Frequency Standards

FS725 — Benchtop rubidium frequency standard



- 10 MHz and 5 MHz outputs
- 1 pps input and output for GPS synchronization
- 20 year aging less than 0.005 ppm
- Ultra-low phase noise (<-130 dBc/Hz at 10 Hz)
- Built-in distribution amplifiers (up to 22 outputs)
- · RS-232 computer interface
- · Two status alarm relays

FS725 Rubidium Frequency Standard -

The FS725 integrates a rubidium oscillator (SRS model PRS10), a low-noise AC power supply, and distribution amplifiers in a compact, half-width 2U chassis. It provides stable and reliable performance with an estimated 20 year aging of less than 5×10^{-9} , and a demonstrated rubidium oscillator MTBF of over 200,000 hours. The FS725 is an ideal instrument for calibration and R&D laboratories, or any application requiring a precision frequency standard.

There are two 10 MHz and one 5 MHz outputs with exceptionally low phase noise (-130 dBc/Hz at 10 Hz offset) and one second Allan variance ($<2 \times 10^{-11}$). The FS725 can be phase-locked to an external 1 pps reference (like GPS) providing Stratum 1 performance. A 1 pps output is also provided that has less than 1 ns of jitter, and may be set with 1 ns resolution.

Up to three internal distribution modules can be added to the FS725. Each module has four 10 MHz outputs, one 5 MHz output, and one 1 pps output, all with the same low phase noise, harmonic distortion and jitter.

An RS-232 interface allows direct communication with the rubidium oscillator. Using the provided Windows software, you can easily monitor and control 1 pps timing, and determine the instrument's operational status.

There are two alarm relays that indicate the status of the rubidium oscillator lock state and synchronization to an external 1 pps input. The relays are SPDT, providing both normally-open and normally-closed contacts.

FS725 Specifications

Output

Output frequencies 10 MHz sine, 5 MHz sine, 10 μs wide 1 pps pulse

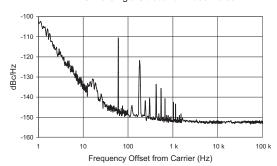
 $0.5 \, \text{Vrms}, \pm 10 \, \%$

1 pps pulse amplitude 2.5 V into 50Ω , 5 V into High-Z loads

Phase noise (SSB) <-130 dBc/Hz (10 Hz) $<-140 \, dBc/Hz \, (100 \, Hz)$

<-150 dBc/Hz (1 kHz) $<-155 \, dBc/Hz \, (10 \, kHz)$

FS725 Single Sideband Phase Noise



Spurious <-100 dBc (100 kHz BW)

Harmonics <-60 dBc $\pm 5\times 10^{-11}$ Accuracy at shipment

 45×10^{-11} (monthly) 45×10^{-10} (yearly) Aging (after 30 days)

 5×10^{-9} (20 years, typ.)

 $<2\times10^{-11}$ (1 s) Short-term stability $<1 \times 10^{-11} (10 \text{ s})$ (Allan variance)

 $<2 \times 10^{-12} (100 \text{ s})$

72 hour Stratum 1 level (1×10^{-11}) Holdover $\pm 5 \times 10^{-11}$ (72 hrs. off, then 72 hrs. on) $< 5 \times 10^{-12}$ Frequency retrace

Settability

 $\pm 2 \times 10^{-9}$ (0 to 5 VDC) Trim range

 ± 0.5 ppm (via RS-232) Warm-up time <6 minutes (time to lock)

<7 minutes (time to 1×10^{-9})

Front-Panel Indicators (Green LEDs)

Power "On" when AC power is applied "On" when frequency is locked to Rb Locked 1 pps input Blinks with each 1 pps reference

input applied to rear panel

1 pps sync "On" when 1 pps output is synchronized within $\pm 1 \mu s$ of 1 pps input Receive Blinks when RS-232 characters

are received by FS725

Blinks when RS-232 characters Send

are sent by FS725

Rear-Panel Connections

Frequency adjust 0 to 5 VDC adjusts frequency by

±0.002 ppm (normally unconnected) One 100 kΩ input. Requires CMOS

level pulses (0 to 5 VDC). If an

external 1 pps input is applied, lock is maintained between the 1 pps

input and 1 pps output, with computer adjustable time constant

from 8 minutes to 18 hours. 10 MHz outputs Two $50\,\Omega$ isolated sine outputs One 50Ω sine output 5 MHz output

1 pps output One 50Ω pulse output

Each option board provides four Optional outputs 10 MHz, one 5 MHz, and one 1 pps

outputs. Up to 3 boards can be installed. Max. current, 3 A. SPDT, normally

open or normally closed. May be wired in parallel with other relays to

"wire-or" a single alarm.

Rb lock Relay status matches the front-panel

"Locked" LED.

Relay status matches the front-panel 1 pps

"1 pps sync" LED.

9-pin connector configured as DCE, RS-232

9600 baud. Windows RbMon

software is provided.

Environmental

Alarm relays

Operating temperature +10 °C to +40 °C

 $\Delta f/f < \pm 1 \times 10^{-10} \ (+10 \,^{\circ}\text{C to } +40 \,^{\circ}\text{C})$ Temperature stability

-55 °C to +85 °C Storage temperature

 $\Delta f/f < 2 \times 10^{-10}$ (1 Gauss field reversal) Magnetic field

95% (non-condensing) Relative humidity

General

AC power 90 to 132 VAC or 175 to 264 VAC,

47 to 63 Hz, 50 W

Dimensions, weight

Warranty

 $8.5" \times 3.5" \times 13"$ (WHL), 9 lbs. One year parts and labor on defects

in materials and workmanship

Ordering Information

FS725 Benchtop Rb frequency standard Option 01 Distribution amplifier (6 outputs) Option 02 Distribution amplifier (12 outputs) Option 03 Distribution amplifier (18 outputs)

O725RMD Double rack mount kit O725RMS Single rack mount kit



FS725 rear panel (with Opt. 03)



1 pps input