will show the home screen.
 - The cooling fans in the front panel will run at full speed for a few seconds, then run at low speed while the base station starts up, and then assume standard operation. One or more fans may operate, depending on the temperature of the modules.

Functional Tests

The following table provides an overview of the tests available using the web interface. Refer to the Help for full details of these tests.

Test	Notes	Menu
receiver operation	requires a suitable RF source	Diagnose > RF Interface > Receiver
transmitter operation	requires connection to the network	Diagnose > RF Interface > Transmitter
synchronized transmit	checks the simulcast operation of a channel group or the transmitters in it	Diagnose > RF Interface > Synchronized Transmit
ping	checks the IP connection to another device with an IP address	Diagnose > Connection > Network
NTP query	checks if the NTP-based time synchronization is working	
PMU mains failure	requires a DC backup supply	Diagnose > Subsystems > PMU Control Tests
fan operation	checks the operation of each fan individually	Diagnose > Subsystems > Fan Tests

4.4.2 Working with Configurations

The Web UI page Tools > Files > Configuration allows you to manage your base station configuration.

You can do the following:

- Back up a configuration. This stores a snapshot of the base station's current configuration. It is advisable to back up the current configuration before making significant configuration changes.
- Upload a configuration. This copies a configuration from your computer to the base station. You can develop a master configuration and upload it to all the base stations in the network.
- Download a configuration. This copies the selected configuration to your computer so that you can store it.
- Restore a configuration. This activates the selected configuration after making it compatible with the current software. You can restore configurations that have been backed up on the base station.

Users should be aware that the following parameters are **not** restored on a base station when a configuration is restored:

- Keypad enabled
- Receiver number
- Host name
- Default channel
- Operating mode
- Front panel test lines 1 through 4
- IP address
- Subnet mask
- Gateway address
- Link speed

4.4.3 Customizing the Configuration

The following steps provide an overview of the process used to configure the base station with the settings it needs. Refer to the Help for detailed information.

1. Log in to the base station (refer to [“Connecting Your PC to the Base Station” on page 81](#) for more details).
2. Select Configure. The base station has many different settings that can be configured before it is put into operation, such as:
 - channel configurations
 - alarm control and SNMP agent
 - network interfaces
 - channel groups and quality of service
 - channel and signaling profiles
 - CWID
 - miscellaneous items such as minimum battery voltages, fan control, NTP and package servers.
3. Make the changes needed in each form and click **Save**. All changes made in the form will be applied when, and only when, the form is saved.

Notice Before making changes, you should save the configuration to your PC or network. This provides a baseline which can be restored to the base station if the configuration information becomes lost or corrupted.

You should also back up the configuration before downgrading to a different software release. Note that if you downgrade and then upgrade software, configuration values for new features will disable the feature.

4.4.4 Recommended Configuration Settings

In a dual base station only base station 1 communicates directly with the PMU and front panel. Therefore the following configuration settings are recommended for dual base station operation:

- Disable the “PMU not detected” alarm on base station 2 (Configure > Alarms > Control > PMU).
- Disable the “FP not detected” alarm on base station 2 (Configure > Alarms > Control > Front panel).

4.4.5 Restricted Port Numbers

Certain configuration settings in the base station’s web interface require you to enter a port number (for example, the trunking interface and channel groups).

Two ranges of port numbers are unavailable for use with the base station. The web interface will prevent you from entering a number from these ranges, as explained below.

Restricted Port Numbers	Details
0 – 1023	The “well-known ports”, commonly used by other devices in a network. Using a port number in this range could cause compatibility problems with other devices.
12000 – 14999	Reserved for internal use in the base station. Using a port number in this range could cause the base station to malfunction.

4.4.6 Changing the Root Password


Notice The following procedure can be carried out only if secure shell access (SSH) is enabled. Secure shell access to the base station is disabled by default from version 1.40 onwards. To enable SSH, select Tools > Settings > Secure shell and click **Start**.

The root password to the Linux operating system of the reciter is a possible security risk. The equipment is delivered with a default password that is well known. Knowledge of the password could be used to render the equipment inoperable, for example by deleting files. If you are concerned about the security risk that this poses, change the password. If Tait provides support services, they may need to know the password.

Notice If you change the password and then lose it, the equipment must be returned to Tait. Make sure that you store the password securely and do not lose it.

To change the root password, follow these steps.

1. Log in from your PC to the base station using SSH client software such as PuTTY. The username is “root” and the default password is “k1w1”.
2. At the # prompt, enter the command “passwd”.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions.
4. Record the password in a secure location.

 Tait networks are deployed with default weak passwords. For security, Tait strongly recommends changing the default password where applicable.

4.4.7 Tuning the Reciter and Receiver

i In this section “reciter” also applies to the receiver module (receive-only reciter).

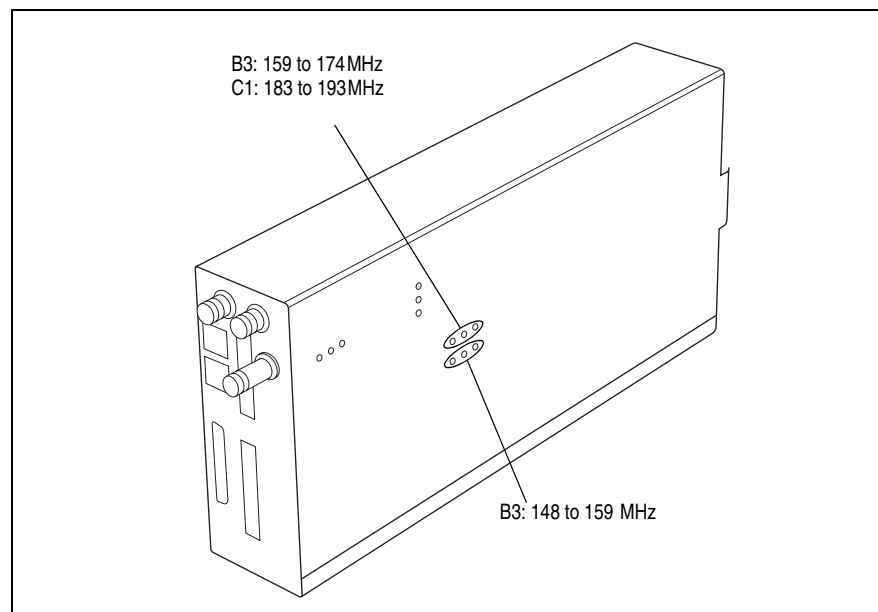
B-Band

Before the base station is installed on site, you may need to tune the receiver front end. The receiver front end requires tuning if the receive frequency is shifted more than 2MHz away from the previously set frequency, or the RSSI level of the new frequency is more than 1 dB lower than the RSSI level of the previously set frequency.




The receiver in the B3-band reciter covers the 148 to 174MHz frequency band. This is split into two sub-bands: 148 to 159MHz and 159 to 174MHz.

Each sub-band has its own helical filter (shown in [Figure 4.3](#) below) which is electronically switched in or out of circuit depending on the frequency programmed into the reciter. The bandwidth of these helical filters is approximately ± 1.5 MHz.

Figure 4.3 Identifying the B-band receiver front end helical filters



To check the RSSI level and tune the receiver front end (if required), follow these steps:

1. Remove the reciter from the subrack and reconnect the system control bus cable to power up the module.
-  Tait can provide extender cables (TBC Reciter Power Cables) to enable tuning with a subrack or from a bench power supply. To order these, the part number is T01-01150-0001.
2. Log in to the reciter and select Monitor > Interfaces > RF Interface. For information on connecting directly to the reciter, refer to [“Connecting a Networked PC to a Base Station” on page 85](#).
3. Feed a signal at the currently tuned receive frequency and at a level of -80 dBm into the reciter’s RF input. Check that the RSSI reading on the RF Interface page is $-80\text{ dBm} \pm 1\text{ dB}$.
4. Set the reciter to the new receive frequency.
5. Change the RF input signal to the new receive frequency at -80 dBm . Check that the RSSI reading is $-80\text{ dBm} \pm 1\text{ dB}$. If it is, the receiver front end does not require tuning. If it is not, go to the next step.
6. Using the Johanson tuning tool¹, adjust the correct helical filter for the new frequency (as shown in [Figure 4.3](#)) to obtain a peak RSSI reading. This reading should be within 1 dB of the reading at the previous frequency.
Adjust the center resonator of the filter first, followed by the two outer resonators (in any order). Each resonator should require approximately the same amount of adjustment when tuning.
-  A change in frequency of 5 MHz requires approximately one turn of the tuning slug. If tuning to a lower frequency, turn the slug clockwise; for a higher frequency, turn the slug anti-clockwise.
7. Change the RF input signal and the reciter’s receive frequency to 0.5 MHz above and below the required frequency and check that the RSSI reading does not drop by more than 0.5 dB from the reading at the required frequency.
8. Recalibrate the RSSI at the new frequency (Calibrate > Reciter > RSSI).
-  If you wish to confirm the accuracy of the tuning procedure, carry out a sensitivity measurement at the new frequency.

1. Included in the TBA0ST2 tool kit. Also available separately as part number 937-00013-00.

H-Band

Before the base station is installed on site, you may need to tune the receiver front end. The receiver front end requires tuning if the receive frequency is shifted more than 5MHz away from the previously set frequency, or the RSSI level of the new frequency is more than 1 dB lower than the RSSI level of the previously set frequency.

- ① Tait can provide extender cables (TBC Reciter Power Cables) to enable tuning with a subrack or from a bench power supply. To order these, the part number is T01-01150-0001.

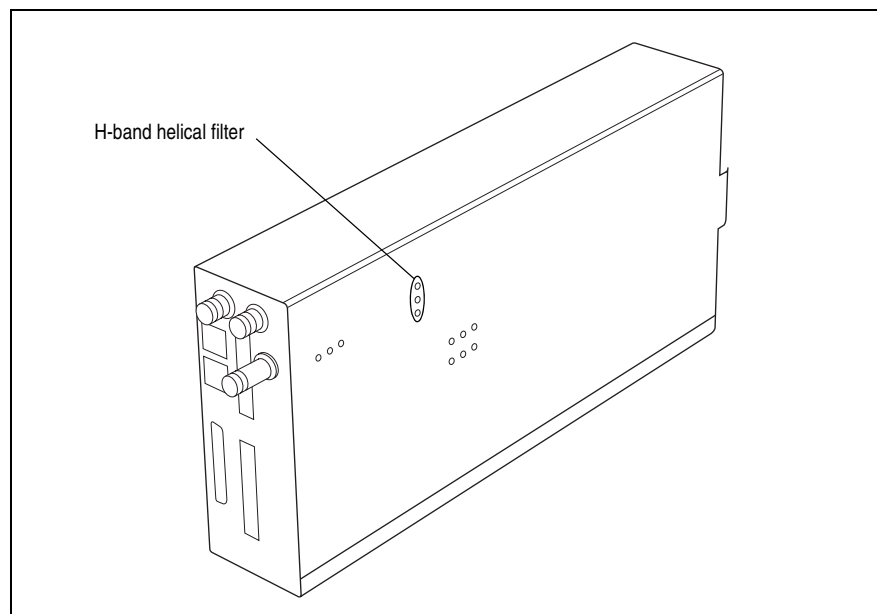
The receiver in the H-band reciter covers one of the following frequency sub-bands, depending on the model:

- H1 - 400 to 440MHz
- H2 - 440 to 480MHz

Each sub-band uses the same helical filter (shown in [Figure 4.4](#) below). The bandwidth of the helical filter is approximately ± 5 MHz.



- ① The HH-band variant has no helical filter, so does not require tuning.

Figure 4.4 Identifying the H-band receiver front end helical filter



To check the RSSI level and tune the receiver front end (if required), follow these steps.

1. Remove the reciter from the subrack and reconnect the system control bus cable to power up the reciter.
2. Log in to the reciter and select Monitor > Interfaces > RF Interface. For information on connecting directly to the reciter, refer to [“Connecting a Networked PC to a Base Station”](#) on page 85.

3. Feed a signal at the currently tuned receive frequency and at a level of -80 dBm into the reciter's RF input. Check that the RSSI reading on the RF Interface page is $-80\text{ dBm} \pm 1\text{ dB}$. Note this reading.
 4. Set the reciter to the new receive frequency.
 5. Change the RF input signal to the new receive frequency at -80 dBm . Check that the RSSI reading is $-80\text{ dBm} \pm 1\text{ dB}$. If it is, the receiver front end does not require tuning. If it is not, go to the next step.
 6. Using the Johanson tuning tool¹, adjust the helical filter for the new frequency (as shown in [Figure 4.4](#)) to obtain a peak RSSI reading. This reading should be within 1 dB of the reading at the previous frequency.
Adjust the center resonator of the filter first, followed by the two outer resonators (in any order). Each resonator should require approximately the same amount of adjustment when tuning.
-  If tuning to a lower frequency, adjust the slug in (clockwise); for a higher frequency, adjust the slug out (counterclockwise).
7. Change the RF input signal and the reciter's receive frequency to 2 MHz above and below the required frequency and check that the RSSI reading does not drop by more than 0.5 dB from the reading at the required frequency.
 8. Re-calibrate the RSSI at the new frequency (Calibrate > Reciter > RSSI).
-  If you wish to confirm the accuracy of the tuning procedure, carry out a sensitivity measurement at the new frequency.

K-Band

The K-band reciter does not require tuning.

1. Included in the TBA0ST2 tool kit. Also available separately as part number 937-00013-00.

4.5 Installing the Base Station on Site

4.5.1 General Installation Advice

When installing base stations, it is very important to observe good site engineering rules. This is especially true when the channels are combined into a single antenna.

If at all possible, the RF planner should avoid frequency plans in which the Rx to Tx spacing is an exact multiple of the trunked channel spacing, thus forcing Tx intermodulation products to fall outside the Rx channels.

Cables and antennas should be of high quality construction. Solid shield heliax type cables are best, but if braided shield cables must be used for short distances, their braids must be silver-plated.

When the outputs of more than one transmitter are combined, their voltages add, and the resulting peak envelope power is not simply the sum of their powers, but is equal to the power of one of them multiplied by the square of the number of sources. Cables, components, and hardware must be rated to withstand the peak envelope power.

During the commissioning process, all transmitters should be activated together using a diagnostic test tone, while the receiver RSSI is monitored. There should be no perceptible increase in RSSI while the transmitters are active.

Base stations may require an external frequency reference, a 1 PPS signal, and an NTP source, depending on the frequency band and type of radio system.



The following general rules apply:

- Base stations operating at or above 700MHz require an external frequency reference to meet the frequency accuracy requirements for transmitters and receivers.
- Simulcast transmitters require an external frequency reference and a 1 PPS signal so that transmissions can be timed with the required accuracy. They also require an NTP source. Both the 1PPS and NTP signals must be derived from a source that is GPS-disciplined. This will ensure a common timestamp in logs across all units in the system.
- P25 Phase 2 base stations require an external frequency reference and a 1 PPS signal for site alignment of transmitters and receivers. They also require an NTP source to ensure correct, long-term Phase 2 alignment.

The requirements for P25 Phase 1 systems are described in more detail below. Also see [“Connecting an External Frequency Reference” on page 76](#) and [“Connecting a 1 PPS Source” on page 77](#).




The requirements for an external frequency reference and a 1 PPS signal are set out in the following table.

		Transmit and Receive		Receive Only	
Band	System	External Reference	1PPS	External Reference	1PPS
B band H band	Non-simulcast	X	X	X	X
	Simulcast	✓	✓	X	X
K band	Non-simulcast	✓	X	✓	X
	Simulcast	✓	✓	✓	X

-  An NTP source is also strongly recommended for P25 Phase 1 non-simulcast systems. This will ensure log timestamps are synchronized, which will assist the diagnosis of faults.
-  Synchronization requirements are more stringent with the introduction of simulcast and with TDMA in Phase 2. See Technical Note TN-2411a Providing Synchronization to Tait Networks.

4.5.2 Equipment Required

It is beyond the scope of this manual to list every piece of equipment that an installation technician should carry. However, the following tools are specifically required for installing the base station:

-  Pozidriv PZ3 screwdriver for the M6 screws used in the DC input terminals on the PMU; M6 (0.25 in) screws are also used to secure the subrack to the cabinet in factory-assembled systems
-  Pozidriv PZ2 screwdriver for the M4 screws used to secure the module retaining clamps, and for the fasteners used to secure the front panel to the subrack
-  8mm AF spanner for the SMA connectors, and the subrack ground connector.

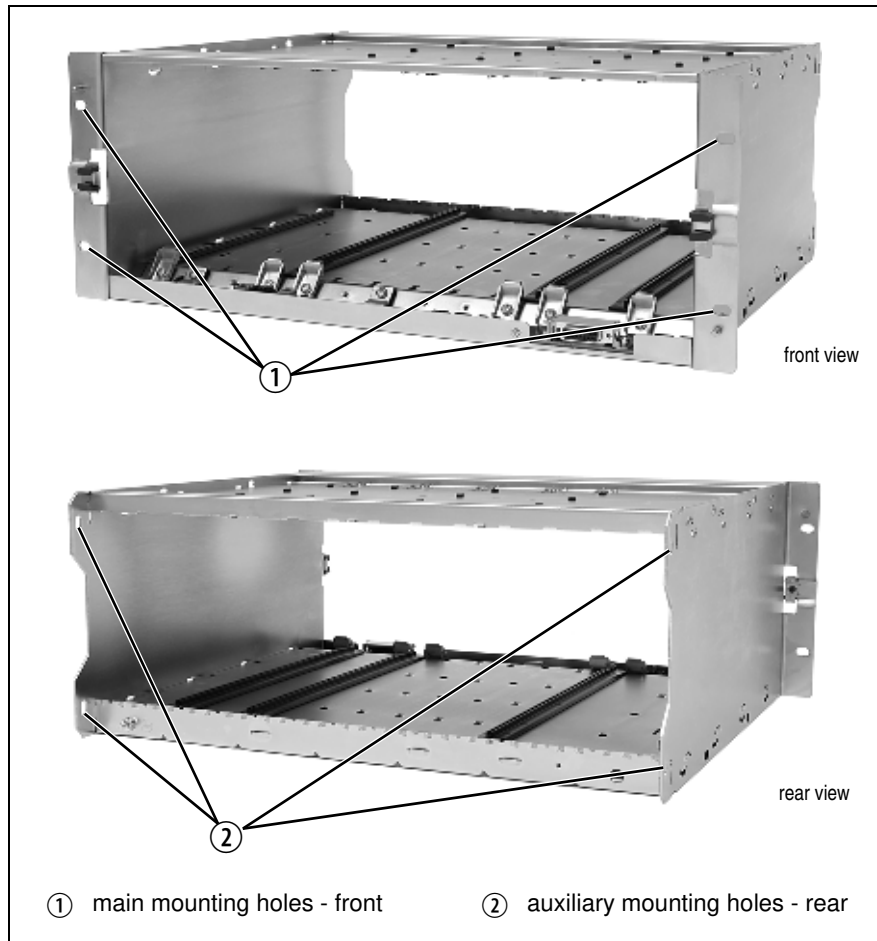
You can also obtain the TBA0ST2 tool kit from your regional Tait office. It contains the basic tools needed to install, tune, and service the base station.

4.5.3 Mounting the Subrack



Caution A subrack complete with modules can weigh up to 55 lb (25 kg), or up to 62 lb (28 kg) complete with packaging. We recommend that you have another person help you unpack and move the equipment. The TBAA03-16 carrying handles will make it easier to move the equipment once it has been unpacked. If necessary, remove the modules from the subrack before moving it (refer to “[Replacing Modules](#)” on [page 106](#)). In all cases follow safe lifting practices.

Figure 4.5 Subrack mounting points

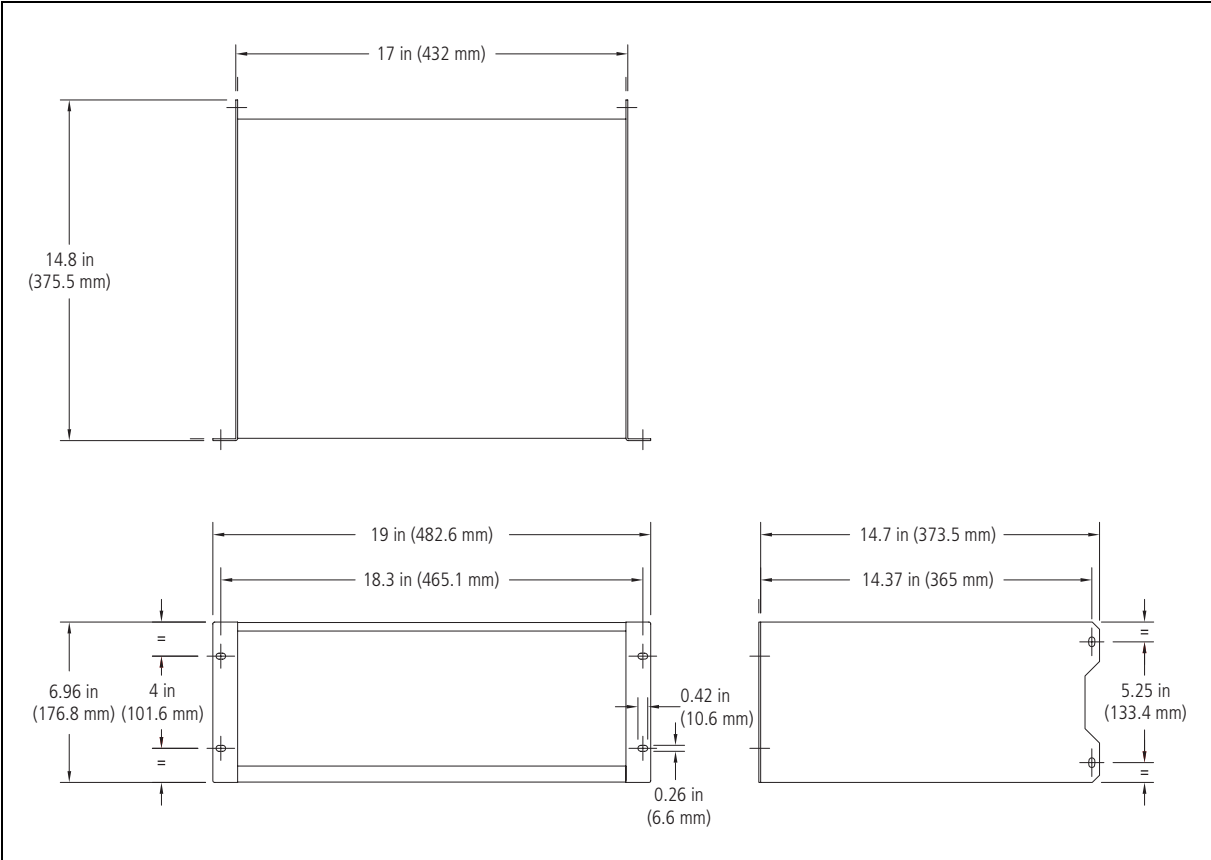


1. Remove the front panel, as described in “[Preliminary Disassembly](#)” on [page 108](#).
2. Fit the subrack into the cabinet or rack and secure it firmly with an M6 (0.25 in) screw, flat and spring washer in each of the four main mounting holes ①, as shown in [Figure 4.5](#).

ⓘ If you need extra mounting security, additional mounting holes ② are provided at the rear of the subrack for auxiliary support brackets.

Figure 4.6 below gives the dimensions of the subrack and its mounting holes.

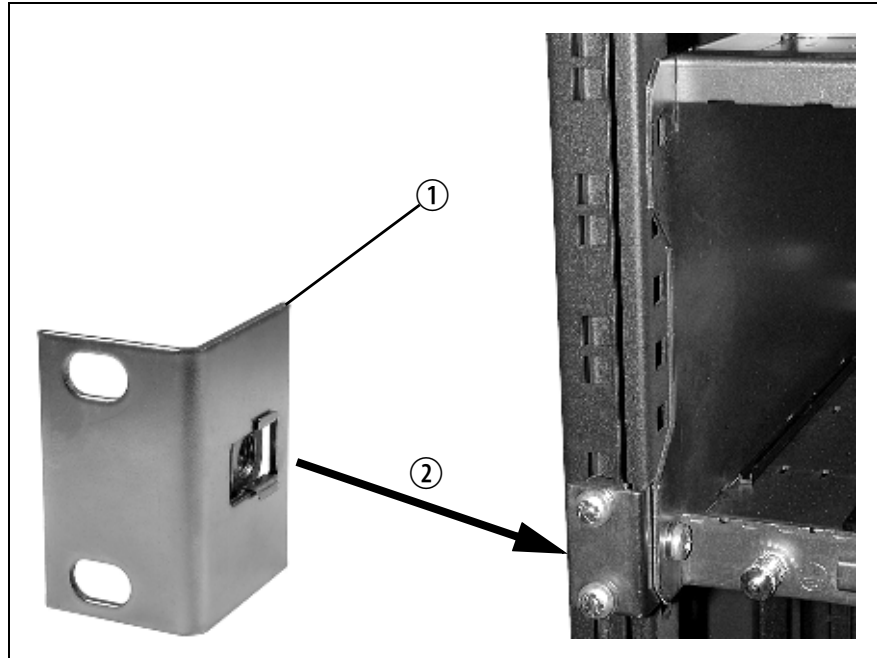
Figure 4.6 Subrack dimensions



Auxiliary Support Bracket

TBAA03-13 auxiliary support brackets can be fitted to the rear of the subrack to provide additional mounting security. Figure 4.7 shows a standard TBAA03-13 bracket ① fitted in a typical Tait cabinet ②. If you are not using the Tait cabinet, you may have to make your own brackets to suit your installation.

Figure 4.7 Auxiliary support bracket



Notice You **must** fit the auxiliary support brackets if you intend to transport a cabinet fitted with a fully built-up base station.

We also recommend that you fit the brackets under the following conditions:

- when the installation is in an area prone to earthquakes
- when third party equipment is installed hard up underneath the base station subrack.

General Cabling

We recommend that you try to route all cables to and from the base station along the side of the cabinet so the cooling airflow is not restricted.

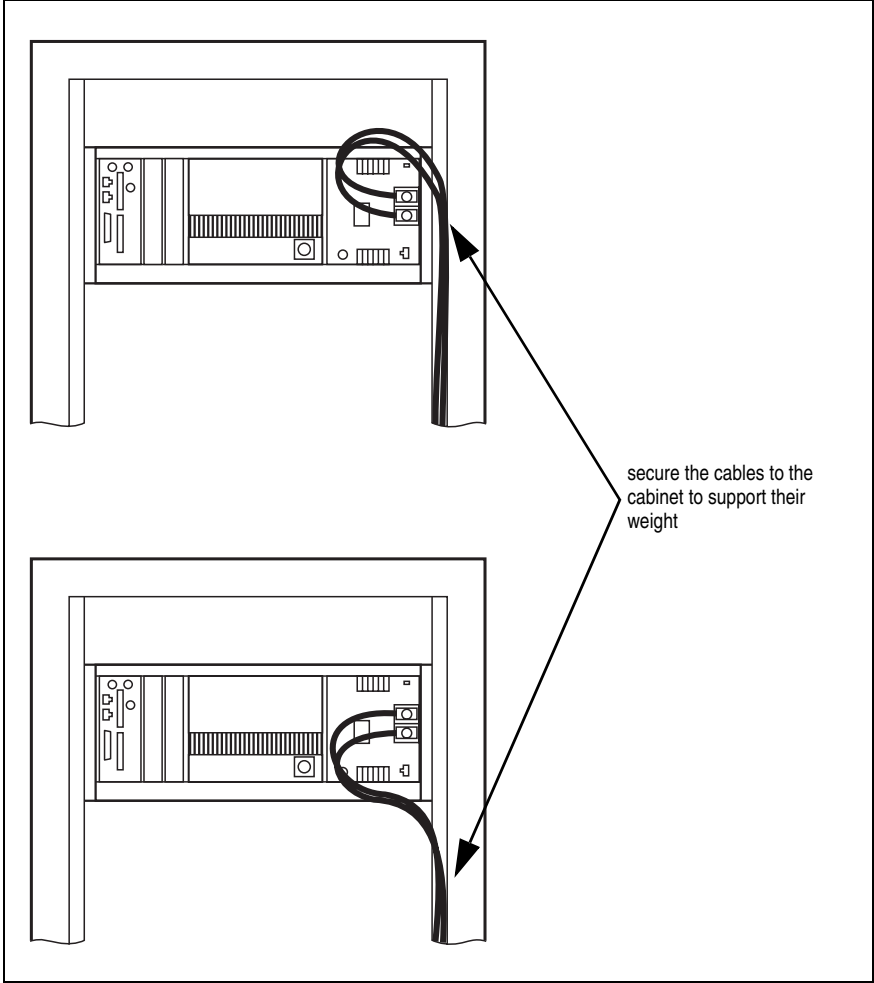
DC Power Cabling

DC power cables should be well supported so that the terminals on the PMU and on the ends of the cables do not have to support the full weight of the cables.

Figure 4.8 shows two recommended methods of securing these cables to prevent straining either set of terminals.

We recommend that you fit the supplied covers to the DC terminals to protect against accidental shorts.

Figure 4.8 DC power cabling



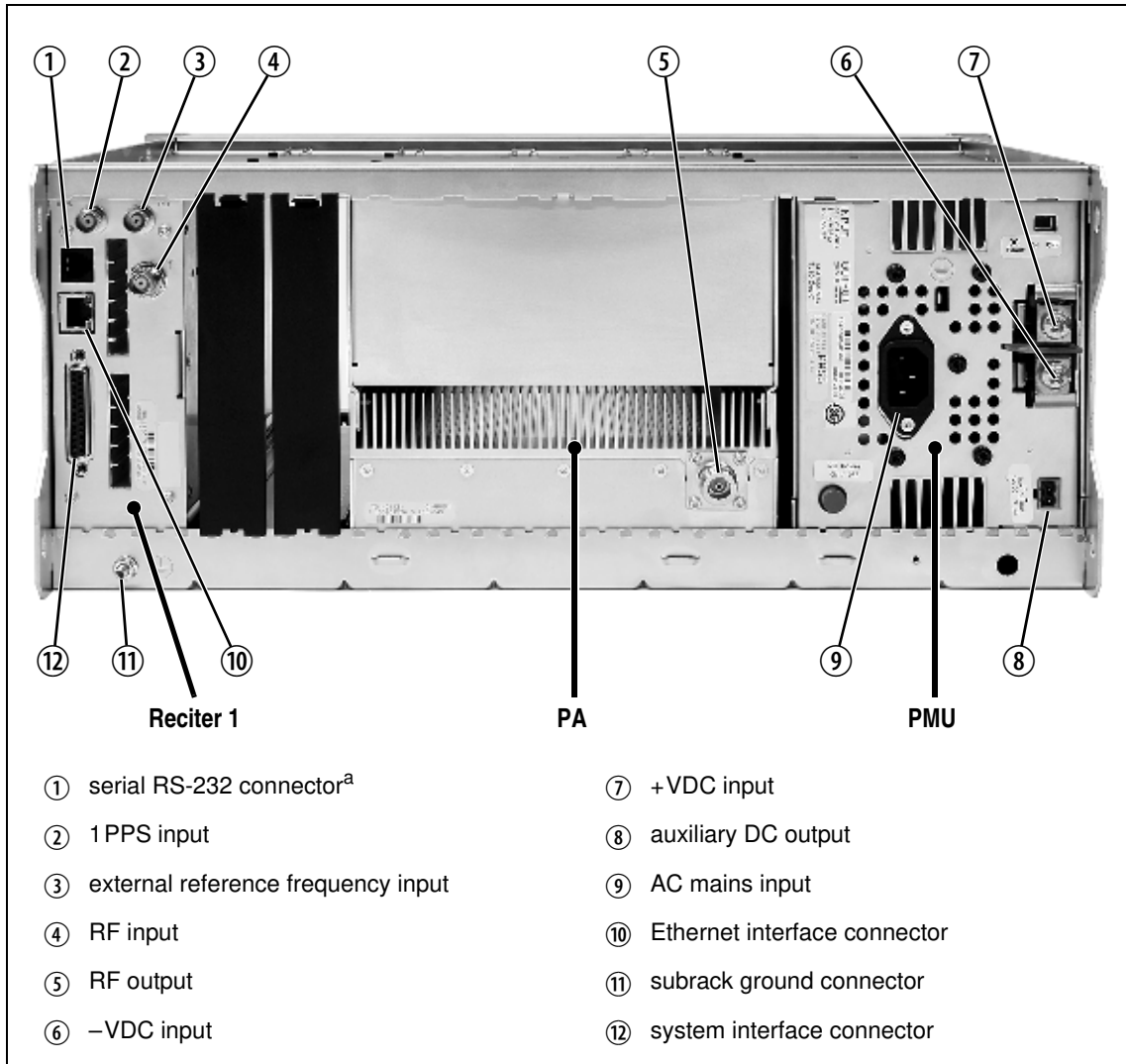
4.6 Connecting Up the Base Station

This section provides information relevant to the task of connecting up the various inputs and outputs of the base station.

4.6.1 Connection Overview

The connections at the rear of a 100W base station are identified in [Figure 4.9](#). External connections are all located at the rear of the subrack.

Figure 4.9 100W base station inputs and outputs



a. Factory use only.

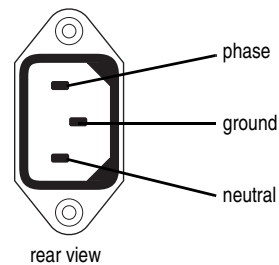
4.6.2 Connecting AC Power

The PMU is designed to accept a mains input of 88 to 264 VAC at 45 to 65 Hz. A standard 3-wire grounded socket outlet must be used to supply the AC power. The socket outlet must be installed near the equipment and must be easily accessible. This outlet should be connected to an AC power supply capable of providing at least 600 W. The requirements of two typical AC supplies are given in the following table.

Nominal Supply	Current Requirement ^a	Circuit Breaker/Fuse Rating ^a
115 VAC	8 A	10 A
230 VAC	4 A	6 A

a. The actual current consumption of the base station will be lower than these requirements (refer to the Specifications Manual for more information).

Your base station should come supplied with a power supply cord to connect the male IEC connector on the PMU to the local AC supply. The pins of the IEC connector on the PMU are identified at right.



4.6.3 Connecting DC Power

The PMU is designed to accept a nominal 12 VDC, 24 VDC or 48 VDC input (depending on the model) with negative or positive ground. There is a minimum DC startup threshold to prevent damaging a battery which has little capacity left.

You must connect the DC supply from the battery to the PMU via a fuse or DC-rated circuit breaker with the appropriate rating, as shown in the table below. The circuit breaker must have a contact separation of 3 mm, an interrupt capacity of 1000 A or more, and an inrush current capability of at least 500 A for a minimum of 3.5 ms.

Notice The inrush current is not affected by the state of the DC module on/off switch on the PMU. This switch does not disconnect power from the DC converter itself. It disables the converter by switching off its control circuitry. Even when the DC converter is off, the DC input is still connected to its power circuitry.

The DC input leads should be of a suitable gauge to ensure less than 3% voltage drop at maximum load over the required length of lead.

Nominal Supply Voltage	Input Voltage Range	Circuit Breaker/ Fuse Rating ^a	Recommended Wire Gauge ^b
12 VDC	10 VDC to 16.8 VDC	60 A	2 AWG / 35 mm ²
24 VDC	20 VDC to 33.6 VDC	30 A	5 AWG / 16 mm ²
48 VDC	40 VDC to 60 VDC	15 A	8 AWG / 8 mm ²

a. The actual current consumption of the base station will be lower than these requirements (refer to the Specifications Manual for more information).


b. For a length of 5 ft to 6.5 ft (1.5 m to 2 m) (typical).

Terminate and insulate the DC input leads to protect them from accidentally shorting to the subrack if the PMU is removed before the leads are disconnected. Protective covers for the DC terminals are supplied with each PMU. We recommend a screw torque of 18–20 lbf·in (2–2.25 N·m).

4.6.4 Connecting the Auxiliary DC Power Output

The PMU can provide an auxiliary DC output from the auxiliary power supply board. This board is available with an output of 13.65VDC, 27.3VDC, or 54.6VDC (depending on the model), and is current limited to 3A, 1.5A or 750mA respectively. This power supply is permanently on as soon as the base station has finished powering up, and is available on the auxiliary output connector on the rear panel.

You can connect multiple auxiliary power supply boards in parallel for redundancy purposes, or to provide an output greater than 40W. Although no active current sharing is used, auxiliary boards connected in parallel will current-share before reaching their power limit. The failure (or switching off) of one auxiliary board will not load any other paralleled auxiliary boards in the circuit.

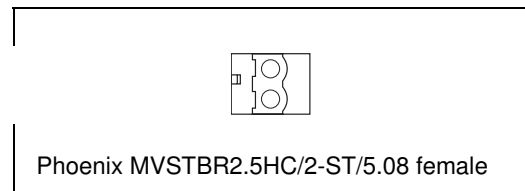
-  The auxiliary power supply turns off briefly when the PMU restarts after a firmware upgrade. This interruption may also cause any ancillary equipment powered from the auxiliary supply to restart. If this is a problem for your system, we recommend connecting auxiliary power supply boards in parallel to ensure an uninterrupted power supply for the ancillary equipment.

Auxiliary DC Power Output Cabling

Network elements are supplied with a connector, as shown in [Figure 4.10](#). You can use this to connect the PMU's auxiliary DC power output to another device (refer to “[PMU Auxiliary DC Output](#)” on page 117 for the pin allocations).

Contact your regional Tait office for details on the full range of wiring kits available.

Figure 4.10 Auxiliary DC power connector



4.6.5 Connecting RF

Notice Do not remove the load from the PA while it is transmitting as this may damage the PA output stage. Before disconnecting any RF cables, put the base station into Offline mode to prevent any transmissions.

The RF input to the base station is via the marked BNC connector on the rear panel of the reciter. The RF output is via the N-type connector on the rear panel of the PA (refer to [Figure 4.9 on page 71](#)).

Cables and antennas should be of high quality construction. Solid shield heliax type cables are best, but if braided shield cables must be used for short distances, their braids must be silver-plated.

Recommendations for Installing the PA

We recommend the following installation procedures, which should protect the PA from damage under all but the most extreme operating conditions.

1. Do not connect the PA directly to the antenna. Fit an isolator or duplexer between the PA and the load. Fit the isolator as close as possible to the RF output connector on the PA. Do not connect any switching equipment between the isolator and the PA, unless the switch **cannot** operate while there is RF present (i.e. the base station is transmitting).
2. Fit a surge suppressor to the antenna cabling where it enters the building.
3. Inspect all cables and equipment connected to the base station for defects.

Ice on the antenna, or a broken antenna, is unlikely to cause damage to the PA.

Explanation

The circuit design of the PA protects the circuitry from high VSWR. This makes it difficult to damage the RF power device by keying the PA into a mismatched load, or if the load deteriorates over even a short period of time (milliseconds).

However, it is possible to damage the device if **all** the following conditions happen **at the same time**:

- there is a step change in the PA load (for example, the load is removed)
- the PA is transmitting
- the feed line loss between the PA and the mismatch is <1 dB.

The effect of such conditions is variable: some devices will not be destroyed, and some may fail after repeated load interruptions.

4.6.6 Connecting an External Frequency Reference

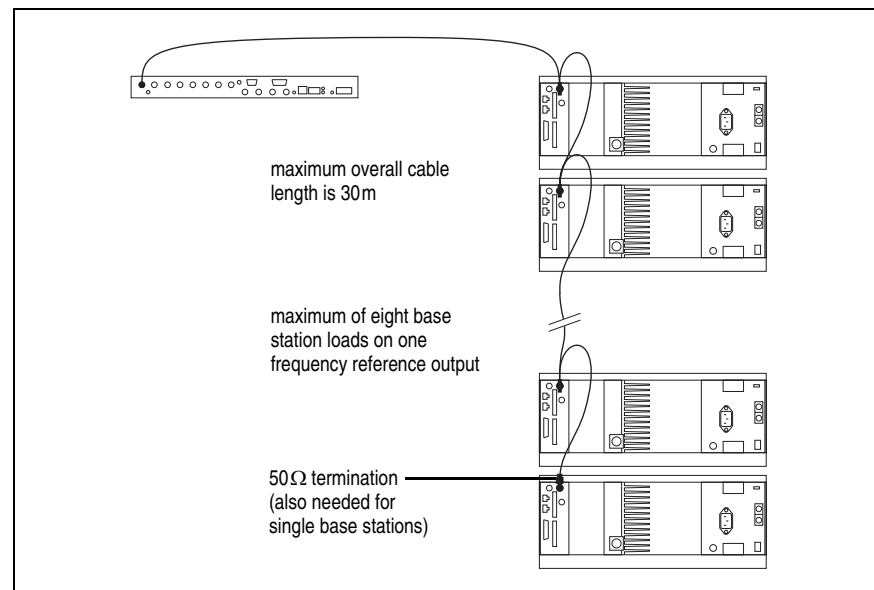
For K4 band, the internal frequency reference accuracy is inadequate, and an external reference **must** be used. An external reference is also required for simulcast and P25 Phase 2. The external reference frequency can be 10MHz or 12.8MHz, with an input level of 300mV_{pp} to 5V_{pp} . The reciter automatically detects the frequency of the external reference and configures itself accordingly. The stability of this reference should be as shown below. For more details, see Technical Note TN-2411b Providing Synchronization to Tait Networks.

Multicast	P25 Phase 1	B and H bands	not required
	P25 Phase 1	K4 band	100 parts per billion
	P25 Phase 2	All bands	100 parts per billion
Simulcast	P25 Phase 1	All bands	10 parts per billion
	P25 Phase 2		

If an external reference is required, enable the “external reference absent” alarm (Configure > Alarms > Control).

Use a 50Ω coaxial cable (RG58 or RG223) to connect the external reference to the base station’s external reference frequency input. You can daisy-chain up to eight base stations using F-junctions. The maximum overall cable length is 30m. Terminate the last connection (including single base stations) with a 50Ω load.

Figure 4.11 Daisy-chaining an external frequency reference input

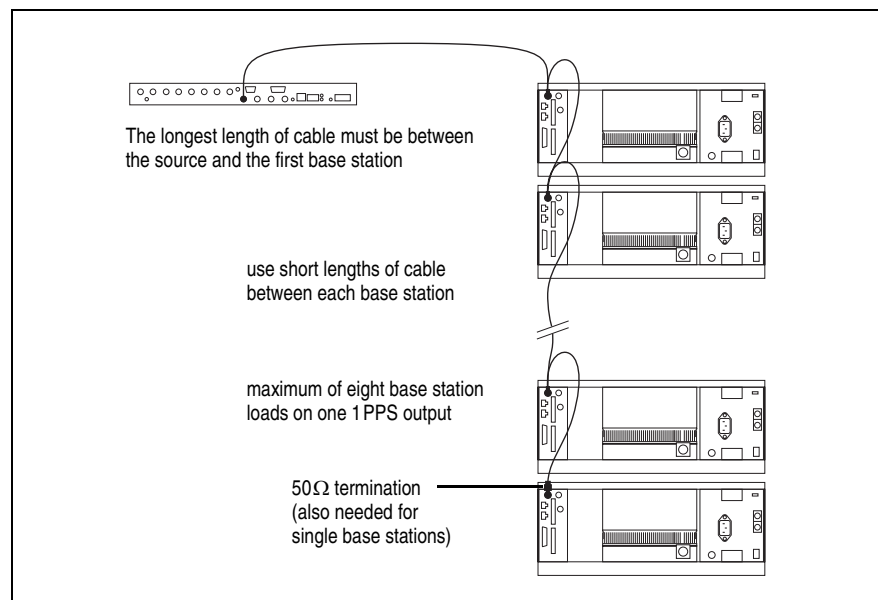


4.6.7 Connecting a 1PPS Source

A 1PPS signal is required for simulcast and P25 Phase 2 base stations. Use a 50Ω coaxial cable (RG58 or RG223) to connect the source to the base station's 1PPS input. You can daisy-chain up to eight base stations using F-junctions. We recommend that the cable length between the first and last load is kept to a minimum. This will reduce any propagation variation between base stations. The maximum overall cable length is 30m. Terminate the last connection (including single base stations) with a 50Ω resistor, otherwise reflections of the 1PPS pulse may occur.

Notice If 1PPS is used then 1PPS and NTP must both be derived from the same time base. Normally this will be a GPS disciplined source.

Figure 4.12 Daisy-chaining a 1PPS input



4.6.8 Ethernet Connection

The RJ-45 socket on the reciter's rear panel provides the 10-BASE-T or 100-BASE-T Ethernet connection to the other devices in the network. Use a Cat-5 cable to connect this socket to the Tait Network via a router or switch.

The Web UI allows you to set the Ethernet port speed auto-negotiation to 10/100 Mbit/s or to negotiate a maximum 10 Mbit/s. Tait recommends that you keep the port speed at the factory default setting of 10 Mbit/s. The reciter hardware and software are scaled to meet the performance requirements of processing multiple voice streams along with supervisory control and management communications. 10 Mbit/s is ample for those requirements. The 10/100 Mbit/s setting is provided for compatibility reasons, but it is possible under high traffic conditions at 100 Mbit/s for traffic arriving at the reciter at the full rate within a small timing window to overflow internal buffers and therefore suffer packet loss. If you set the port speed to 100 Mbit/s and observe QoS lost packet alarms, then review your Ethernet port speed settings.

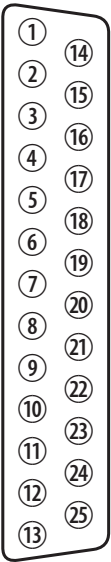
With the port speed at 10 Mbit/s it is particularly important to set the voice QoS on the reciter port of your site router or switch to a strict priority queue policy - which is the same policy that you should also be setting for your site link ports. The default QoS settings restrict the voice bandwidth to 1/25th of the port speed which is smaller than the required bandwidth for typical systems at 10 Mbit/s.

If necessary, refer to [“Ethernet Connector” on page 117](#) for a list of Ethernet connection pin allocations.

4.6.9 Connecting General Purpose Inputs

The base station has a number of general purpose inputs and outputs. These are connected via the 25-way D-range on the rear panel.

The pin allocations for the D-range connector are given in the following table. Not all pins are used in this release of the base station.

	Pin	Signal Name	Signal Type	Notes			
 <p>external view</p>	1	not used		reserved for future use			
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						
	7						
	8						
	9						
	10						
		11	digital in 1	input	5V TTL logic active low		
		12	digital in 2				
		13	+5.2VDC output	power output	maximum current 200mA		
		14	digital in 3	input	5V TTL logic active low		
		15	digital in 4				
		16	digital in 5				
		17	digital in 6				
		18	digital in 7				
		19	digital in 8				
		20	digital in 9				
		21	digital in 10				
		22	digital in 11				
		23	digital in 12				
		24	not used				reserved for future use
		25	ground			ground	

5 Working with Base Stations from Your PC

The web browser on your PC provides a window into the TB9400 base station. Use it to connect to the base station so that you can monitor, configure, diagnose, and calibrate it (if required).

This section describes the following:

- Connecting to the base station, including initially setting things up
- Working with base station web pages
- Carrying out basic tasks

This section provides an overview of some aspects of the web interface. Refer to the Help for detailed instructions.


5.1 PC Recommendations

We recommend the following PC hardware and software for connecting to a TB9400 base station:

- SVGA Monitor (1024 x 768 minimum).
- Network connection.
- The base station works with recent versions of most modern browsers. Refer to the Release Notes for more information on currently supported browsers.

5.2 Connecting Your PC to the Base Station

You connect to a base station using your web browser. You can view multiple base stations at once by using multiple browser windows or tabs. Base stations have a web-based interface that provides the pages you view. Up to ten users may be logged in to a base station at once.

-  When loading the web user interface with Internet Explorer, the web page may go blank. To fix this, refresh the page with the 'F5' key.

The base station has three different user access levels: Administrator, Maintainer, and Monitor. Passwords can be defined for each level. This is done using the base station's web interface (Tools > Tools > User Administration). Refer to the base station Help for more information on setting user access levels.

Connections to the base station can be authenticated by a remote (i.e. centralized) service. Refer to [“Setting Up Authentication” on page 88](#) and the base station Help for more information.

5.2.1 Logging In

1. Enter the base station's URL into your browser using a secure connection (https://). To find out the base station's IP address, on the front panel select Modules > Reciter 1 (or 2) > View Reciter 1 (or 2) Address. To set the IP address, refer to [“Setting the IP Address” on page 83](#).

Notice If access to this menu has been disabled, you cannot use the front panel to find out the IP address. Make sure that you store the IP address securely and do not lose it.

2. A security warning appears when you connect for the first time. Proceed anyway (refer to [“Security Certificates” on page 84](#)).
3. The login screen appears.



4. Enter your user name and password. When connecting for the first time, enter the user name “admin” and password “tbc_admin”.
5. Click **Login**.

Notice After logging in we recommend that you change the password and username for your own security (refer to [“Working with the Web Interface” on page 89](#)). Make sure that you store your passwords and usernames securely and do not lose them. They may be needed by Tait support personnel if assistance is required. Tait cannot retrieve forgotten passwords.

5.2.2 Setting the IP Address

Before the base station is installed on site, you need to provide it with its proper IP address. Make sure that you do not lose this address. A quick way to set the base station's IP address is to use the front panel, as described below.

Notice If access to this menu on the front panel has been disabled, log in to the base station and set the IP address using the web interface (Identity > Identity > Network Identity).

Notice If the base station is online when changing the IP address, it is possible that the base station will restart. Tait recommends that all configuration changes are made after taking the base station offline.

1. Use the front panel display to enter the IP address, subnet mask and gateway specified for this base station by the IP addressing plan for the network. From the base station menu select Modules > Reciter 1 (or 2) > Edit Reciter 1 (or 2) Address. If the home screen is showing, press an arrow key, a scroll key or OK to clear it.

Notice In this screen each octet in the address lines has provision for three characters. If an octet in the address has less than three characters, enter one or two leading zeroes so that each position is filled, even though the zeroes are not part of the address. For example, enter 172.25.163.47 as 172.025.163.047. Leading zeroes are removed when the address is programmed into the base station.

2. Set each address as described below. Use the left and right arrow keys to move the cursor across each line in the Addresses screen. Use the scroll keys to scroll through the available numbers for each position in a line.
 - a. Set the IP address and press OK. This moves the cursor to the next line. To move the cursor back to the previous line, press the return key.
 - b. Set the Mask address and press OK.
 - c. Set the Gateway address and press OK.
 - d. The display shows "Setting Reciter 1 (or 2) address Please wait..." while the base station confirms that the addresses are correct. When this process has finished, the display will show "SUCCEEDED" or "FAILED" as appropriate. Press OK to return to the previous menu.
3. If the process failed, try entering the address again. If it still fails, try the following:
 - enter the address through the web interface
 - check that the IP address you are trying to enter is not already in use by another device on the same subnet.

5.2.3 Security Certificates

You can upload your own security certificates to the base station (Tools > Settings > Web certificate). If you have installed and configured the appropriate Certification Authority software, you can issue security certificates for all base stations. After uploading the certificates to the base stations, you can configure all maintainers' web browsers to accept security certificates from your own Certification Authority.

- ⓘ Before you have uploaded a security certificate to the base station, it will raise a security warning when your browser connects to it for the first time. The base station creates a self-signed certificate when the reciter's firmware is installed. Your browser raises a security warning because the security certificate was not issued by a trusted Certification Authority. The browser has a way of letting you override or bypass the security warning.

5.2.4 Connecting a Networked PC to a Base Station

You may want to temporarily disconnect a networked PC from its LAN in order to be able to establish a direct connection with the base station. A physical connection is needed as well as an alternate (Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows XP) or temporary (Windows 2000) IP address and subnet mask.

Windows 7 or Windows Vista

1. Remove the local area Ethernet connection and connect an Ethernet patch cable between the PC and the base station. You can use either a straight through or crossover Ethernet patch cable with the current base station firmware.
2. Navigate to Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
3. Click View status.
4. In the Local Area Connection Status dialog box, click Properties.
5. In the Local Area Connection Properties dialog box, click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), and then click Properties.
6. Click Alternate Configuration.
7. Select the User configured option, and then enter a number that is on the same subnet as the base station. For example, if the TB9400 has IP 192.168.1.2, enter 192.168.1.3 for the PC.
8. Enter a suitable subnet mask, for example 255.255.255.0.
The web browser should now be able to connect to any physically connected base station that is on the same subnet.
9. Once the web browser session is finished, re-connect the local area network cable to the PC. The PC then uses its normal TCP/IP properties.



For those using Windows XP, please be aware that Microsoft no longer provides updates for this operating system, so you may be open to security risks.

Windows XP Professional

1. Remove the local area Ethernet connection and connect an Ethernet patch cable between the PC and the base station. You can use either a straight through or crossover Ethernet patch cable with the current base station firmware.
2. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel.
3. Double-click Network Connections.
4. Double-click the Local Area Network icon.
5. Click Properties.

6. Click Internet Protocol (TCP/IP), and then click Properties.
7. Click Alternate Configuration.
8. Select the User configured option, and then enter a number that is on the same subnet as the base station. For example, if the TB9400 has IP 192.168.1.2, enter 192.168.0.3 for the PC.
9. Enter a suitable subnet mask, for example 255.255.255.0.
The web browser should now be able to connect to any physically connected base station that is on the same subnet.
10. Once the web browser session is finished, re-connect the local area network cable to the PC. The PC then uses its normal TCP/IP properties.

Windows 2000

1. Remove the local area Ethernet connection and connect an Ethernet patch cable between the PC and the base station. You can use either a straight through or crossover Ethernet patch cable with the current base station firmware.
2. Select Start > Settings > Network and Dialup Connections.
3. Double-click the Local Area Connection icon.
4. Click Properties.
5. Click Internet Protocol (TCP/IP), and then click Properties.
6. Note the current settings so that you can restore them later.
7. Select Use the following IP address, and then enter a number that is on the same subnet as the base station. For example, if the base station has IP 192.168.1.2, enter 192.168.0.3 for the PC.
8. Enter a suitable subnet mask, for example 255.255.255.0.
The web browser should now be able to connect to the base station.
9. When you have finished the web browser session, re-connect the local area network cable to the PC and then restore the original PC configuration. When you close the Network connection dialog box, the restored configuration is applied.

5.2.5 Troubleshooting Connection Problems

If the attempt to connect to a base station failed, consider these possible causes.

1. Your PC is part of your organization's LAN and does not belong to the same subnet as the base station. Give the PC a suitable IP address and subnet mask as described in [“Connecting a Networked PC to a Base Station” on page 85](#).
2. You are attempting to connect to the wrong IP address. Check that the IP address is correct.

Notice You can quickly check the base station's IP address via the front panel, as long as access to this menu has not been disabled.

3. The link to the base station is down. Use ping to check.
4. A connection error may occur if your PC is using the organisation's web proxy, but the base station doesn't have a valid gateway address allowing it to send responses back to that proxy. Users should ensure that all network parameters are correct (IP address, network mask and gateway address). You may have to bypass the proxy in your organization's LAN to access the Tait Network. Ask your system administrator to give you access.
5. JavaScript may be disabled in your browser. If JavaScript is disabled, your browser will be unable to connect to the base station. Note that modern browsers normally have JavaScript enabled by default.

5.2.6 Finding a Lost or Forgotten IP Address

Use the following procedure if an IP address has been lost or forgotten.

1. Mount the reciter in a TB9400 subrack and fit the front panel. Power up the subrack.
2. On the front panel display select Modules > Reciter 1 (or 2) > View Reciter 1 (or 2) Address.

5.2.7 Setting Up Authentication

Connections to the base station can be authenticated by a remote (i.e. centralized) service (Tools > Settings > Authentication). Two remote authentication protocols are supported: LDAP and RADIUS.

Notice Only people experienced with the AAA architecture and authentication protocols should make changes on this page.

Moving logins to a centralized server can provide enhanced security for a number of reasons, such as:

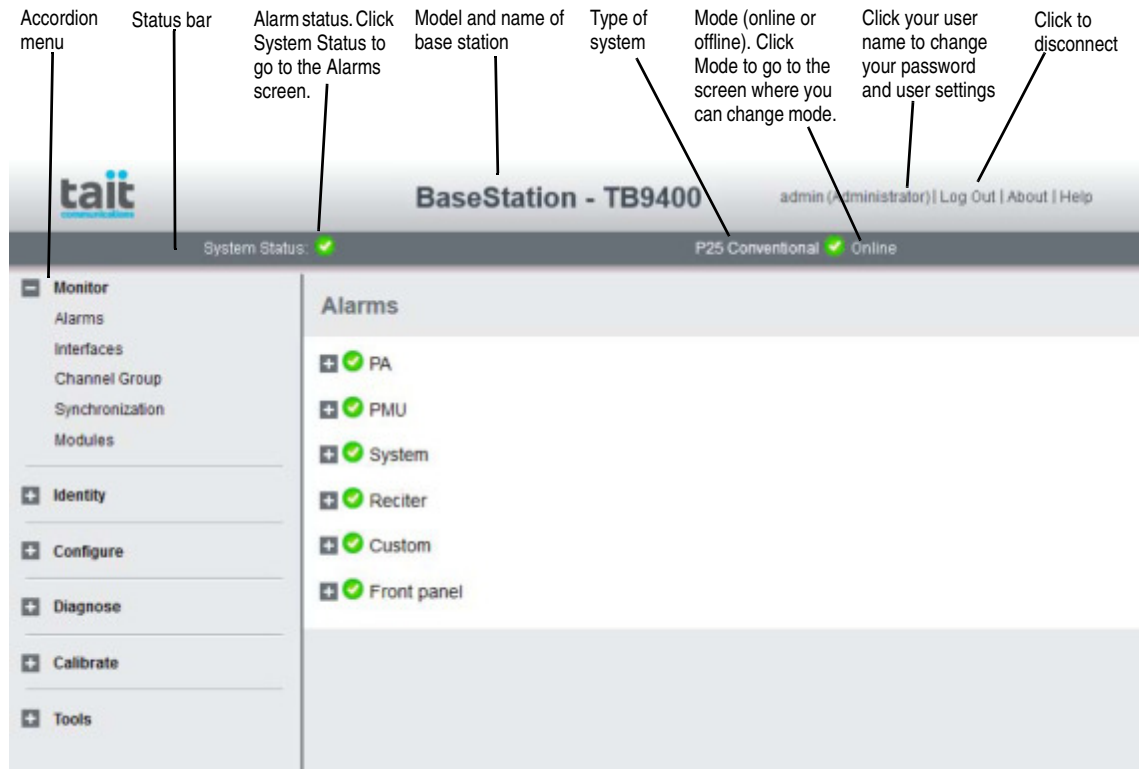
- less work is required to manage password-controlled access to all base stations in a network; you no longer need to change the password in each base station individually
- previously used passwords may be excluded from re-use
- access can be denied after a set number of incorrect passwords is entered
- passwords can be set to expire on a certain date
- remote access to base stations can be globally enabled and disabled as required for technical staff during the commissioning process.

Once the centralized server logins are set up, we recommend that only one local administrator login is left on the base station for emergency use (e.g. when the connection to the server is lost). The password for this emergency login should be kept secret.

5.3 Working with the Web Interface

This section provides an overview of the web interface. Refer to the Help for detailed instructions.

When you connect to a base station, the browser displays a page like the following.



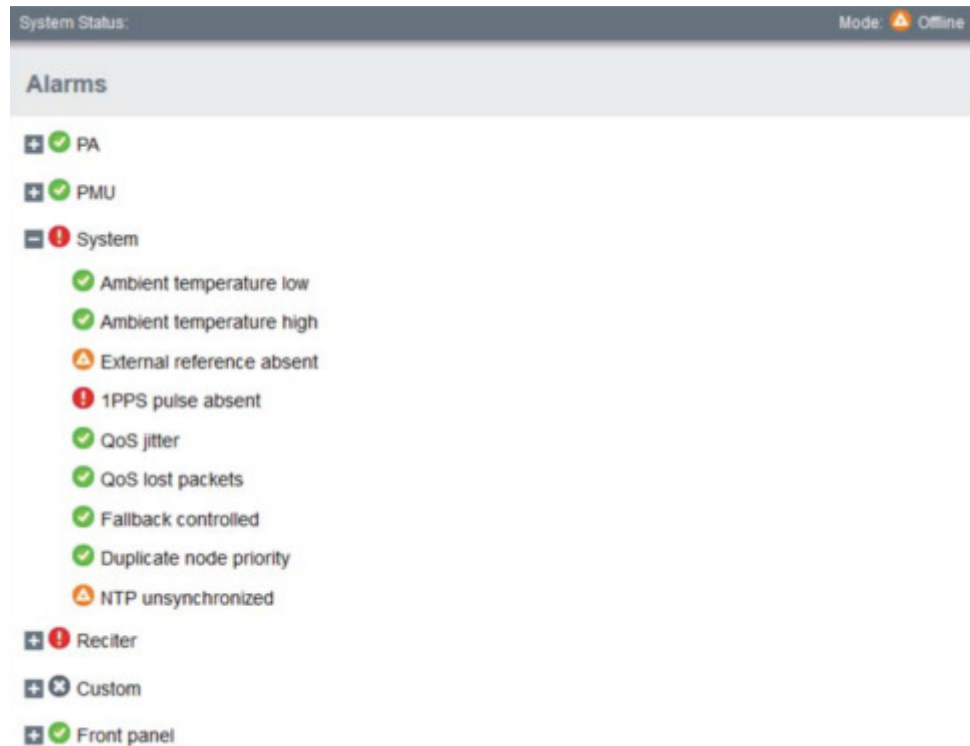
The accordion menu on the left gives you access to the various pages. Click a top level item (such as Configure) to open up its menu. Click on a menu item to display its page, then click on the appropriate tab on that page to display the required information. Click the + icon (⊕) on a menu item to expand the menu tree and the – icon (⊖) to collapse it again.



Using a browser window size smaller than 1024 x 768 may cause some pages to display incorrectly.

5.3.2 Troubleshooting Alarms

If the Alarm status on the status bar displays red, one or more alarms have been triggered, and the Alarms menu automatically expands to display the alarm(s). Click Help and navigate to the description of that alarm.



5.3.3 Viewing Configuration Settings

The base station has many configuration settings that personalize it for its particular role in the network. Some settings, such as those for alarm thresholds (Configure > Alarms > Thresholds), always apply.

Alarms

Control
Custom alarms
SNMP
Thresholds
Syslog

Power management unit

	12V	24V	48V	
Battery voltage minimum	<input type="text" value="11.0"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="22.0"/>	<input type="text" value="44.0"/>	V
	12V	24V	48V	
Battery voltage maximum	<input type="text" value="15.0"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="30.0"/>	<input type="text" value="60.0"/>	V

Power amplifier

Power output minimum W

Reverse power input maximum W

VSWR maximum :1

Final temperature maximum °C

Driver temperature maximum °C

Front panel

Air intake temperature minimum °C

Air intake temperature maximum °C

Network

Loss per call packets

Loss rate %

Interarrival jitter ms

RF interference

RSSI threshold dBm

Response time ms

Off time ms

Others are channel-based so that they can be dynamically changed. To view these, you first need to know the channel on which the base station is operating. To see the channel number and profiles the base station is using, select Monitor > Interfaces > Analog RF > (or P25 RF).

Interfaces

Analog RF
P25 RF
I/O
Channel group
Trunking
Failsoft
Conventional Dispatch

Current channel

Number 5

Name P25 Conv

Channel profile P25 Conv Sim

Signaling profile NAC 293

Channel group P25 Conv Sim CG

Default 5

Channels can be edited from Configure > Base Station > Channels. Select a channel and click **Edit** to view details of the channel. Clicking directly on any text in a line will also open the edit screen.

Channels

Number 5

Name

Transmit frequency MHz

Receive frequency MHz

Mains transmit power W

Battery transmit power W

Channel profile ▼

Signaling profile ▼

Channel group ▼

Channel and signaling settings are grouped together in profiles. The RF monitoring page (see above) shows the channel profile and signaling profile the channel uses. To view the channel profile settings, select Configure > RF Interface > Channel Profiles and select the profile you wish to review or edit.

Channel profiles

General

Number 1

Name

System type

Transmitter enabled

RF repeat

Analog

SINAD gating level dB

Rx frequency response *De-emph speech*

Tx frequency response

P25 Phase 1

Modulation type

Microslots per slot

Status symbols

Simulcast

Enable

Holdover duration h

Local transmit offset μ s

Carrier offset Hz

Analog and P25 Phase 1 tx if unsynch

Proceed in a similar way to view signaling profile and channel group settings.

5.3.4 Viewing the Base Station and Network Identity

Each base station in a network has a unique base station and network identity.

Select Identity > Identity and then Base Station or Network to view details such as name, receiver number, default channel and network addresses. Note that the Host name field has a maximum of 63 characters, and may use the characters a–z, 0–9, dot and hyphen. You cannot use spaces.

The Link speed configuration option enables the Ethernet port speed auto-negotiation to 10/100 Mbits/s or to negotiate a maximum of 10 Mbits/s. Under high traffic conditions it is possible for traffic arriving at the reciter at the full rate (100 Mbits/s) within a small timing window to overflow internal buffers and therefore suffer packet loss. To minimize this cause of packet loss a setting of 10 Mbits/s is recommended.

Identity

Base Station Network

Reciter

Host name Site9-TCH

Receiver number 1

Default channel 1

Front panel message

Line 1 Custom Line 1

Line 2 Custom Line 2

Line 3 Custom Line 3

Line 4 Custom Line 4

Save

Enter here the four lines of information you want to appear on the home screen on the front panel display.

5.4 Basic Tasks

5.4.1 User Settings

Click on your user name in the top right corner of the page to change your password. Note that this information is stored in the base station, not in your browser.

5.4.2 Taking the Base Station Offline

You may need to take the base station offline in order to carry out diagnostic tests or to take it out of service if a fault develops.

1. Click Mode on the status bar (or Select Tools > Tools > Base Station).
2. Under Control, select Offline. Click Offline to confirm the change. In the Status area, the Mode display changes first to “Changing”, and then to “Offline” (▲).

5.4.3 Troubleshooting Alarms

If the Alarm status on the status bar displays red, one or more alarms have been triggered, and the Alarms menu automatically expands to display the alarm(s). Click Help and navigate to the description of that alarm.


5.4.4 Working with Configuration Files

At any time, you can save the current configuration settings as a file (Tools > Files > Configuration > Backup configuration). This is stored in the base station, but we recommend that you download it and store it on your computer as an off-site backup. The base station identity and network identity are not saved as part of the configuration file.

The following parameters are not restored on a base station when a configuration is restored:

- Keypad enabled
- Trunking capability
- Trunking node priority
- Host name
- Default channel
- Operating mode
- Front panel test lines 1 through 4
- IP address
- Subnet mask
- Gateway address
- Link speed

You may want to develop a master configuration and upload it to all base stations in the network. The master configuration can contain all the different channel configurations and can be common to all base stations. The base station identity selects the default channel.

-  Base stations are delivered with a default configuration which provides a safe set of values. We recommend that you download it and store it on your computer as a backup before changing and saving any configuration settings.

You can also generate a report containing all the base station's configuration settings (Tools > Files > Configuration > Configuration report), which can be saved as a text file. We recommend that you do this when the base station is commissioned. This report can be useful later if there is a problem with the base station. Comparing the original report with the later one may highlight changes in configuration that are causing a problem.

5.4.5 Configuring Single Base Stations

It is possible to operate the base station as a single base station (for example, trunked, non simulcast, or as a conventional single repeater). The following explains the special considerations when configuring single base stations.

Channel Group Membership

Although single base stations are not actually part of a channel group, their channel configurations (Configure > Base Station > Channels) must still select a channel group (Configure > Channel Group > Channel Groups). Once a channel group has been selected, the following parameters need to be configured.

Channel Group IP Address

The selected channel group must be configured for single base station operation. Specify 127.0.0.1 as the channel group IP address. This is the base station's localhost address and stops it from attempting to send voice packets to other base stations.

Marshaling Duration



Single base station operation should not require marshaling. Channel group and simulcast operation have no meaning for a single transceiver. Interactions within the software, however, mean that control channel operation and transmit tail operation both depend on the configured value. It is recommended to leave the marshaling duration at the value of 40ms for single base station operation.

Trunking Interface

Single base stations need a control connection to their site controller. A single base station interfaces to the site controller in the same way as the master base station in a trunked channel group. Select Configure > Network Interfaces > Trunking to configure this.

5.4.6 Configuring Receive-Only Base Stations

You can program a receiver with the same configuration as a reciter. This will keep the number of required configuration files to a minimum and, if possible, re-use existing configuration files.

Transmit information for the receiver will be displayed in the web interface, but this can be ignored. Also, some polled SNMP parameters, such as Tx NAC, will return the correct transmitter configuration data, but none of these parameters is used by the receiver.

5.4.7 Configuring Base Stations in a Channel Group

You can configure the way the base station behaves in its channel group. Also, qualified network engineers can change DSCP assignments so that routers and switches provide a different quality of service to different types of IP packets. In trunked networks, many base stations are single and not

actually part of a channel group. However, they still must be assigned to a channel group configuration and some of its parameters must be set correctly.

- ① To disable channel group operation, open the channel group profile you want to disable and deselect that profile in the channel group table.

5.4.8 Setting Up Custom Alarms

Each of the base station's 12 digital inputs can be used to raise a custom alarm when the input goes high or low. The Custom Alarms form (Configure > Alarms > Custom Alarms) allows you to assign a name to each custom alarm, and to configure whether the alarm is triggered when the digital input goes high or low. Custom alarms are reported via the web interface and SNMP traps.

Custom alarms are used to provide an alarm when an external event activates a digital input. You can rename any of the available alarms to provide a more meaningful name, such as "Door open".

- ① Take care when setting the severity of alarms, including custom alarms (Configure > Alarms > Severity). Setting an alarm's severity to Major will cause the node to take the base station out of service when the alarm is raised. See below for the severity of each alarm.

Major	An alarm of this severity causes the node to take a base station out of service. This alarm must be cleared at the base station before the channel will be used again. To avoid this, an alarm's severity must be set to 'Minor' or 'Notification'.
Minor	An alarm of this severity means the base station has a fault that will need addressing, but it remains capable of operating as part of the radio network.
Notification	An alarm of this severity is not reported to the Node.

5.4.9 Disabling the Front Panel Keypad

You can disable the front panel keypad to prevent access to the base station via the front panel menus. Select **Configure > Base Station > Miscellaneous** and in the **Front Panel** area clear the **Keypad enabled** check box.

Notice If you disable the front panel keypad, you cannot use it to find out the base station's IP address. Make sure that you store the IP address securely and do not lose it.

5.4.10 Preparing to Download Firmware

New versions of base station firmware are remotely downloaded to base stations from a package server (web server application). You can set up a single computer to be the central package server for all the base stations on your network, using a web server of your choice. Tait also provides the **Mongoose¹** web server as part of the base station firmware package for use with a temporary package server, such as a laptop.

The base station firmware package can be downloaded as a zip file from the Tait support website.

- ⓘ If you click 'Cancel' while downloading a firmware package, it takes approximately 20 seconds for the cancellation to take effect and for the base station to respond.

This procedure describes using the **Mongoose** web server.

Installing the Firmware Package

The installation procedure copies files into a folder and adds items to the Windows Start menu (**Start > Programs > Tait Applications > TB9400**). From the Start menu you can then access the **Help**, licenses, manuals and release notes for each firmware package, and also start **Mongoose**.

- ⓘ You do not have to install **Mongoose** to make it work, because it is a self-contained executable file. Once started, it will run in the background until stopped, or the computer is shut down. **Mongoose** must also run from the same folder as the firmware files.

If you are downloading a base station package zip file:

1. Save the zip file to a suitable location on the hard drive of the package server computer.
2. Extract the zip file, then navigate to the root folder and double-click *TB9400.msi* to run the Windows installer.

1. **Mongoose** runs on Windows only.

Notice Tait recommends that the maximum length of the path to the location of the extracted files is 100 characters. Using a longer path may cause the files to be extracted incorrectly.

Setting Up a Central Package Server

It is beyond the scope of this manual to describe the exact procedure for setting up a central package server for any particular network. Tait expects that each customer will configure their own package server according to the requirements for their network.

However, you do need to configure each base station with the IP address and port of the package server computer.

1. Log in to the base station and select Configure > Base Station > Miscellaneous.
2. Under Package server, enter the IP address and port number of the package server.
3. Download the firmware as described in the Help.

Notice The base station has enough space for two firmware packages. Downloading another package will replace the inactive package.

Setting up a Temporary Package Server

If you want to use a laptop as a temporary package server, you can temporarily override the package server IP address and port in each base station.

1. Run Mongoose on the package server (Start > Programs > Tait Applications > TB9400 > Mongoose).
2. Windows Firewall may raise a Security Alert about allowing Mongoose to access your network or the internet.
 - a. In Windows 7 allow access to private networks.
 - b. In Windows XP click Unblock.
3. Log in to the base station and select Tools > Firmware > Download.
4. Under Package server, enter the IP address of the laptop. The default port number is 8080.
5. Download the firmware as described in the Help.
6. If you have trouble with any of the above procedures, please consider the following points:
 - The firmware download process uses the HTTP protocol. If you are using a laptop from outside the radio communications network, make sure that HTTP traffic can get through the firewall.
 - If Mongoose fails to start, it may already be running, or another application may be using port 8080.
 - If the error message “Could not find index file” appears when

listing packages, Windows security may be silently blocking access for Mongoose. Turn off the laptop's WiFi and temporarily disable its firewall, then try again.

5.4.11 Checking for Interference on a Receive Channel

You can use the Signal Level page (Diagnose > RF Interface > Signal Level) to look for sources of interference across a range of receive frequencies.

The chart on this page has two lines. One shows the current RSSI measurement for the selected frequency. The second shows a historical trace of peak RSSI readings on that frequency.

6 Maintenance

The base station is designed to be very reliable and should require little maintenance. However, performing regular checks will prolong the life of the equipment and prevent problems from happening.

It is beyond the scope of this manual to list every check that you should perform on your base station. The type and frequency of maintenance checks will depend on the location and type of your system. The checks and procedures listed below can be used as a starting point for your maintenance schedule.

Performance Checks

We suggest you monitor the following operational parameters using the web interface:

- VSWR
- DC input voltage, especially on transmit
- any temperature alarms
- forward power

Simulcast

- external reference absent
- NTP unsynchronised
- 1PPS
- Simulcast Unsynchronized

These basic checks will provide an overview of how well your base station is operating.

Reciter

We recommend that you calibrate the reciter after three months of operation, and then annually for H-band reciters, or every three years for B-band reciters. The calibration procedure is described in the Help (Calibrate > Reciter > Internal reference), and requires a calibrated frequency generator.

PA

There are no special maintenance requirements for the PA.

PMU

There are no special maintenance requirements for the PMU. However, we suggest that you periodically check that the screws on the DC input terminals are tightened to the recommended torque of 18–20 lbf·in (2–2.25 N·m). They may work loose with thermal cycling. Also, if you are using battery back-up, you should check the batteries regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Ventilation The base station has been designed to have a front-to-back cooling airflow. We strongly recommend that you periodically check and maintain the ventilation requirements described in [“Equipment Ventilation” on page 49](#) to ensure a long life and trouble-free operation for your base station. Also check for a build-up of dust in and around the module heatsink fins, front panel air intakes, and fan ducts.

Cooling Fans The cooling fans have a long service life and have no special maintenance requirements. You can use the web interface to configure the base station to generate an alarm if any of the front panel cooling fans fails. Refer to the Help for more details.

7 Troubleshooting

Check that all front and rear connectors and cables are in place, and that power switches are on. If problems persist, contact your regional Tait office.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Alarm LED red and steady (not flashing)	The base station is in Offline mode	Use the web interface to put the base station in Online mode
Alarm LED flashing	One or more faults are present	Use the web interface to identify the faulty module
Alarm LED flashing, display shows "Please wait...", fans are running slowly	Front panel has lost communication with reciter 1	Check cable connections. Check front panel D-range connector is pressed in fully. Use the web interface to check reciter 1 (Monitor > Modules > Inventory).
Power LED on front panel is on, but keypad does not work	Keypad is disabled	Check that the keypad is enabled in the web interface (Configure > Base Station > Miscellaneous)
Power LED flashing, fans are running, but display is blank	The base station is downloading firmware	Use the web interface to monitor the progress of the firmware download
No power or LEDs on front panel	System control bus not connected to front panel	Check cable connections
	Pins bent on 15-pin D-range plug on front panel	Replace or repair D-range plug
Desired feature is not operating	Feature license missing	Check that you have the necessary feature licenses (refer to "Licenses" on page 20 and the Help)
	Feature license present but feature is not enabled	Use the web interface to enable the feature
Tx stuck on	Tx and Rx frequencies are the same	Reconfigure Tx and Rx with different frequencies
The base station appears to make random transmissions	CWID feature enabled	No action: CWID transmissions are made according to configuration settings
PA has low power	Channel is configured to low power	Use the web interface to check the power settings
	PA may have suffered partial damage	Replace module and send faulty module for servicing

8 Replacing Modules



Caution The 100W PA and PMU weigh between 9.3lb (4.2kg) and 15.4lb (7kg) each. Take care when handling these modules to avoid personal injury.

Notice The cooling fans are mounted on the front panel and will only operate when the panel is fitted correctly to the front of the subrack. To ensure adequate airflow through the base station, do not operate it for more than a few minutes with the front panel removed (e.g. for servicing purposes). Both the PMU and PA modules have built-in protection mechanisms to prevent damage from overheating.

8.1 Saving the Base Station's Configuration

Before replacing a module in the base station, you should decide whether you need to save its configuration data. If you are unsure whether you have a record of the configuration, backup and save the configuration file before removing any modules. Once you have replaced the module, you will be able to restore the original configuration to the base station.

If one or more of the modules is faulty, you may be unable to save the configuration. In this case, you will have to restore the configuration from a back-up file. Refer to the Help for more information.

8.2 Preliminary Disassembly

Hot-pluggable Modules

The reciter, PA and front panel are hot-pluggable and can be removed without powering down the whole base station. These modules can also be removed without disrupting the system control bus communications with the other modules in the subrack.

Notice Before removing a PA, first disconnect the DC input, transmit forward input and transmit reverse output, followed by the RF output. After refitting the PA, reconnect the RF output first, followed by the transmit forward input, transmit reverse output, and then the DC input.

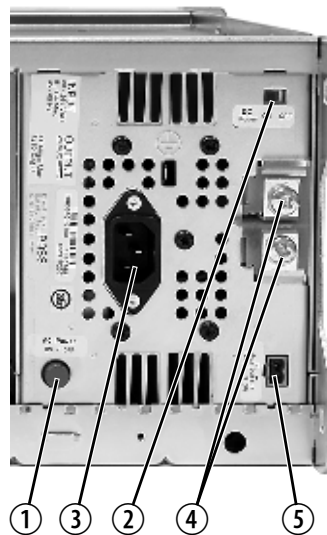
Disconnecting the Power

If you want to disconnect the power before working on the base station, follow these steps.



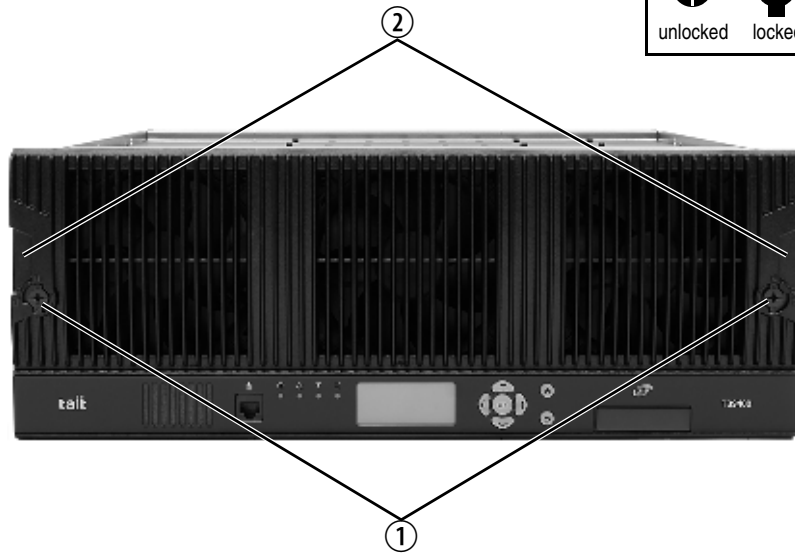
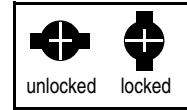
Caution Before disconnecting the battery supply leads from the PMU, open the circuit breaker or disconnect the supply leads from the battery.

1. Turn off the AC ① and DC ② switches at the rear of the PMU.
2. Also at the rear of the PMU disconnect the mains ③ and battery ④ supply leads, and the auxiliary DC supply lead ⑤ (if fitted).



Remove the Front Panel

1. Using a Pozidriv PZ2 screwdriver, undo the fastener at each end of the front panel ① with a quarter turn counterclockwise.



2. Place a finger in the recess ② provided at each end of the front panel and pull the front panel away from the subrack.

Cable Retaining Clips

The cable retaining clips are used to hold cables in position at the top of the subrack so that they do not interfere with the mounting of the front panel, or interrupt the airflow through the base station.

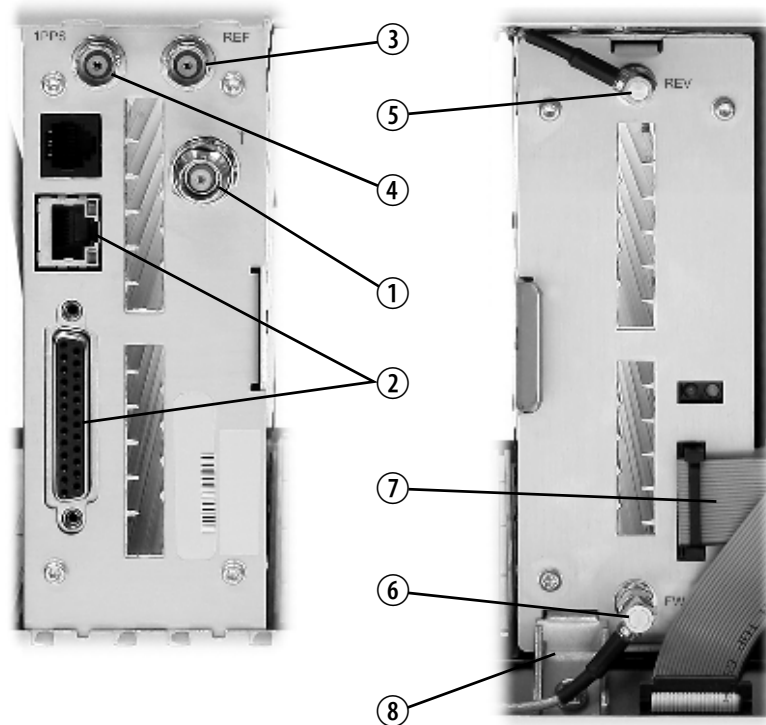
If you need to remove any front panel cables, simply pull the front of the cable retaining clip down and then slide it out from the subrack until it reaches the end of its travel.



8.3 Replacing a Reciter

Removal

1. If you have not already done so, carry out the instructions in [“Preliminary Disassembly”](#) on page 108.
2. At the rear of the reciter, unplug the RF input cable ①, any system cables ②, and the external reference ③ and 1 PPS ④ cables (if fitted).
3. At the front of the reciter, unplug the transmit reverse ⑤ and transmit forward ⑥ cables (if fitted), and move both cables to one side. Unplug both ends of the system control bus cable ⑦ and remove it.
4. Loosen the screw securing the retaining clamp ⑧ and rotate the clamp through 90° to clear the module.
5. Slide the reciter out of the subrack, taking care not to damage any of the cables.



Refitting

1. Slide the replacement reciter into the subrack and secure it with the retaining clamp.
2. Reconnect all the front and rear panel cables previously disconnected. Ensure the front panel cables are positioned correctly, and retained where required by the cable retaining clips in the top of the subrack (refer to [“Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections”](#) on page 118).

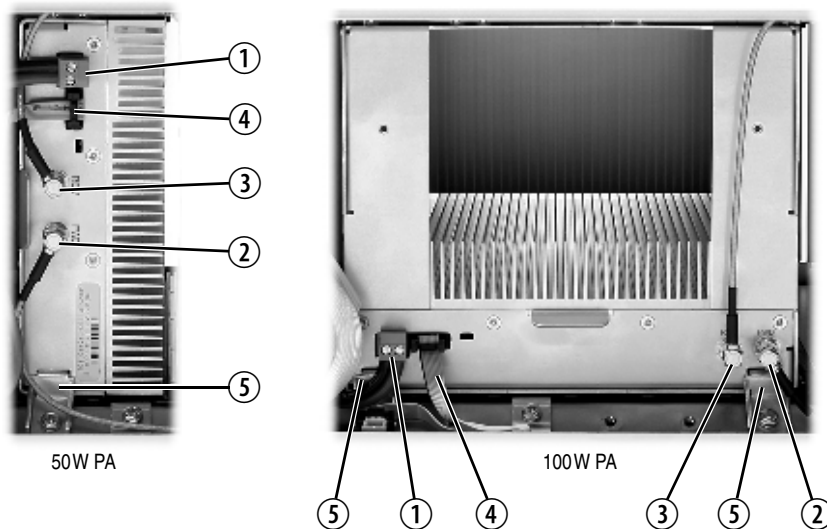
3. Tighten the nut on the SMA connector to a torque of 5 lbf·in (0.6N·m).
4. Carry out the instructions in [“Final Reassembly”](#) on page 116.

8.4 Replacing a Power Amplifier

Notice Before removing a PA, first disconnect the DC input, transmit forward input and transmit reverse output, followed by the RF output. After refitting the PA, reconnect the RF output first, followed by the transmit forward input, transmit reverse output, and then the DC input.

Removal

1. If you have not already done so, carry out the instructions in [“Preliminary Disassembly”](#) on page 108.
2. At the front of the PA, unplug the DC input ①, transmit forward ② and transmit reverse ③ cables, and move the cables to one side. Unplug both ends of the system control bus cable ④ and remove it.
3. At the rear of the PA, unplug the RF output cable.
4. Loosen the screw securing the retaining clamp(s) ⑤ and rotate the clamp(s) through 90° to clear the module.
5. Slide the PA out of the subrack, taking care not to damage any of the cables.



Refitting

1. Slide the replacement PA into the subrack and secure it with the retaining clamp(s).
2. At the rear of the PA, connect the RF output cable.
3. At the front of the PA, connect the transmit forward and transmit reverse cables, followed by the DC input cable.
4. Reconnect all the other front and rear panel cables previously disconnected. Ensure the front panel cables are positioned correctly, and retained where required by the cable retaining clips in the top of the subrack (refer to [“Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections”](#) on page 118).

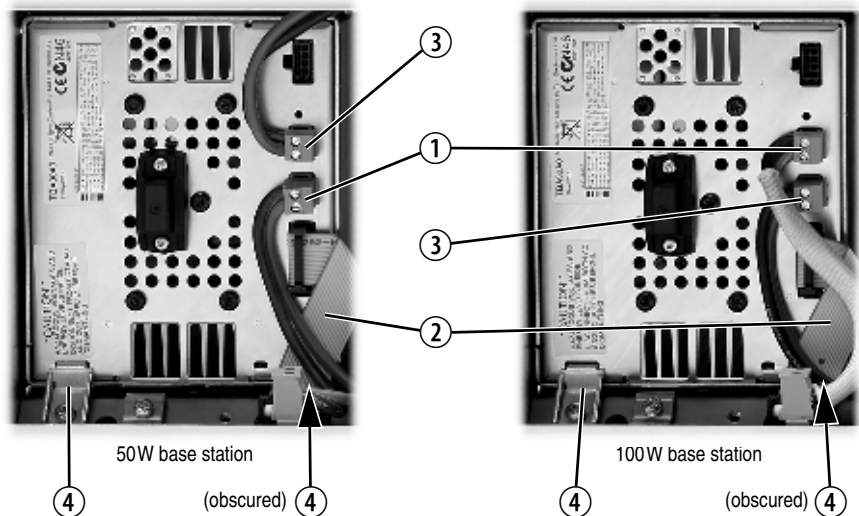
5. Tighten the nut on the SMA connector to a torque of 5 lbf·in (0.6N·m).
6. Carry out the instructions in “[Final Reassembly](#)” on page 116.

8.5 Replacing a Power Management Unit

Notice You must disconnect the AC and DC power cables before removing the PMU from the subrack.

Removal

1. If you have not already done so, carry out the instructions in “[Preliminary Disassembly](#)” on page 108.
2. At the front of the PMU, unplug and remove the output power cable ① to the subrack interconnect board. Also unplug and remove the system control bus cable ②.
3. Unplug the output power cable to the PA ③ and move it to one side.
4. Loosen the screws securing the retaining clamps ④ and rotate the clamps through 90° to clear the module.
5. Slide the PMU out of the subrack, taking care not to damage any of the cables.



Refitting

1. Slide the replacement PMU into the subrack and secure it with the retaining clamps.
2. Reconnect all the front and rear panel cables previously disconnected. Connect the DC power cables on the rear panel as shown in [Figure 4.8](#) on page 70. Tighten the screws to a torque of 18–20 lbf·in (2–2.25N·m). Ensure the front panel cables are positioned correctly, and retained where required by the cable

retaining clips in the top of the subrack (refer to “Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections” on page 118).

3. Carry out the instructions in “Final Reassembly” on page 116.

8.6 Replacing the Module Guide Rails

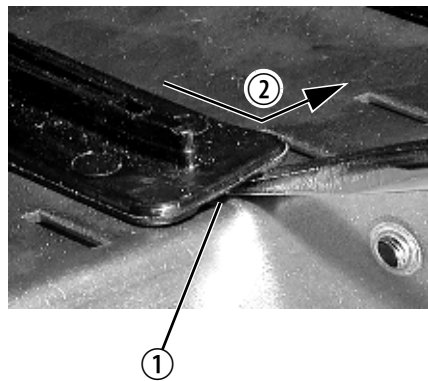
The module guide rails are held in place by four hooks that fit through the slots in the top and bottom of the subrack. There is also a locking tab which prevents the guide rails from working loose.

Notice Subracks produced from late 2008 onwards have wider slots than earlier subracks. Guide rails designed for these wider slots will not fit older subracks with narrow slots.

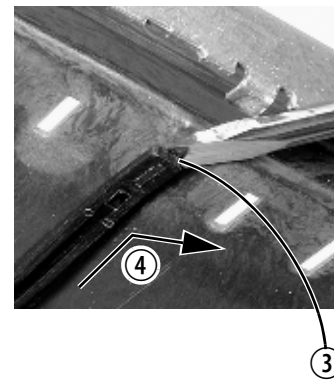
Removal

1. Bottom Guide Rails
 - a. Insert a small flat-blade screwdriver under the front end of the guide rail and lift it slightly ①. This will ensure the small locking tab is clear of the slot in the subrack.
 - b. While holding the front end of the guide rail up, pull the guide rail towards the front of the subrack ② and lift it clear of the slots.
2. Top Rails
 - a. Insert a small flat-blade screwdriver under the rear end of the guide rail and lift it slightly ③. This will ensure the small locking tab is clear of the slot in the subrack.
 - b. While holding the rear end of the guide rail up, pull the guide rail towards the rear of the subrack ④ and lift it clear of the slots.

bottom guide rail



top guide rail



Refitting

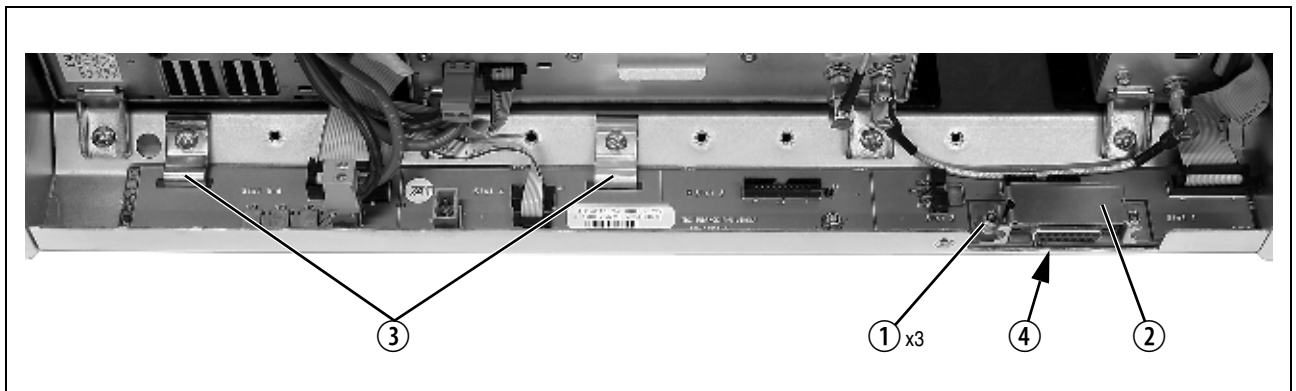
1. Bottom Guide Rails
 - a. With the locating hooks pointing towards the rear of the subrack, insert the hooks into the slots in the subrack.
 - b. Push the guide rail towards the rear of the subrack until you hear the locking tab “click” into place.

2. Top Guide Rails
 - a. With the locating hooks pointing towards the front of the subrack, insert the hooks into the slots in the subrack.
 - b. Push the guide rail towards the front of the subrack until you hear the locking tab “click” into place.

8.7 Replacing the Subrack Interconnect Board

- Removal**
1. If you have not already done so, carry out the instructions in [“Preliminary Disassembly” on page 108](#).
 2. Disconnect any system control bus cables and DC power cables from the subrack board.
 3. Remove the three M3 nuts and spring washers ① securing the right end of the board to the subrack.
 4. Remove the D-range cover ②.
 5. Remove the two retaining clamps ③ securing the left end and centre of the board.
 6. Remove the board.
- Refitting**
1. If previously removed, replace the insulator ④.
 2. Refit the board and D-range cover, and secure with the M3 nuts and spring washers. Replace the two retaining clamps.
 3. Reconnect the system control bus cables and reciter DC cables as shown in [“Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections” on page 118](#)).

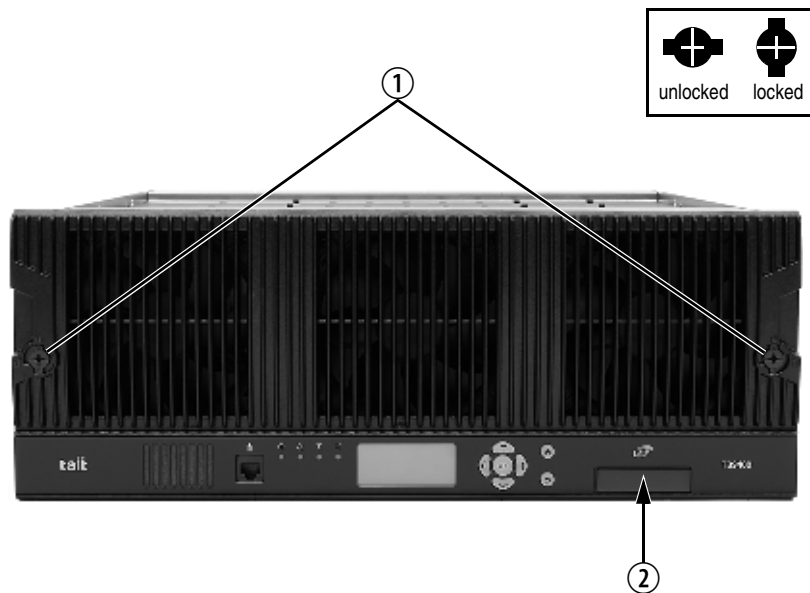
Figure 8.1 Replacing the subrack interconnect board



8.8 Final Reassembly

Notice You must fit the correct type of front panel to your base station. The different types of front panel and fan ducts are explained in “Appendix C – Identifying Front Panels” on page 122.

1. Before fitting the front panel, ensure that all cables are secured and positioned correctly so they are clear of the fan ducts (refer to “Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections” on page 118). Otherwise the panel may not fit properly, or you may damage the cables.
- ① Base stations manufactured after May 2015 no longer have an airflow separator.
2. Refit the Front Panel
 - a. Ensure that the fasteners ① are in the unlocked position.
 - b. Fit the front panel onto the locating pegs on the subrack.
 - c. Secure each fastener with a quarter turn clockwise.
 - d. **Push the self-aligning D-range connector ② fully in.**



3. Before powering up the base station, check that all power, RF and system cables are connected correctly and securely at the rear of the base station.

Notice When refitting modules, make sure they are fitted correctly into the subrack and all retaining clamps are securely tightened. The recommended torque for the retaining clamp screws is 17lbf·in (1.9N·m). As well as holding the modules in place, the retaining clamps push the modules hard against the rear rail of the subrack to ensure a good ground connection between the modules and the subrack.

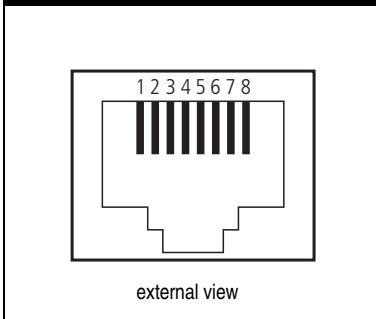
Appendix A – Interface Pin Allocations

System Interface Connector

For the pin allocations for the system interface D-range connector, see “Connecting General Purpose Inputs” on page 79.

Ethernet Connector

Pin	Description
1	transmit data +
2	transmit data –
3	receive data +
4	not connected
5	not connected
6	receive data –
7	not connected
8	not connected

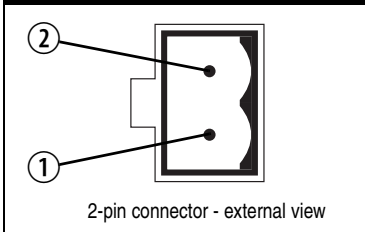


The diagram shows an external view of an 8-pin Ethernet connector. The pins are numbered 1 through 8 from left to right. The connector is shown in a perspective view, with the pins protruding from the top. The label "external view" is centered below the connector diagram.

PMU Auxiliary DC Output

The pin allocations for the auxiliary DC output on the PMU are given in the following table.

Pin	Description
1	+V output
2	–V output



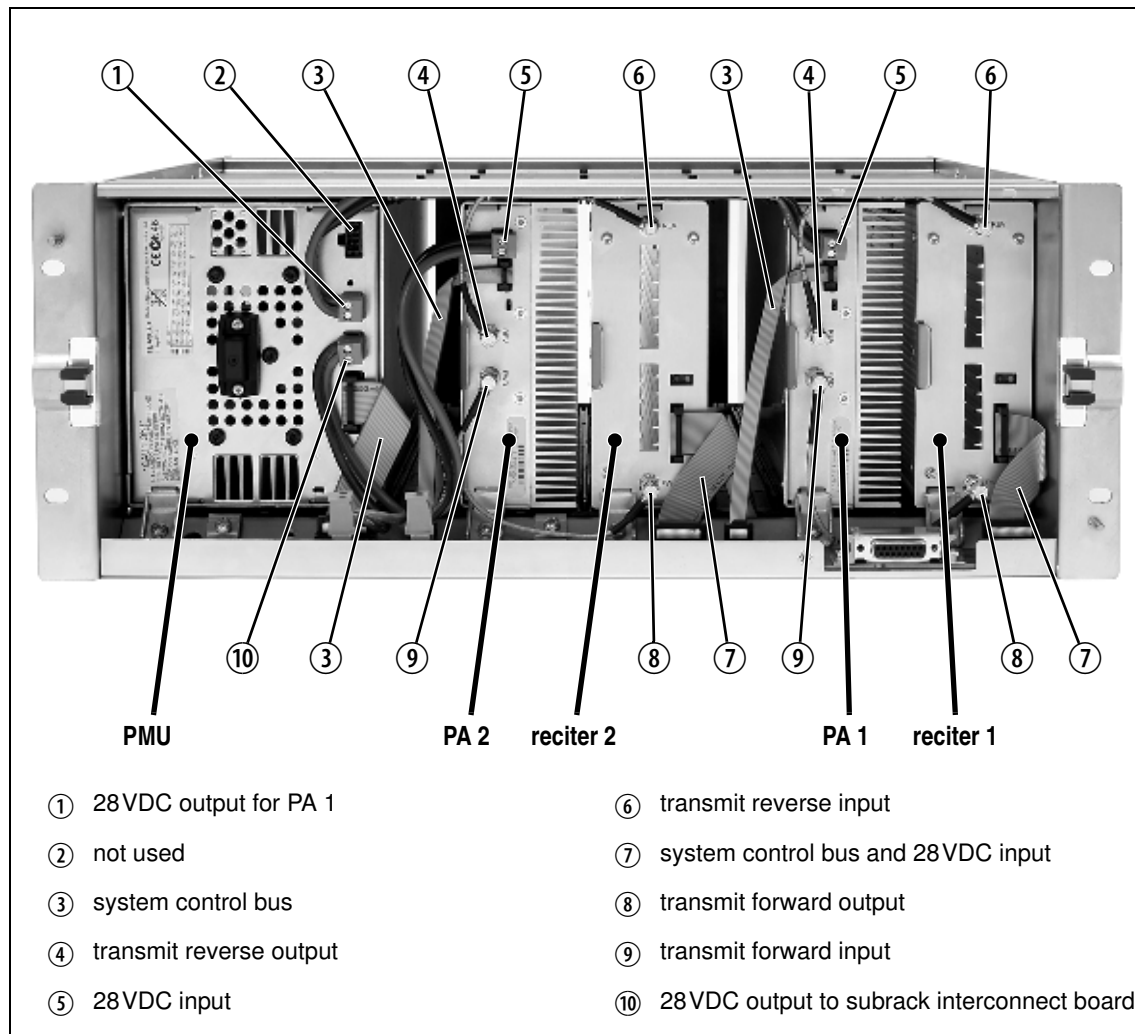
The diagram shows an external view of a 2-pin connector. The pins are numbered 1 and 2. Pin 1 is the lower pin and pin 2 is the upper pin. The connector is shown in a perspective view, with the pins protruding from the top. The label "2-pin connector - external view" is centered below the connector diagram.

Appendix B – Inter-Module Connections

Dual 50W Base Station

The connections between modules at the front of a dual 50W base station are shown below.

Dual 50W base station inter-module connections



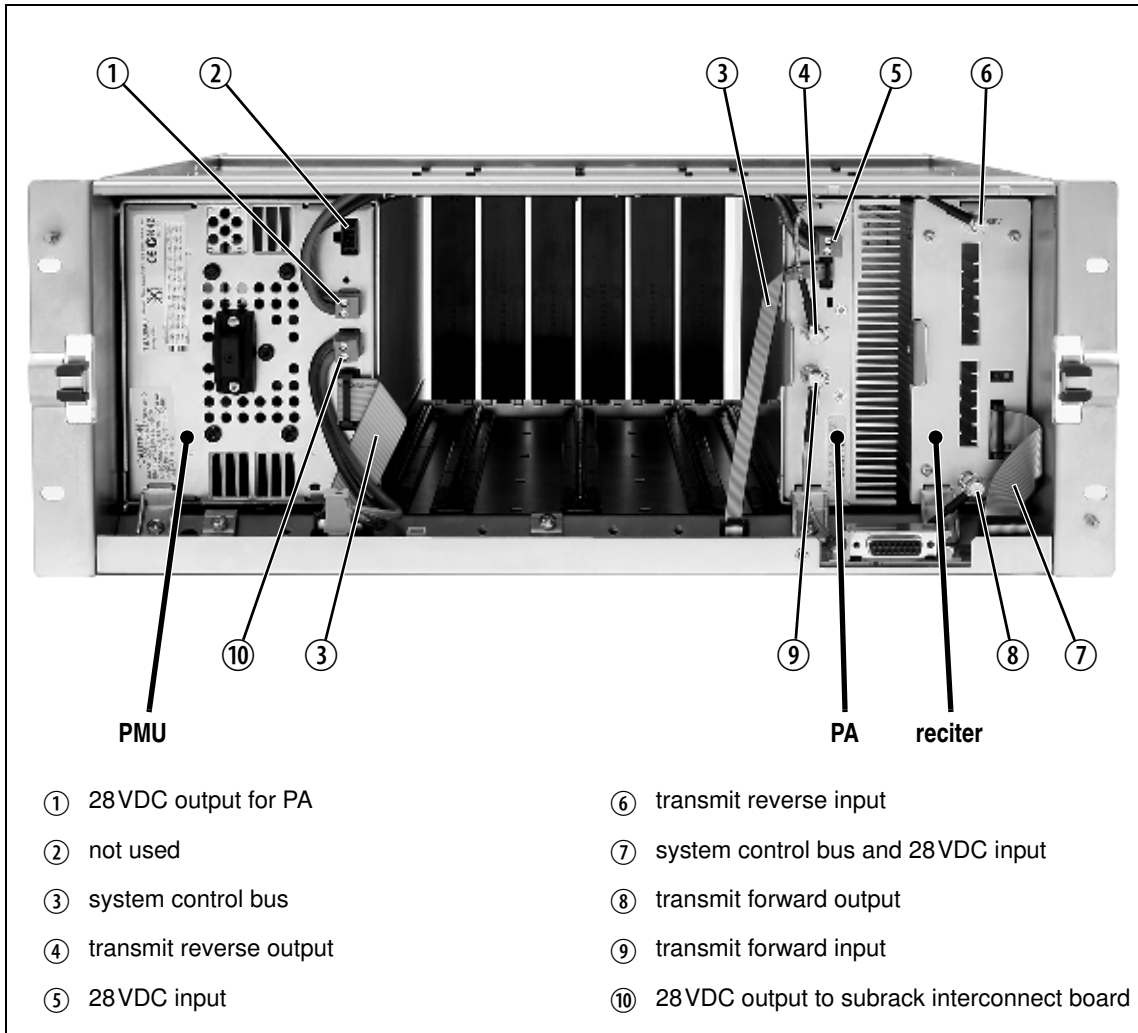
DC Supply

PA 1 is powered by a direct connection from the PMU. The other modules in the subrack are powered from the PMU via the subrack interconnect board. The DC supply to the reciters is via the system control bus ribbon cable.

Single 50W Base Station

The connections between modules at the front of a single 50W base station are shown below.

Single 50W base station inter-module connections



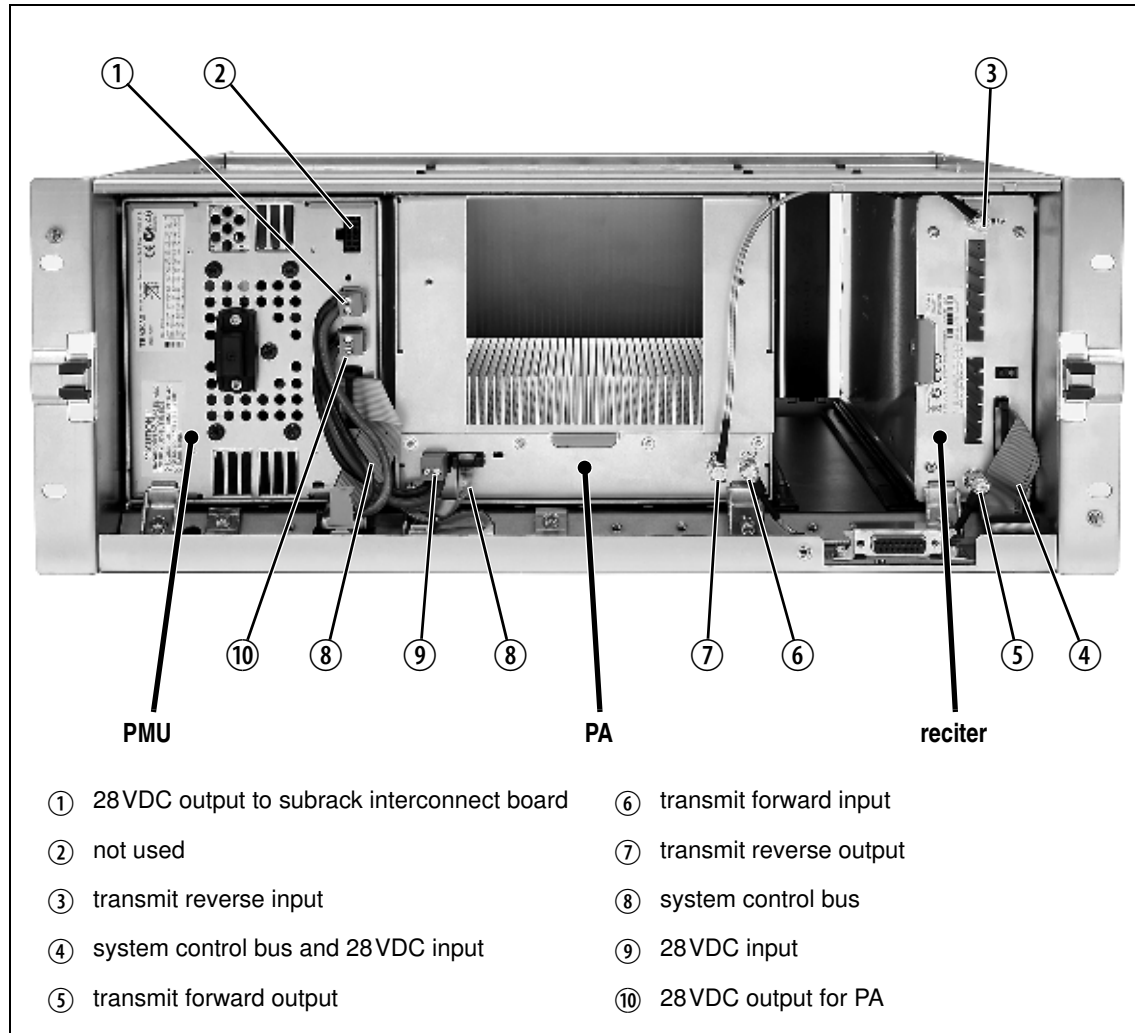
DC Supply

The PA is powered by a direct connection from the PMU. The reciter is powered from the PMU via the subrack interconnect board and system control bus ribbon cable.

100W Base Station

The connections between modules at the front of a 100W base station are shown below.

100W base station inter-module connections



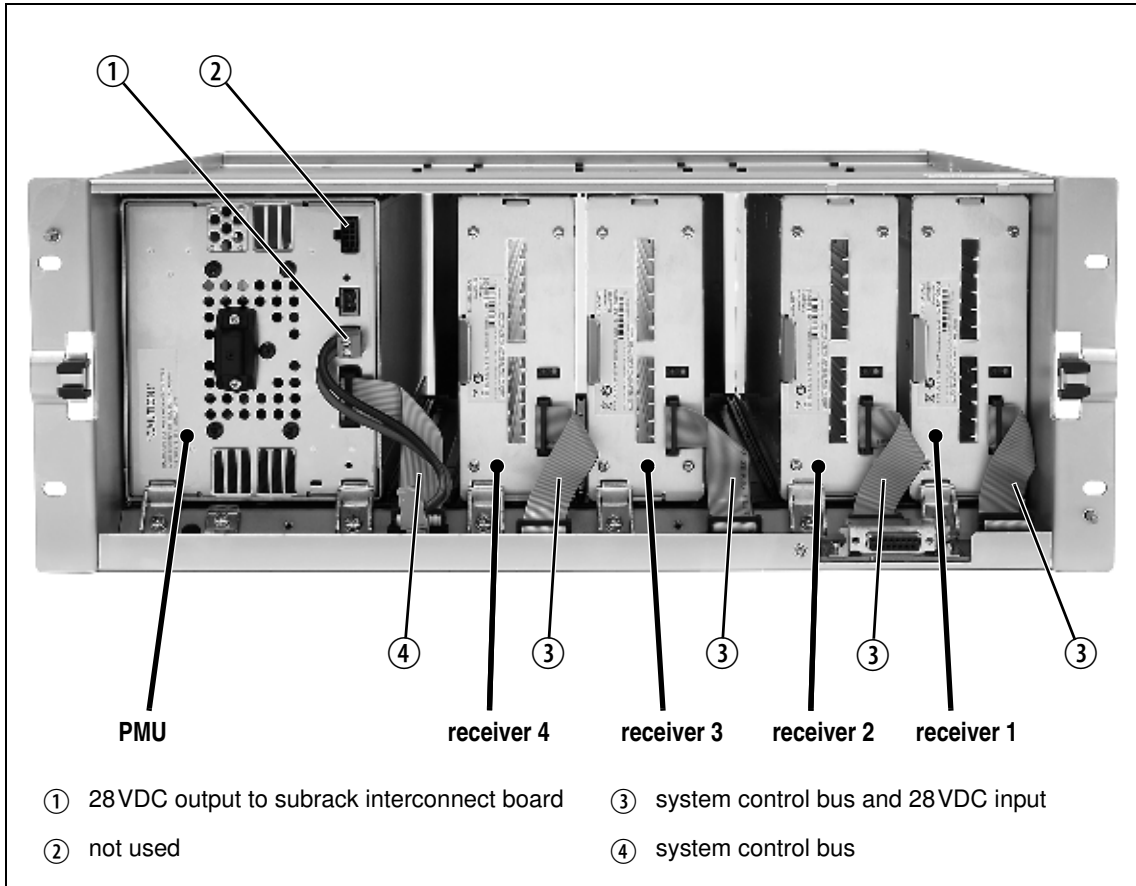
DC Supply

The PA is powered by a direct connection from the PMU. The reciter is powered from the PMU via the subrack interconnect board and system control bus ribbon cable.

Receive-only Base Station

The connections between modules at the front of a receive-only base station are shown below. A receive-only base station can have up to four receivers with a PMU.

Receive-only base station inter-module connections




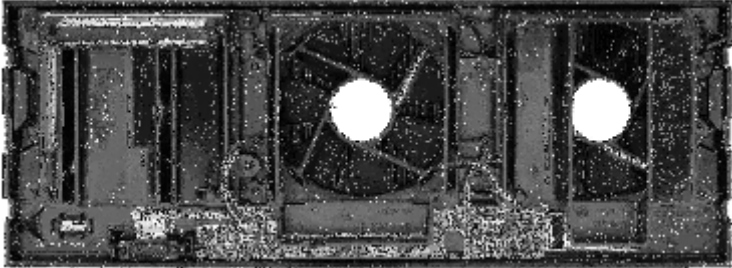
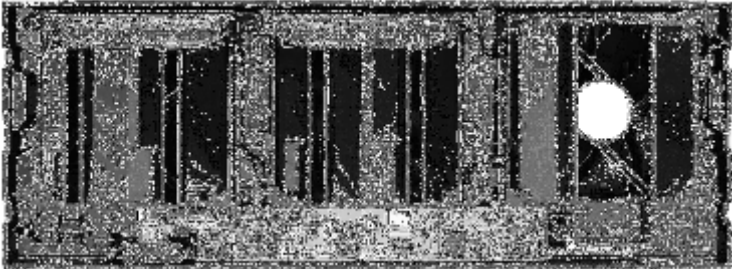
DC Supply

The receivers are powered from the PMU via the subrack interconnect board and system control bus ribbon cables.

Appendix C – Identifying Front Panels

You must fit the correct type of front panel to your base station. Each type of base station has a different combination of modules, and must use a front panel fitted with fan ducts that match those modules. Each module, or pair of modules, requires a specific type of fan duct to ensure the cooling air flow passes directly through the modules' heatsinks. The illustration below shows the different front panels and identifies each fan duct by its part number (the xx in the part number indicates the version of the part).

Identifying the different types of front panel

<p>50W base station (single and dual)</p>	<p>fan 1 reciter 1 and 50W PA 1 duct: 304-10000-xx</p>	<p>fan 2 reciter 2 and 50W PA 2 duct: 304-10001-xx</p>	<p>fan 3 PMU duct: 302-05265-xx</p>
			
<p>100W base station</p>	<p>fan 1 reciter duct: 302-05302-xx</p>	<p>fan 2 100W PA duct: 302-05264-xx</p>	<p>fan 3 PMU duct: 302-05265-xx</p>
			
<p>Receive-only base station</p>	<p>fan 1 receiver 1 and 2 duct: 302-05302-xx</p>	<p>fan 2 receiver 3 and 4 duct: 302-05303-xx</p>	<p>fan 3 PMU duct: 302-05265-xx</p>
			

Glossary

This glossary contains an alphabetical list of terms and abbreviations, from within this manual, related to the Tait network and the TB9400 base station.

base station	A radio receiver and transmitter that is located in a specific place (at a site) that enables a two-way radio to communicate with a dispatcher or over a larger range with other two-way radios. Specifically, Tait TB9400 equipment in a subrack.
battery protection mode	A PMU enters battery protection mode when it has AC power but its DC power is below the configured power shutdown voltage. In battery protection mode, the PMU will shut down to protect the battery if it loses AC power.
call	A complete exchange of information between two or more parties. A call requires a receive signal path and a transmit signal path. In conventional systems, a call is an over, but in trunked systems, a call may be a conversation, made up of a number of overs.
central voting	Voting that is centralized at one member of the channel group.
channel group	A single logical channel consisting of a set of base stations. The members of a channel group operate on the same RF frequencies, are linked by an IP network and share a common multicast IP address.
channel profile	A named group of configuration settings that help to define the properties of a channel. Each channel in the channel table must have a channel profile assigned to it.
channel spacing	The bandwidth that a channel nominally occupies. If a base station has a channel spacing of 12.5 kHz, there must be a separation of at least 12.5 kHz between its operating frequencies and those of any other equipment.
configuration file	Consists of all the configuration settings needed for a base station, stored as a file.
conventional network	Systems that do not have centralized management of channel access. System operation is entirely controlled by system end users.
CTCSS	CTCSS (continuous tone controlled squelch system), also known as PL (private line), is a type of signaling that uses subaudible tones to segregate groups of users.

CWID	Continuous Wave Identification is a method of automatically identifying the base station using a Morse code. Continuous wave means transmission of a signal with a single frequency that is either on or off, as opposed to a modulated carrier.
dispatcher	A person who gives official instructions by radio to one or more SU users.
downlink	The transmission path from fixed equipment to SUs.
duplex	Providing transmission and reception in both directions simultaneously.
duty cycle	Used in relation to the PA, it is the proportion of time (expressed as a percentage) during which the PA is transmitting.
EIA	Electronic Industries Alliance. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and responsible for developing telecommunications and electronics standards in the USA.
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility. The ability of equipment to operate in its electromagnetic environment without creating interference with other devices.
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute. The non-profit organization responsible for producing European telecommunications standards.
FCC	Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is an independent United States government agency that regulates interstate and international radio communications.
feature license key	The unique set of digits belonging to a license which is programmed into the base station to enable a feature set.
flash	Electrically block-erasable and programmable read-only memory.
FM	Frequency Modulation. Often used as an adjective to denote analog radio transmission.
frequency band	The range of frequencies that the equipment is capable of operating on.
front panel	The cover over the front of the base station containing the indicator LEDs, four-line LCD display, user controls and cooling fans.

host name	The unique name by which a network element is known on the network.
I²C	A bi-directional two-wire serial bus which is used to connect integrated circuits (ICs). I ² C is a multi-master bus, which means that multiple chips can be connected to the same bus, and each one can act as a master by initiating a data transfer. Used in the TB9400 for communications between reciter 1 and the PMU.
IP	Internet Protocol is a protocol for sending data packets between hosts.
isolator	A passive two-port device which transmits power in one direction, and absorbs power in the other direction. It is used in a PA to prevent damage to the RF circuitry from high reverse power.
LAN	Local Area Network. A computer network that interconnects computers in a limited area, such as a single building or group of buildings.
LED	Light Emitting Diode. Also the screen representation of a physical LED.
license	Some operational functions of the base station are controlled by licenses. Purchasing a license from Tait allows you to enable the feature set which includes the required functionality.
logical channel	One of the two timeslots provided in each TB9400 radio frequency. Each timeslot can function as a separate logical channel, independent of the other timeslot. One radio frequency can therefore carry two separate voice or data streams, one in each timeslot.
LSM	Linear Simulcast Modulation is a proprietary modulation scheme designed to give optimal performance in simulcast systems, compared to that obtainable using C4FM.
marshaling duration	The length of time that the voice stream needs to travel from the central voter to the furthest channel group member. The fixed marshaling duration parameter includes the time needed to fill the transmit buffer to the required level.
master	The channel group master is the member with the control connection to the trunking site controller.
multicast group	The group of hosts associated with a specific IP multicast address.
multicast IP address	An IP address that refers to a group of hosts rather than a single host. These hosts will all accept packets with this IP address.

NAC	Network Access Code. The 12 most significant bits of the network identifier information that precedes every packet sent on the CAI. The NAC identifies which network the data belongs to, allowing base stations and mobiles to ignore packets belonging to interfering networks.
NAT	Network Address Translation allows the use of a single IP address for a whole network of computers. A NAT sits between the public Internet and the network it serves, and works by rewriting IP addresses and port numbers in IP headers on the fly so the packets all appear to be coming from (or going to) the single public IP address of the NAT device instead of the actual source or destination.
network element	Any device that is network-connected. A Tait digital network consists of a number of network elements. The TB9400 base station is a network element designed and manufactured by Tait.
NTP	Network Time Protocol is a protocol and software implementation for synchronizing the clocks of computer systems across a network. An NTP server obtains the correct time from a time source and sets the local time in each connected computer.
Offline mode	A mode of operation in which active service is suspended so that special operations can be carried out, such as programming in a new configuration or carrying out invasive diagnostic tests.
Online mode	The normal operating mode of the base station.
over	A single transmission, which begins when a user presses PTT and ends when the user stops pressing.
PA	The Power Amplifier is a base station module that boosts the exciter output to the required transmit level.
PMU	The Power Management Unit is a module in the base station that provides power to the subrack and monitors power conditions.
PTT	Push To Talk. The button on an SU that keys the transmitter.
QoS	Quality Of Service. A router feature that gives real-time data such as voice calls priority over other data.
reciter	A module of a base station that provides both receiver and exciter functionality.

router	A router is an internetwork packet switch that switches data packets from an input interface to an output interface. The interfaces can be of different types.
RS-232	A protocol for serial communications between a DTE (data terminal equipment) and a DCE (data communications equipment) device.
RS-485	An updated version of the RS-232 protocol for serial communications between multiple devices.
RSSI	Received Signal Strength Indicator is a level that indicates the strength of the received signal.
RTP	Real Time Protocol is an Internet protocol that supports the real-time transmission of voice and data.
Rx	Receiver.
simplex	Able to provide transmission and reception in only one direction at a time.
simulcast	The simultaneous broadcast by more than one transmitter of the same signal on the same frequency.
site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The base station equipment at a particular location. This includes power supplies, transmitters, receivers, network interfaces and controllers. 2. The location of that equipment.
skew	A measure used in centrally voted channel groups. If a voice stream arrives at the central voter 20ms later than the first voice stream from the same SU, it is said to have a skew of 20ms.
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol. A protocol used (for example) by the trunking site controller to monitor the status of the channel group and its members.
system control bus	<p>Provides the following physical paths in a TB9400 base station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I²C and RS-485 communications between the modules in the subrack ■ fan power from the PMU ■ power connections for the reciter and front panel.
TaitNet	Brand name for a PMR network designed and manufactured by Tait Limited.

TCP	Transmission Control Protocol. A complex protocol on top of IP for sending reliable streams of data with flow control.
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access. TDMA divides a single RF channel into multiple time slots (logical channels), with each time slot being transmitted in rapid succession, one after the other. A time slot can be occupied by a single voice or data stream.
TIA	Telecommunications Industry Association
toggle	Describes the switching between two states. If something is on, toggling it turns it off. If it is off, toggling it turns it on.
tone	A sound wave of a particular frequency.
Tx	Transmitter.
uplink	The transmission path from SUs to fixed equipment.
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time (word order from French). An international time standard that has replaced Greenwich Mean Time.
voice stream	A digitized voice signal that passes through the main switch.
VoIP	Voice over IP. The name for the technology that puts speech signals in packets and then routes them over an IP backbone network.
voting	The systematic sampling of a group of channels for the channel with the best signal quality. Voting provides wide-area coverage and ensures that as the user moves throughout the coverage area the strongest channel is always available for a call.
VPN	Virtual Private Network. A private communications network used to communicate confidentially over a non-private network.
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio is the ratio of the maximum peak voltage anywhere on the transmission line to the minimum value anywhere on the transmission line. A perfectly matched line has a VSWR of 1:1. A high ratio indicates that the antenna subsystem is poorly matched.

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