



CHAMELEON

Technical Specification



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CHAMELEON

Single Hardware Headend

The CHAMELEON product line is the first ever to cover almost every need for Cable-TV and SMATV distribution with only one hardware. The different inputs and outputs are defined by software and hardware options and all software options can be updated

any time. The CHAMELEON includes receivers for DVB-S/S2, DVB-T/T2 and DVB-C, furthermore it includes decoding of MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 video formats as well as it supports MPEG, AAC HE and AC-3 audio decoding. Remultiplexing is just a mouse click away.

CHAMELEON OVERVIEW



Inputs

The CHAMELEON has dual independent DVB tuners (S/S2, T/T2, C), GigE IP inputs and ASI inputs.



Processing

CI decryption, remultiplexing, PSI/SI regeneration, encryption and MPEG decoding.



Outputs

Digital RF modulation in DVB-T, DVB-C and DTMB. Analogue RF in PAL and SECAM, GigE IP outputs, ASI outputs and SDI outputs.

Control and Management

✓ Graphical User Interface for easy set up of complex systems. Simple handling of service remultiplexing and automatic PSI/SI regeneration.

✓ Each CHAMELEON contains an embedded web server for management and control. Standard web browsers (Explorer, Mozilla etc.) are supported.

PSI/SI and remultiplexing

✓ Remultiplexer with multiple inputs from tuners, IP and ASI. Multiple TS outputs to modulators, IP and ASI.

✓ PSI/SI analysis and regeneration. PID dropping and PID remapping.

Power Supply: 12 VDC nom. (9-14 VDC)

Power consumption: Typical 15 W, max 18 W

Dimensions: 230x105x40 mm (excl. connectors)

Weight: Approx. 640g

Controller: Embedded web server, SNMP, CLI

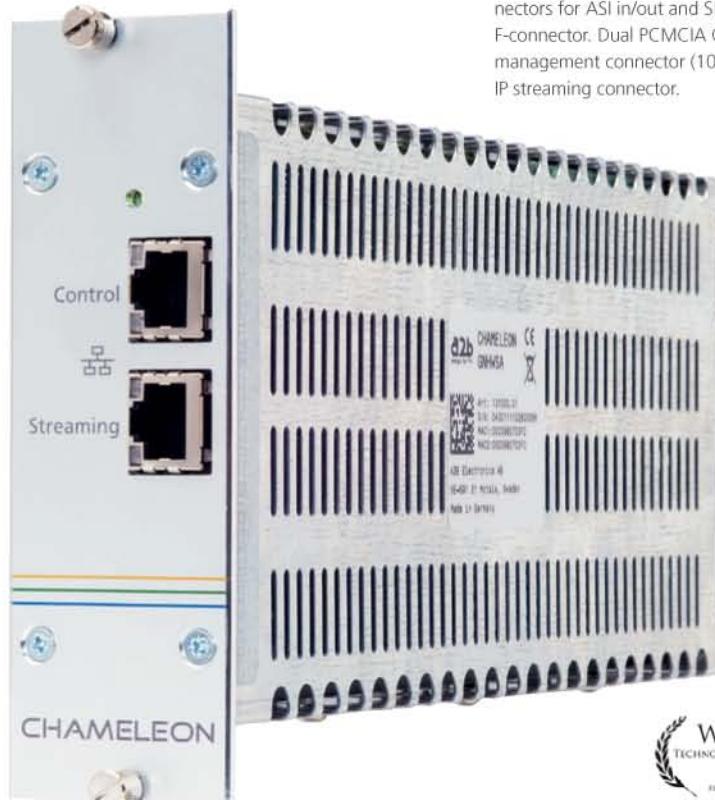
Op. temperature: 5°C to 45°C

Nominal temp. range: 15°C to 35°C



Connectors

Dual RF tuner F-connectors, dual BNC connectors for ASI in/out and SDI out. RF out F-connector. Dual PCMCIA CI slots. RJ45 IP management connector (10/100) RJ45 GigE IP streaming connector.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

INPUTS & PROCESSING

DVB-S/S2 Satellite Receivers	
Input frequency	925-2175 MHz
Input level	-65 to -25 dBm, 44 to 84 dB μ V
Spectral inversion	Yes, selectable
LNB voltage	Auto, Off or 13/18V, programmable
22kHz to LNB	Auto, On or Off, programmable
DVB compliance	DVB-S (EN 300 421) DVB-S2 (EN 302 307)
DiSEqC	Supporting control of up to 4 satellite sources

DVB-T / T2 Receiver	
Input frequency	43-1002 MHz
Input level	39 to 79 dB μ V, -70 to -30 dBm ¹⁾ ²⁾
Bandwidth (DVB-T)	6/7/8 MHz
Bandwidth (DVB-T2)	1.7/5/6/7/8 MHz and ext. bandwidth
Compliance	DVB-T (EN 300 744) DVB-T2 (ETSI EN 302 755)

¹⁾ QEF reception with test signal: 8K, 64QAM, 1/4 guard interval, 2/3 FEC

²⁾ QEF reception with test signal: 32K, 256-R QAM, 1/16 guard interval, 64k lpdc, code rate 2/3 PP4, BW-8MHz, SISO

DVB-C Receiver	
Input frequency	43-1002 MHz
Input level	49 to 79 dB μ V, -60 to -30 dBm ¹⁾
Bandwidth	8 MHz
Symbol rate	1-7.2 Mbaud
Compliance	DVB-C (EN 300 429 / ITU J.38 Annex A/C)

¹⁾ QEF reception with test signal: 8K, 64QAM, 1/4 guard interval, 2/3 FEC

ASI input/output	
Max payload bit rates in/out	Typical 200 Mbit/s
PCR restamping	Yes
Compliance	EN 50083-9:2002, ASI-C

IPTV input/output	
Input bit rate	Max 110 Mbit/s per IPTS, max 200 Mbit/s total
Output bit rate	Max 100 Mbit/s per IPTS, max 200 Mbit/s total
Input/output protocol	UDP/RTP Multicast/Unicast
Input/output format/capacity	CBR, max 20 IPTS ¹⁾
Time stamp & de-jitter	Yes

¹⁾ Number of IPTS in/out will depend on Operation Mode

CI Multidecryption	
Supported bit rates	55 / 62 / 72 Mbit/s
Compliance	EN 50221

DVB-CSA scrambler / Simulcrypt interface	
Interface	IP
Number of encrypted PIDs	64 PIDs per output
Number of SCG	64 SCG per output
DVB compliance	DVB-SimulCrypt (ETSI TS 101 197)

MPEG Decoder – audio/video	
Video formats	MPEG-2 MP@HL, MPEG-4 H.264 AVC, H.264 level 4
Audio formats	MPEG-1 layer II, AAC HE
Downscaling	HD to SD for 1 service
Aspect ratio	Letterbox, Pan/Scan, or conversion combined (14:9) programmable, WSS
Teletext	Subtitling Teletext or DVB subtitling

OUTPUTS

VSB – AM Modulation	
Standards	PAL B/G, D/K, I, SECAM D/K, B/G, L
Sound	Mono, NICAM stereo, A2 or A2* stereo
Modulation video	VSB AM, neg. or pos.
Modulation audio	Audio FM or AM
Output frequency	45-855 MHz
Output level	> 110/107 dB μ V (1ch/2ch)
Video S/N (weighted)	> 65 dB
C/N, broadband	> 70 dB (65 dB typical at adjacent channel)
NICAM standards	NICAM 728 (EN 300 163)
Spur. suppression	> 60 dBc

SDI output	
Output video	SDI, audio embedded
Output audio	Stereo, Mono or DualSound
Compliance SDI-SD	SMPTE 259M, SMPTE 272M

FM Modulation radio	
Audio decoder	MPEG-1 Layer I/II
Sound	Mono, stereo, joint stereo
Modulation	FM, ref ITU-R BS.450-3
RDS insertion (dynamic and static)	Yes, Ref EN50067
Output frequency	87.5-108 MHz, 100 MHz step size
Output level per FM channel	> 93 dB μ V
S/N	> 60 dB (mono) > 55 dB (stereo)
C/N, broadband	> 60 dB
Spur. suppression	> 50 dBc (outside FM band)

DVB-C Modulation	
QAM mode	16, 32, 64, 128 and 256 QAM
Symbol rate	2.4-13.6 Mbaud/s
MER (at RF out)	> 43 dB for 256-QAM
QAM output frequency	43-1002 MHz
Output level	> 105/102/99/96 dB μ V (1ch/2ch/3ch/4ch)
DVB compliance	DVB-C (EN 300 429)

DVB-T Modulation	
COFDM mode/modulation	2k, 8k / QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
Guard interval	1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32
FEC	1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
MER	> 38 dB, typical 40 dB
Output frequency	43-1002 MHz
Output level	> 103/100 dB μ V (1ch/2ch)
DVB compliance	DVB-T (EN 300 744)

DTMB Modulation	
Header length	420 / 595 / 945 symbols
Interleaving length	M = 240, M = 720
Modulation	4QAM, 16QAM, 64QAM
Output frequency	43-1002 MHz
Output level (typical)	> 104 dB μ V
Compliance	GB 20600-2006

AVAILABLE SOFTWARE OPTIONS

INPUT	PROCESSING	OUTPUT	MISCELLANEOUS
DVB-C Receivers GNC, GNDC	Common Interface Decryption GNCI, GNDCI	DVB-C Modulators GNCMOD, GNDMOD, GNTCMOD, GNQCMOD	System Management GNSYSMG
DVB-S/S2 Receivers GNS2, GNDS2	Simulcrypt Scrambling GNSCR	J.83 Annex B / C Modulators GNJ83B, GNDJ83B, GNJDJ83C, GNQJ83C	Service License Agreement GNM1, GNM3
DVB-T/T2 Receivers GNT, GNDT, GNT2, GNDT2	Remultiplexing GNMUX, GNSYMUX, GNPSISI	DVB-T Modulators GNTMOD, GNDTMOD	All SW Options GNALL
ASI input & output GNASI, GNDASI	Redundancy GNRED	Analogue Modulators GNVMOD, GNDVMOD	
IP Streaming input & output GNSTR, GNSTREC	Dolby AC3 GNDOL	FM Radio GNDFM, GNOCTFM	
		DTMB Modulator GNDMOD	
		SDI output GNSSDI, GNDSDI	
		ASI input & output GNASI, GNDASI	
		IP Streaming input & output GNSTR, GNSTREC	

RELATED HARDWARE

CHAMELEON GN40



- 3 HU 19 inch subrack for up to 10 CHAMELEON modules
- 1 HU 19 inch PSU and fan unit

CHAMELEON GN50



- 3 HU 19 inch subrack with embedded GigE switch
- Fitting up to 10 CHAMELEON modules
- Embedded fans and PSU, optional redundant PSU
- N+1 redundancy (SW option GNNRED)

CHAMELEON GN20



- 1 HU 19 inch subrack for 1 or 2 CHAMELEONS
- Embedded PSU and fan

CHAMELEON GN01



- Wall mount subrack for 1 or 2 CHAMELEONS
- Embedded PSU and fan

CHAMELEON DC28 & DM17



- DC28**
- 4 x 7 way input signal splitter
- DM17**
- 2 x 5 way output signal combiner

MPEG Encoder GNHWENCW



- Encoding of 1 HD-SDI or 2 SD-SDI / analogue video signals
- Gigabit Ethernet and ASI output
- Output: MPEG-4 SD/HD
- Control and management via web UI

