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## CHAPTER 1

## DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATION

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Phoenix Digital's family of Modicon AEG MODEBUS PLUS Optical Communication Modems (OCM) provide the most advanced, comprehensive, state-of-the-art fiber optic communication capabilities on the market today. Phoenix Digital's OCM modems translate the MODEBUS PLUS electrical interface into an optical network medium, transparent to the communication protocol and configurable for distribution by the user in ring, bus, star, or point-to-point network installations. Fiber optic network options include features not found in even the most expensive communication network installations; on-line diagnostic monitoring with high speed self healing communication recovery around points of failure (Fault Tolerant), in-line signal strength monitoring with annunciation of impending communication failures (Fault Predictive), and wavelength selection for matching fiber media characteristics to enable communication over extended distances. Phoenix Digital makes all of this possible through application of its patented self healing communication switch and advanced optical measurement technologies.

The following table provides correspondence between OCM Model # and MODEBUS PLUS network compatibility. The user should check the OCM Model # label located on the bottom side of the OCM enclosure in order to verify network interface compatibility.

OCM Model #	Modbus Plus Network Compatibility
OCM-MDP-xx(1)-E-(2)-(3)-(4)-(5)	Modbus Plus Communications
	<p>(1) "xx" = 85 for 850 nanometer wavelength selection  = 13 for 1300 nanometer wavelength selection (extended distance)</p> <p>(2) "D" = Fault Diagnostic Outputs  blank = No Fault Diagnostic Outputs</p> <p>(3) "ST" = ST Fiber Optic Connector Style  "SMA" = SMA Fiber Optic Connector Style</p> <p>(4) "24V" = 24VDC Operation  "125V" = 125VDC Operation  blank = 110/220VAC, 50/60Hz Operation</p> <p>(5) "SM" = Singlemode Operation (Available with 1300nm Wavelength and ST Connector Options Only)  blank = Multimode Operation</p>

A summary of selected OCM features is given below:

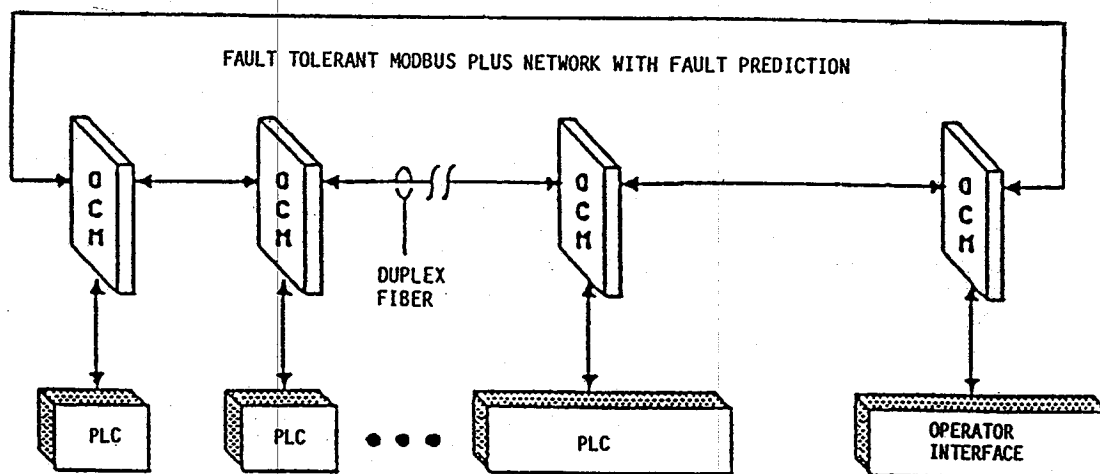
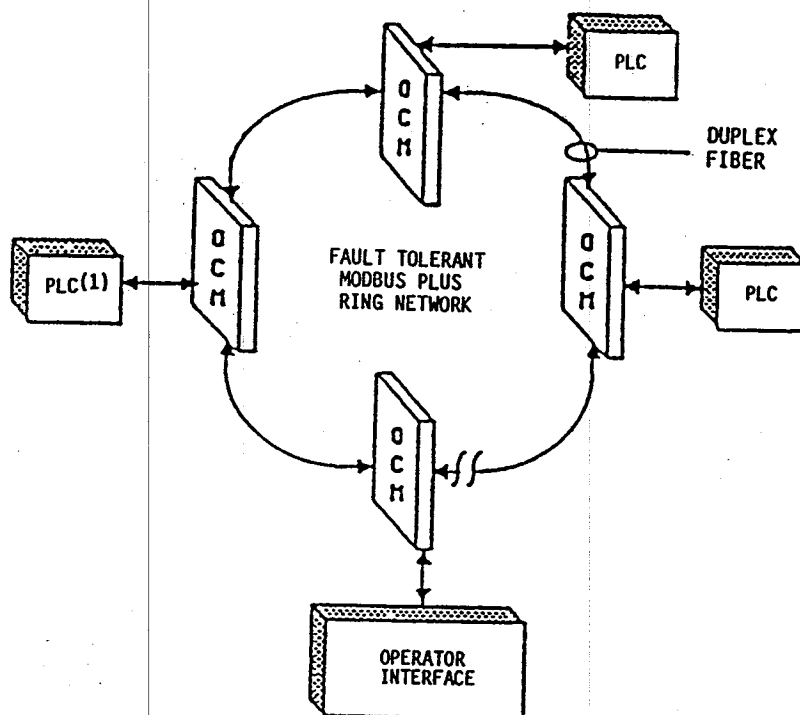
- o Supports a Wide Range of Communication Distances (up to and beyond 16 miles/25 kilometers between nodes)
- o Fault Tolerant Communication: Provides On-line Diagnostic Monitoring and High Speed, Self Healing Communication Recovery
- o Fault Predictive Communication: Provides In-line Optical Signal Strength Monitoring and Annunciation of Impending Communication Failures
- o Fault Diagnostics: Locates Fault and Impending Fault Conditions
- o Selectable Wavelengths: 850 nanometers, 1300 nanometers
- o Singlemode or Multimode Operation
- o Easy to see, visual indication of Communication Diagnostic Status

## 1.2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

### 1.2.1 FAULT TOLERANT, SELF HEALING COMMUNICATION

Phoenix Digital's Fault Tolerant, Self Healing Communication technology provides diagnostic monitoring of the communication signal waveforms at each node on the network, and ultra-high speed detection, isolation, and correction of points of communication failure anywhere on the network grid. OCM modems will self heal around communication failures in ring, bus, star, or point-to-point network configurations. Figure 1 illustrates Examples of Typical OCM Network Configurations.

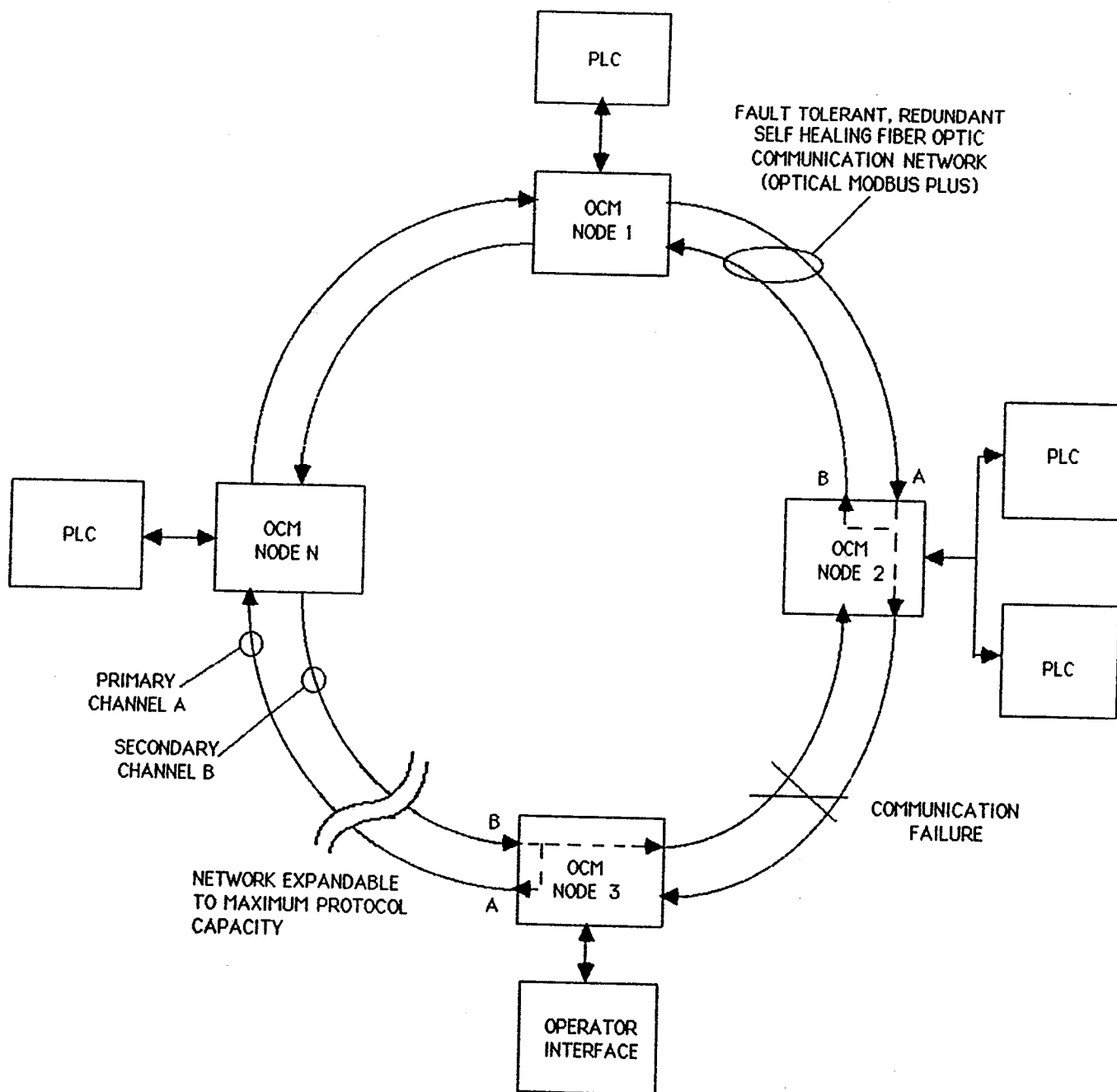
The ultra-high speed, self healing communication technology on each OCM modem will automatically redirect network traffic around points of failure (wrapback communication). In a failed condition the OCM communication network will self heal around a fault by redirecting data communications around the point of failure. This is accomplished by wrapping back network communications at the communication nodes on either side of the point of failure, through the use of a high-speed, combinational wrapback communication switch (hardware pass-thru, non-software interactive) built into the front-end optical interface of each OCM communication modem. An example of how an OCM network provides self healing communication wrapback is illustrated in Figure 2. Diagnostic monitoring circuitry at each node will continuously monitor the integrity of the communication carriers present at the receive inputs of each communication channel. This high speed combinational diagnostic monitoring circuitry will monitor and detect communication failures in carrier symmetry, jitter, amplitude, and babble. In the event a fault condition is diagnosed on the primary communication channel receive input (Node 3/Channel A) the high speed, self-healing communication switch will immediately redirect communication by



(1) PLC - PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL OCM NETWORK CONFIGURATIONS

FIGURE 1



OCM NETWORK ILLUSTRATING SELF HEALING  
COMMUNICATION WRAPBACK

FIGURE 2

retransmitting data received from the secondary receive input (Node 3/Channel B) on both the primary and secondary transmit outputs. Analogously, when a fault is detected on the secondary communication channel receive input (Node 2/Channel B) the self-healing communication switch will redirect communication by retransmitting data received from the primary receive input (Node 2/Channel A) on both transmit outputs. The fault condition simulated between nodes 2 and 3 is effectively isolated on one side by node 2 which redirects channel A data back via channel B, and on the other side by node 3 which redirects channel B data back via channel A. Essentially the network dynamically reconfigures to form a new ring from node 2 to node 3, away from the point of failure (the long way around the network), thus insuring communication network continuity and fault isolation. In addition to providing network fault tolerance, OCM modems enable maintenance personnel to locate fault conditions (remote status monitoring), add/delete nodes, and splice/terminate/replace media on-line, without disrupting network communications.

Communication continuity will be unconditionally maintained by OCM modems in the event of either node or media failure. When the source of the network failure is corrected, OCM modems will automatically restore the communication network to its' original traffic patterns. MODEBUS PLUS networks may be implemented in any combination of hardwire multi-drop and fiber optic daisychain network configurations.

### 1.2.2 FAULT PREDICTIVE COMMUNICATION

Phoenix Digital's Fault Predictive Communication Technology provides diagnostic monitoring and detection of impending communication failures resulting from gradual degradation of the communication link itself. The OCM modem monitors impending fault conditions by continuously measuring the actual in-line signal strength (optical power) of the data communications at each receive input on the modem. The OCM modem continuously compares these actual in-line measurements to preset optical power reference thresholds, which are normalized to power levels where valid network communications will still be assured but impending communication failures can be accurately predicted. If the actual in-line data communication signal strength degrades below these power thresholds (resulting from one or more sources of link degradation) the OCM modem will automatically detect and annunciate the impending failure condition via visual indicators on the front of the modem. The OCM also provides hardwired diagnostic outputs for remote monitoring, detecting, and locating impending fault conditions (remote status monitoring). In addition the OCM modem provides a linear DC voltage representation (analog) of the actual in-line signal strength (normalized for a 0 to +10 volt range) for more precise monitoring of communication link status (gradient analysis, intelligent diagnostic monitoring, etc.). Thus, communication link status is continuously monitored and impending failure conditions are annunciated by the OCM modem before the communication failure actually occurs, enabling maintenance personnel to perform Predictive Maintenance on the fiber optic communication network at-large.

### 1.2.3 WAVELENGTH SELECTION FOR LONG DISTANCE COMMUNICATION

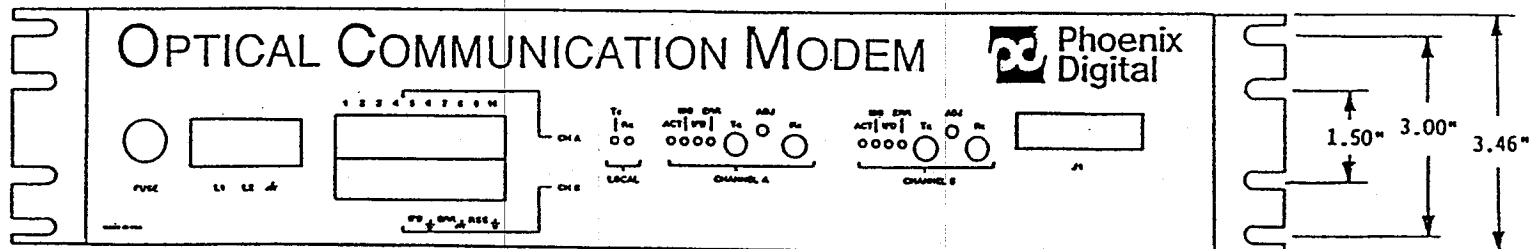
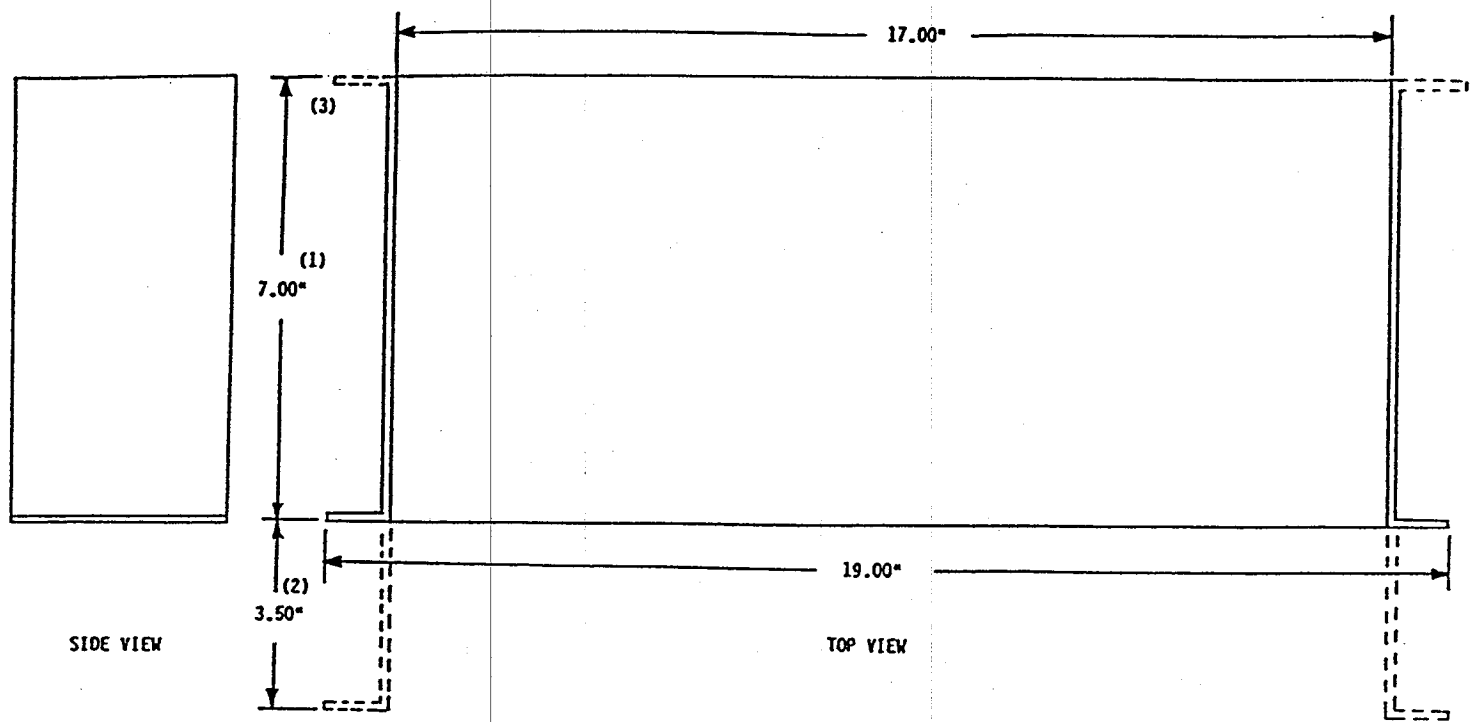
The OCM modem provides three options for wavelength selection. The economical 850 nanometer wavelength may be selected for data communication networks with less than two miles (3.3 kilometers) between communication nodes. The higher performance 1300 nanometer multimode wavelength may be selected for longer distance applications, extending communication distances between nodes to over 6 miles (10 kilometers). For maximum distance, the ultra-high performance 1300 nanometer singlemode wavelength may be selected, extending communication distances to over 16 miles (25 kilometers) between communication nodes!

The maximum aggregate distance for a single MODEBUS PLUS fiber optic network (without MODEBUS PLUS Bridge Plus Units - Model# NW-BP85-000 or Repeater Units - Model# NW-RR85-000) is 8 miles in a non-fault tolerant ring topology, and 4 miles in a fault tolerant ring or bus topology. This distance may be extended by using MODEBUS PLUS Bridge Plus Units. Consult the factory when using either MODEBUS PLUS Bridges or Repeaters on fiber optic MODEBUS PLUS networks.

## 1.3 PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.3.1 DEVICE INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

OCM Device Interface Port connections are provided on the front of the OCM modem (designated as J1 - see Figure 3). Specifications detailing the OCM device interface port pin-out are given below:



FRONT VIEW

- (1) Brackets may be mounted as shown for flush rackmount.
- (2) Brackets may be extended forward for recessed rackmount.
- (3) Brackets may be reversed for flush panelmount.

MODEBUS PLUS OCM MOUNTING SPECIFICATION

FIGURE 3

J1 Connector Pin Numbers <sup>(1)</sup>	MODEBUS PLUS Signal Name
1	Serial 1 <sup>(2,3)</sup>
2	Serial 2 <sup>(2,3)</sup>
3	Shield In
4	N/C
5	N/C
6	Serial 1 <sup>(2,3)</sup>
7	Serial 2 <sup>(2,3)</sup>
8	Shield Out

## OCM-MDP DEVICE INTERFACE PIN DEFINITIONS

TABLE 1

- (1) Orientation - Left to right on front of modem (Pins 1 thru 8 respectively).
- (2) Each end of the electrical MODEBUS PLUS network must be terminated with a resistor (120ohm resistor supplied with each OCM). If the OCM is located on either end of the bus then this resistor must be connected across Serial 1 and Serial 2 on the OCM barrier strip. If it is not on the end of the electrical bus then the OCM should not be terminated.
- (3) All MODEBUS PLUS devices on the hardwired MODEBUS PLUS network must be interconnected (Serial 1 to Serial 1, Serial 2 to Serial 2).

## 1.3.2 OPTICAL NETWORK INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

The Optical Network Interface is designated as ChA Tx/Rx and ChB Tx/Rx on the OCM faceplate (see Figure 3). The OCM modem is compatible with either SMA 905/906 or ST style fiber optic connectors (mating connector which is terminated to the fiber media). (Alignment sleeves should be provided on all SMA Style 906 connectors for optical alignment.) Detailed specifications describing optical network transmit and receive capabilities at the 850nm multimode, 1300nm multimode, and 1300nm singlemode wavelengths are provided below:

## Optical Transmitter (850nm)

## Electro-Optical Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	SYM.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS
Fiber Coupled Power	50/125 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.20NA	$P_{oc}$	10/-20.0	20/-17.0		$\mu$ W/dBm
	62.5/125 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.28NA		21.9/-16.6	45/-13.5		$\mu$ W/dBm
	100/140 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.29NA		58.0/-12.4	115/-9.4		$\mu$ W/dBm
	200/230 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.37NA		320/-4.9			$\mu$ W/dBm
Peak Wavelength		$\lambda_p$		850		nm
Spectral Bandwidth		$\Delta\lambda$		50		nm

TABLE 2

## Optical Transmitter (1300nm multimode)

## Electro-Optic Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	SYM.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS
Fiber Coupled Power	50/125 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.20NA	$P_{oc}$	25/-16.0			$\mu$ W/dBm
	62.5/125 $\mu$ m, Graded, 0.28NA		50/-13.0			$\mu$ W/dBm
Wavelength		$\lambda$	1290		1350	nm
FWHM		$\Delta\lambda$			160	nm

TABLE 3

## Optical Transmitter (1300nm singlemode)

## Electro-Optic Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	SYM.	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNITS
Fiber Coupled Power	9/125 $\mu$ m	$P_{oc}$	16/-18.0			$\mu$ W/dBm
Wavelength		$\lambda$	1270		1340	nm
Spectral Width		$\Delta \lambda$	70		90	nm

TABLE 4

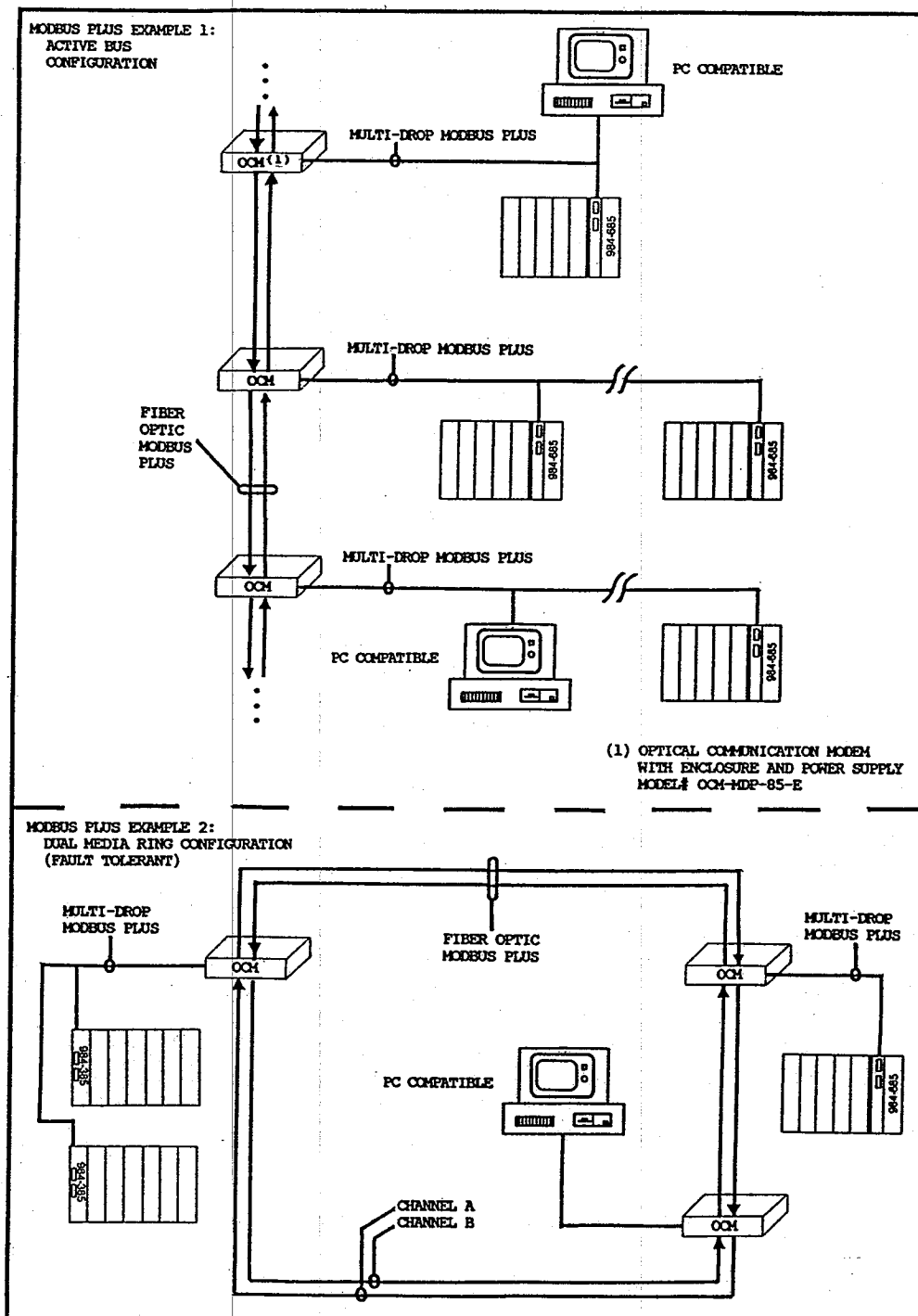
## Optical Receiver (850nm, 1300nm multimode, 1300nm singlemode)

Receiver Sensitivity: -32dbm

OCMs may be interconnected on the fiber optic network in an active bus configuration using any multimode fiber optic cable (See Figure 4 - Example 1). Network Channel A Receive Data inputs and Transmit Data outputs should be interconnected sequentially from OCM to OCM in one direction, and Channel B Receive and Transmit Data inputs and outputs interconnected sequentially in the opposite direction. This configuration may be made fault tolerant by cross-connecting Channel A (transmit to receive) and Channel B (transmit to receive) on the OCMs on either end of the active bus (See Figure 4 - Example 2). This effectively transforms it into a MODEBUS PLUS counter-rotating ring network configuration.

## 1.3.3 DIAGNOSTIC OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

The Diagnostic Output Interface is provided on the front of the OCM enclosure (see barrier strips TB-A and TB-B in Figure 3 - Optical Network Channels A and B respectively). Diagnostic status information is provided for each of the two redundant fiber optic communication network channels. Diagnostic status includes both digital (discrete - hi/low) and analog (0 to +10 VDC) information pertaining to fault and impending fault network conditions.



TYPICAL OCM INSTALLATION CONFIGURATIONS

FIGURE 4

OCM terminal barrier strip designations are the following:

Terminal Barrier Strip/Terminal #	Signal Name
TB-A/1	Isolated +VDC
TB-A/2	Isolated -VDC (Signal Ground)
TB-A/3	NC
TB-A/4	NC
TB-A/5	ChA Impending Fault Detect (IFD)
TB-A/6	Signal Ground (-VDC)
TB-A/7	ChA Communication Error (ERR)
TB-A/8	Chassis Ground
TB-A/9	ChA Receive Signal Strength (RSS)
TB-A/10	RSS Return
TB-B/1	NC
TB-B/2	NC
TB-B/3	NC
TB-B/4	NC
TB-B/5	ChB Impending Fault Detect (IFD)
TB-B/6	Signal Ground (-VDC)
TB-B/7	ChB Communication Error (ERR)
TB-B/8	Chassis Ground
TB-B/9	ChB Receive Signal Strength (RSS)
TB-B/10	RSS Return

General purpose discrete electrical outputs (activate low true), two per optical network receive input, are provided for network diagnostic conditions of Impending Fault Detection and Communication Error. These outputs may be utilized to activate optical bypass switches on the network, for control system monitoring of diagnostic network conditions, or merely to annunciate network diagnostic status (alarm, pilot light, etc.). These outputs are labeled IFD and ERR (independent outputs are provided for each network channel - ChA, ChB). They are optoisolated for overvoltage protection, and operate from an isolated, external DC power supply (Terminal barrier strip designations TB-A/1 = Isolated +VDC, TB-A/2 = Isolated -VDC). A functional description for each of these outputs is provided in Section 2.6. Electrical specifications are the following:

Discrete Outputs (ChA IFD, ERR; ChB IFD, ERR)

Isolated Power Supply (TB-A/1,2)

$V_{ps} = 32.0 \text{ VDC (max)}$   
 $4.0 \text{ VDC (min)}$

**Electrical Isolation**

$$V_{iso} = 1500 \text{ VDC}$$

**Outputs (Activated Low True)**

$$R_s = 4.7k \text{ Ohm}$$

$$I_{OL} = 100 \text{ ma (max)}$$

$$V_{OL} = 1.5 \text{ VDC (max @ } I_{out} = 100 \text{ ma)}$$

Linear voltage outputs (analog) are also provided, one per optical network receive input. These outputs provide an absolute +DC voltage representation of the optical power level for each network receive input. They are labeled as ChA RSS and ChB RSS, respectively (RSS = Receive Signal Strength), and are buffered for increased drive current capability. RSS output specifications are the following:

**Linear Outputs (ChA RSS, ChB RSS)**

$$\text{Voltage Range (} V_{out} \text{)} = 0 \text{ to } +10 \text{ VDC}$$

$$\text{Drive Current (} I_{out} \text{)} = 20 \text{ ma (max)}$$

## Network Optical Power-In Versus RSS Voltage-Out (Analog)

Optical Power In (dbm @ 850nm)	Optical Power In (dbm @ 1300nm)	RSS V <sub>(out)</sub> *
-18.0	-20.0	10.0
-18.2	-20.2	9.5
-18.4	-20.5	9.0
-18.7	-20.7	8.5
-19.0	-20.9	8.0
-19.2	-21.2	7.5
-19.5	-21.5	7.0
-19.9	-21.8	6.5
-20.2	-22.2	6.0
-20.6	-22.5	5.5
-21.0	-23.0	5.0
-21.5	-23.4	4.5
-22.0	-23.9	4.0
-22.6	-24.5	3.5
-23.2	-25.2	3.0
-24.0	-26.0	2.5
-25.0	-26.9	2.0
-26.2	-28.2	1.5

\*Accuracy:  $\pm 1.0$  volt ( $0^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ C).

TABLE 5

Chassis ground and signal ground connections are also provided on the OCM terminal barrier strips for IFD, ERR, and RSS (TB-A/TB-B 6, 8, 10). It is recommended that chassis ground be used for shielding all signal cables, Signal Ground (-VDC) be used as the isolated reference for IFD and ERR, and RSS Return be used as the common reference for RSS analysis. (It can also be used as the negative signal reference for differential analysis of RSS).

## 1.3.4 MECHANICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions (HxWxD): 3.5"H x 17.0"W x 7.0"D (see Figure 3 for more detailed information)

Temperature : Operating  $0^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ C  
Storage  $-20^{\circ}$ C to  $+70^{\circ}$ C

Relative Humidity : 0 to 90% (non-condensing)

**1.3.4.1 110/220 VAC POWER SUPPLY:**

Input Voltage Range	: 85 VAC to 264 VAC
Input Frequency Range	: 47 Hz to 440 Hz
Conducted RFI	: FCC limit B and VDE limit A
Hold-up Time	: 12 milliseconds
Power Consumption UL, CSA, VDE Approved	: 30 watts per OCM (approximate)
Fuse	: 3 AMP, 250 VAC, SLO BLO

**1.3.4.2 +24 VDC POWER SUPPLY**

Power Supply Input	: 18 VDC to 30 VDC
Regulation (Load and Line)	: .6% (min.)
Input Transient Protection	: 200 microfarad Capacitor
Isolation Voltage	: 500 VDC
Power Consumption	: 30 watts (approximate)
Fuse	: 3 AMP, 250 VAC, SLO BLO

**1.3.4.3 +125 VDC POWER SUPPLY**

Input Voltage Range	: 120 VDC to 370 VDC
Power Consumption UL, CSA, VDE Approved	: 30 watts per OCM (approximate)
Fuse	: 3 AMP, 250 VAC, SLO BLO



## CHAPTER 2

### CONFIGURATION AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

This chapter provides preparation for use and installation instructions (including unpacking and inspection instructions), and a functional description of indicators, diagnostic input/output connections, and power connections.

#### 2.1 UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

The OCM is shipped from the factory in shock absorbing materials. Remove the OCM from the packing material and refer to the packing list to verify that all items are present. Save the packing materials for future storage or reshipment.

**NOTE:** If the shipping carton is damaged upon receipt, request that the carrier's agent be present while the unit is being unpacked and inspected.

#### 2.2 INSPECTION

The OCM should be inspected visually for damage upon removal from the shipping container.

#### 2.3 INSTALLATION MOUNTING PROCEDURE

The OCM may be rack or panelmounted with the universal mounting rails supplied with each OCM. OCMs may also be recess rack mounted by extending the mounting rails beyond the front panel, to provide protection for the fiber optic connectors. OCMs are convection cooled, requiring no fan or forced air cooling. An unobstructed air space must be maintained above and below the OCM (6 inches minimum) to insure adequate convection airflow. The rack and panel mounting specifications for OCMs are contained in Figure 3. The air at the bottom of the OCM enclosure may not exceed 60 degrees celsius (140 degrees F).

#### 2.4 DIAGNOSTIC STATUS INDICATOR DEFINITION (REFERENCE FIGURE 3 FOR OCM NOMENCLATURE AND DESIGNATIONS).

- (i) Tx (Local) - Illuminates when the transmit data output (transmit data from the Device Interface/J1 to the local device) is active.
- (ii) Rx (Local) - Illuminates when the receive data input (transmit data from the local device to the Device Interface/J1) is active.

- (iii) ACT (ChA, B) - Illuminates when the corresponding optical network receive input is receiving valid data.
- (iv) ISD (ChA, B Initial Signal Detect) - Illuminates when the corresponding optical network receive input is initialized (see Chapter 3 for Initialization Procedure).
- (v) IFD (ChA, B Impending Fault Detect) - Illuminates when the corresponding optical network receive input power level drops 1.5 decibel-milliwatts (optical) below the Initial Signal Strength.
- (vi) ERR (ChA, B Communication Error) - Illuminates when the corresponding optical network receive input fails to detect valid data communications.

## 2.5 IFD POTENTIOMETERS

- (i) ADJ (Potentiometers) - Initializes Impending Fault Detection thresholds for the corresponding optical network receive inputs (see Chapter 3 for Initialization Procedure).

## 2.6 DIAGNOSTIC STATUS INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTIONS

- (i) IFD (ChA, B Initial Fault Detect) - Switches (low true) when the corresponding optical network receive input power level drops 1.5 decibel-milliwatts (optical) below the initial signal strength.
- (ii) ERR (ChA, B Communication Error) - Switches (low true) when the corresponding optical network receive input fails to detect valid data communications.
- (iii) RSS (ChA, B Receive Signal Strength) - Provides a linear voltage representation (analog - scaled from 0 to +10 VDC) for the corresponding optical network receive input.
- (iv) Isolated +VDC Power Supply - Connection for external DC power supply for isolated IFD, ERR operation.

## 2.7 OCM AC POWER DEFINITION (REFERENCE FIGURE 3 FOR OCM NOMENCLATURE AND DESIGNATIONS)

### 2.7.1 AC POWER INPUTS

- (i) L1, L2 (AC High, Low respectively) - Provides 110/220 VAC, 60/50 Hz operation.

## 2.8 OCM DC POWER DEFINITION

### 2.8.1 DC POWER INPUTS

- (i) +V, -V (+24 VDC, Reference Ground, respectively) - Provides 24 VDC operation.
- (ii) +V, -V (+125 VDC, +125 VDC Return, respectively) - Provides +125 VDC operation.



### CHAPTER 3

#### IMPENDING FAULT INITIALIZATION PROCEDURE

The OCM modem provides the unique capability to detect impending optical communication faults on the fiber optic network before they actually occur. This impending fault monitoring capability, together with the self healing, fault tolerant features described in Chapter 1, makes Phoenix Digital's OCM modem the most reliable, user friendly, "maintenance friendly" optical modem on the market today.

The OCM impending fault monitoring circuitry must be initialized upon system start-up. Thereafter, the OCM impending fault detection threshold characteristics will be maintained indefinitely. The impending fault initialization procedure is accomplished through the simple adjustment of two potentiometers, one per optical network communication channel, located on the front of the OCM modem. No meters, gauges, or any other type of electrical or optical measurement equipment is required for OCM initialization. The initialization procedure is accomplished by first connecting the OCM modem optical receive inputs to the optical transmit outputs of adjacent OCM modem(s), with the actual fiber optic cable to be used in the final installation. (It is recommended that this initialization be accomplished post-installation in order to match the OCM impending fault monitoring circuitry to the final communication link characteristics.) The adjacent OCMs (adjacent on the fiber optic network) must be powered during the initialization process to provide a receive signal reference (communication data carrier) to the OCM undergoing initialization. OCMs must be powered for at least 15 minutes prior to initialization in order to stabilize all internal references. (The initialization procedure may also be performed on-line with actual network data transmissions, and will be totally transparent to network operation.) While visually observing the ISD indicators on the front of the OCM modem the ADJ potentiometers should be turned counterclockwise if the corresponding green ISD indicators are off, or clockwise if they are on, until the ISD indicators switch state (either turning on to off or off to on). Then, as the final step, the ADJ potentiometers should be turned 1/4 turn counterclockwise, at which point the corresponding ISD indicators should be maintained continuously on.

The OCM initialization procedure normalizes the impending fault monitoring detection thresholds to the attenuation characteristics of the final network installation. (It should be noted that the ISD indicator may occasionally flash on or off, or turn off entirely over time. This is a normal operating condition and should be ignored post installation.) After initialization any optical network fault condition which causes the optical network receive power level to drop by more than 1.5 decibel-milliwatts (optical power) relative to the initialization power level will cause the corresponding Impending Fault Detect (IFD) indicator (red) to illuminate. Thus, the impending fault monitoring circuitry will detect and annunciate impending optical communi-

cation faults resulting from any number of different optical network fault conditions; media deterioration, transmitter degradation, etc. No additional calibration adjustments will be required for the lifetime of the network installation, unless the network characteristics are changed. Changes affecting either the optical characteristics of the network media (media replacement, splice, new terminations, etc.) or replacement of one or more OCMs will require that the initialization procedure be repeated for each OCM which has one or more of its' optical network receive inputs affected by the change. (The initialization procedure may be done on-line, post installation, and will not affect real time network data transmissions.)