## General

Today's large scale communication and critical broadcast installations require redundant hardware and equipment. The 10942B provides a redundancy switching function between system blocks. An uncompromising combination of high performance and high reliability redundancy switching are coupled together in a dual mode switching system design. Standard redundant power supplies plus redundant system control interfaces deliver the ultimate in system reliability for critical applications.

Compact and high performance, the 10942B provides cost effective, flexible switching capacity for smaller installations, providing 4 channels of redundancy switching (A/B primary or backup) in either 1:4 or 1:1 modes. Bandpass is excellent for video, IF or RF signals ranging to nearly 1 GHz .

Complete control and status of the unit is available at both the front panel controls or the dual remote interface. Also provided with the unit is a direct TTL alarm input connector for backup channel selection with priority assignment (for 1:4 mode), and an 8-bit driver port for controlling external devices. The unit has provisions for the user to self-configure the serial mode of the individual serial ports (RS-232C, RS422A or RS-485), and for unique instalations, the unit is also available in DC powered configurations.

## Applications

- Airborne surveillance systems
- Communication installations
- Digital broadcast facilities or production studios
- Imaging and animation production facilities
- NTSC, PAL, IF or SECAM redundancy
- Security systems
- Factory automation monitoring


## Features

- High reliability relays
- Four channels of $A / B$ switching
- Dual mode, 1:4 or 1:1 redundancy switching
- $>800 \mathrm{MHz}$ bandpass
- BNC signal connectors
- Redundant hot-swap power supplies
- Dual serial control ports plus TTL alarm inputs
- Field configurable serial ports (RS-232C/422A/485)
- 10/100 Ethernet control port available
- International AC power input, or optional DC
- Certified CE EN61010 (LVD)
- LabVIEW drivers available



## Application Example

SELECT FROM ONE OF TWO SOURCES
ROUTE TO ONE OF TWO DESTINATIONS


## Front Panel Features

The front of the unit provides a host of features in a compact 1RU panel height. Channel selection and back-up method (1:1 or 1:4) can be controlled by front panel color-coded LED illuminated control keys. A high contrast vacuum fluorescent display also displays status messages.

Located on the front panel for easy access are the redundant hot-swap power supplies. These supplies are constantly monitored by the unit for proper operation and installa-
tion. Bi-color LED's on each supply easily identify defective units.

Also included on the front panel are bi-color status LED's for the J8 alarm input port, serial receive and transmit activity, lithium battery monitor, and general error conditions. Errors are displayed on the front panel display, and an error code is also sent via the serial ports.


## Serial Port

The unit is delivered with dual RS-232C, RS-422A or RS-485 serial interfaces installed. The unit is factory configured for RS485. The user can change the serial configuration by simply removing the cover and changing the configuration jumpers. Either or both supplied serial ports can be used to control and monitor the unit. Data to the ports is serviced on a first-come, first-served basis. Many operating parameters of the unit, such as baud rate, can be modified via the serial ports. See back page on Command Protocol for more detail.

## 8-Bit Driver Port

The 10942B includes an 8-Bit open-collector driver output port (J9) that the user can write to via either of the serial interface ports. The output can be used to drive user indicators or equipment.

## Alarm Input Port

A direct alarm input port (J8) is provided for TTL compatible control of the units four channels. Four active-low inputs allow the user to select the back-up mode for the associated input port.

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## Four Channel System

The Model 10942B backup A/B selector system offers a high performance, low cost solution to your back-up switching needs. The unit provides a total of four channels of backup switching and may be configured for either 1:1 switching (one backup for each of the four channels), or 1:4 switching (one backup for all four channels). The switching mode is selectable from either the front panel controls or the remote interface. The 1:4 mode is a tremendous cost saver by letting a single peice of equipment serve as a hot-spare redundant for four online units. Priority can be set in any order for the single backup.

The embedded CPU automatically selects the correct relays to control the desired switching action. All un-used ports are terminated at either 75 or 50 ohms (model dependent).

Control options and switching configurations are stored in non-volatile memory (lithium-backed RAM). Under power up procedures, the unit may be set to recall the last configuration since power down, or to completely clear all crosspoint connections. If main power is lost to the unit, all sections fall back to the " A " connection position until main power is again restored. See signal schematic diagram to the right for more detail.

## Model Number Assignment

The 10942B is available in two standard configurations.

|  | Model Numberinterface |  |  | Capability |  | Conn |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10942B-D485 | Dual Serial | $1: 1 \& 1: 4$ | BNC-75 |  |  |  |
| - | 10942B-S3E10 | Ethernet \& Serial | $1: 1 \& 1: 4$ | BNC-75 |  |  |

NOTE: The unit is shipped configured for RS-485 and can be easily changed via configuration jumpers under the top cover if control needs change.

## DC Powered Versions

The 10942B may also be ordered so it can be powered by DC voltage instead of the normal 90-264VAC power input. The rear panel power connection includes a two position screw terminal and a chassis ground stud. Three non-polarity sensitive DC input voltage options are available. To specify one of these options, just add one of the model number suffixes shown below to the model number.

| Suffix | DC Input Range | Max Current |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| -48 V | $36-75 \mathrm{VDC}$ | .750 A |
| -24 V | $18-36 \mathrm{VDC}$ | 1.40 A |
| -12 V | $9-18 \mathrm{VDC}$ | 2.75 A |



## Command Protocol

The control command protocol for the 10942B is simple and streamlined yet powerful and comprehensive for a switch of its size. All commands are standard ASCII strings, and must be terminated with a <CR>. The "x"s below represent digits specific to the command. The following commands are available:

| Bx | Connect a backup port to an output port (backup) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nx | Disconnect a backup port from an output port (normal) |
| Vx | Verify the status of a backup connection |
| Sxx | Store switching configuration |
| Rxx | Recall switching configuration |
| CLR | Clear all backup connections |
| Pxxxx | Set backup priorities for the 1:4 mode |
| Hx | Set backup mode (1:1 or 1:4) |
| DL | Download switch configuration |
| RST | Reset the system to default |
| ER? | Error status request |
| VER | Request for firmware version |
| SON | Enables unsolicited error attention message "ER!" |
| SOF | Disables unsolicited error attention message "ER!" |
| Ixx | Sets the baud rate of the serial communication port |
| LCK | Locks the front panel controls |
| UNL | Unlocks the front panel controls |
| BPx | Controls conditions for internal beeper usage |
| RON | Enables the system AutoRestore mode |
| ROF | Disables the system AutoRestore mode |
| Axx | Changes the factory default RS-485 address |
| Oxxx | Outputs to the TTL driver port binary equivalent of "xxx" |

## Version 2.0 Firmware

Units with firmware version 2.01 (or higher), also has a third command mode added; 2:2 mode or "H2". In this mode, commands to ports 1 and 2 will actuate ports 1 and 3 , or 2 and 4, respectively in a ganged fashion.

## Model 10942B Specifications

| Array size | .Four A/B channels |
| :---: | :---: |
| Switching mode | .1:1 or 1:4 backup capacity |
| Switching elements | .High reliability relays |
| Type of system | .A/B backup selector |
| Architecture | .Fixed size |
| Termination (unused ports) | . Included |
| Signal connector location | .Rear panel |
| I/O Characteristics |  |
| Impedance | . 75 ohm (50 ohm optional) |
| VSWR loss (1:1 mode) | . <7.5:1 @ 250MHz |
| Signal connector | .BNC female (TNC optional) |
| Coupling | .DC |
| Termination | .1/8W, 1\% |
| Signal Characteristics |  |
| Transmission loss | .1/4dB @ 200MHz |
| (1:1 mode, 75 ohm ) | 1/2dB @ 500MHz |
|  | 1 dB @ 800MHz |
| Crosstalk isolation | $\rightarrow 65 \mathrm{~dB}$ @ 500MHz |
|  | >60dB @ 800MHz |
| External cable comp | None |
| Signal path | .Passive bidirectional |

[^0]| General Specifications |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Switching speed | . $<5 \mathrm{mS}$ |
| Power supply section | .Hot-Swap redundant supplies |
| Power supply monitoring | . Included |
| Remote control interfaces drop) | .Serial (RS-232C, RS-422A or RS-485 multi- |
| Serial port connectors | .DE-9S (D-Type female) |
| Alarm connector (J8) | .DE-9S (D-Type female) |
| Driver output connector (J9) | .DE-9S (D-Type female) |
| Status LED's | Both front and rear included |
| Front panel display | . $1 \times 20$ VF display (high contrast) |
| Configuration memory | Lithium-back RAM |
| Memory retention | . $>10$ years |
| Cooling | . Convection |
| AC power requirements | .90-264VAC, 47-440Hz, 15Watts (max) |
| Fuse protection | .2A, 5mm (dual), AC models only |
| Weight | . 9 lbs |
| Size | .1.75H x 6.50D $\times 19.00 \mathrm{~W}$ (1RU) |
| Operating temp | . 0 to +60C |
| Non-operating temp | .-20 to +85C |
| Humidity | . 0 to 95\% (NC @ +25C) |
| MTBF | . $>135,000$ hours |
| Warranty | . 2 years |
| Certifications | .CE EN61010 |


[^0]:    Universal Switching's policy is one of continuous development Consequently, the company reserves the right to vary from the descriptions and specifications shown in this publication.

