

TSC 4036B 1 x 15 RF Distribution Amplifier

Operations and Maintenance Manual



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1: Introduction



Note

FIRST READ THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY!

This is especially true for the sections regarding **Safety** and **Installation**.

1.1 Symbols

These symbols appear throughout the manual as well as on the unit itself.



Note

This symbol means the following information is a note that gives you important information that may affect how you use the 4036B.



Caution, refer to manual. Read all instructions in Manual before using this product.



CE marking, attesting compliance to applicable European Directives



Caution – Risk of Electrical shock



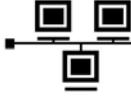
Fuse symbol



Mains Power is ON



Mains Power is OFF



LAN port, NETWORK, DO NOT CONNECT TO TELECOM CONNECTIONS THAT CARRY HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES.

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Serial port connection, DO NOT CONNECT TO TELECOM CONNECTIONS THAT CARRY HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES.



Earth terminal symbol: Used to indicate an earth ground connection to chassis.

1.2 About This Manual

This manual tells you how to install, set up, monitor, and troubleshoot the 4036B.

“[Chapter 1, Introduction](#)” on page 4 explains symbols that appear in the manual and on the unit as well as documentation conventions. The chapter also briefly describes the 4036B.

“[Chapter 2, Installing and Setting Up the 4036B](#)” on page 8 contains important safety information and describes how to install the 4036B, and assign a fixed IP address.

“[Chapter 3, Monitoring the 4036B](#)” on page 13 describes how to monitor alarms.

“[Chapter 4, Troubleshooting the 4036B](#)” on page 15 describes how to replace fuses and verify operational problems.

“[Chapter 5, Warranty and Shipping Information](#)” on page 17 explains how to contact Timing Solutions Corporation for warranty service and provides shipping guidelines.

“[Chapter 6, Declaration of Conformity](#)” on page 19 provides the information pertaining to CE marking of this product.

“[Appendix A, Specifications](#)” on page 21 contains the detailed specifications for the 4036B.

1.2.1 Conventions

This manual uses several typographical conventions to help explain how to use the 4036B.

Convention	Definition
Bold	Words in bold show: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Buttons and icons to click■ Menu options to select■ Commands to type■ Non-variable information displayed in response to commands
<i>Italics</i>	Words in <i>italics</i> show: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Names of windows and dialog boxes■ Variable information displayed in response to commands

1.3 4036B Overview

The TSC 4036B is a one input, fifteen output RF amplifier housed in a 1U (1.75”) high 19 inch rack mount chassis. It provides fifteen outputs from a single input. An Ethernet port on the rear panel provides the capability to remotely monitor the status of the input and all output signals. Any input or output failure in the unit will immediately provide an alarm to this port. The front panel provides green LED status for the input and green/red for all output signals, as well as indicating an input of 1 MHz, 5 MHz, or 10 MHz. A green LED on the front panel also provides power status.

Figure 1 shows the 4036B’s front panel, and Figure 2 shows the 4036B’s rear panel.

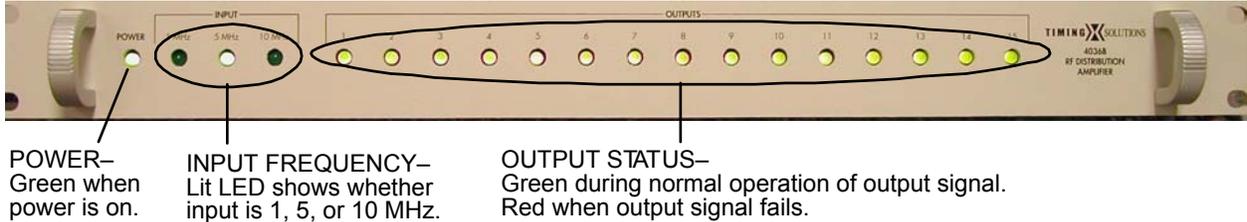


Figure 1: Front panel

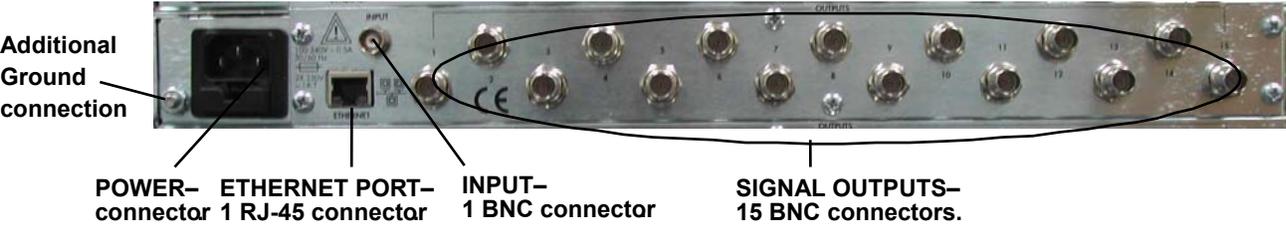


Figure 2: Rear panel

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2: Installing and Setting Up the 4036B

2.1 Safety First!



Warnings:

This unit is for INDOOR USE ONLY. It is not protected against a harmful ingress of moisture.

Do not attempt to install or operate this equipment if you have not first acquired proper training.

Equipment is intended to be installed in an Enclosed or Open type equipment rack

Ensure that all cables are properly connected. The power cord must be easy to remove from the back.

Verify that input line voltage and current capacity are within specifications before turning on power to the unit.

Disconnect all sources of input power before removing the top cover of this unit.

Operating and maintenance personnel must receive proper training before installing or maintaining electrical equipment.

2.2 Unpacking

To unpack the TSC 4036B unit:

1. Unpack and carefully inspect the unit.
 2. Check for physical damage.
 3. If no physical damage is apparent, then proceed with making appropriate connections.
 - If physical damage is observed, then immediately contact Timing Solutions and the carrier.
 4. Save the shipping container for submitting any necessary claims to the carrier.
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2.3 Cleaning



Warning

Do not spray or use too much liquid when cleaning the unit. Liquid can enter the unit and damage sensitive electronic components.

Clean the main chassis with a soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water solution.

2.4 Installing the 4036B

The 4036B is shipped ready for installation into a standard 19" (48.3 cm) rack. Provisions are included for mounting General Devices slides with part numbers C-300-S-126, -128 and -130.

2.4.1 Required materials for installation

North American or European IEC power cord. One or the other will be supplied with the unit.

Customer supplied double shielded RG223 cables with BNC connectors from source, and to next devices in system.

Customer supplied shielded LAN cable for network connection (RJ-45).

Rack-mount slide kit from General Devices, C-300-S-126, -128 or -130 (Optional)

Rack mounting screws.

Screwdriver for the rack mount screws, and slide as needed.

2.4.2 Making Connections

2.4.2.1 Input Power

AC INPUT POWER - The input power to the unit is supplied through a detachable 3-prong power cable. First plug the female end into the male IEC-320 plug on the rear of the unit, then plug the male end of the cable into a 100V~ to 240V~, 50/60 Hz power source.



Warning

Ensure that this power supply cord is connected to a properly grounded mains receptacle to ensure safety.



Since the unit does not have a AC Mains Power Switch, both the Appliance Inlet Connector and the Plug on the detachable type power supply cord are considered to be suitable Disconnect Means for disconnecting the unit from the AC Mains Supply. If the rear of the unit is not accessible after installation in the instrument rack, the User is responsible for the provision of a suitable external AC Disconnect Means for the unit.

2.4.2.2 Input Signal

Connect the input signal cable to the **INPUT** BNC connector on the back of the unit.

2.4.2.3 Output Signals

Connect up to fifteen cables to the **OUTPUT** BNC connectors on the rear panel of the unit to supply users with a copy of the input signal.

2.4.2.4 LAN - Ethernet Network Port



Connect a network LAN **shielded** cable (not supplied with the unit) to the LAN port on the back of the unit.

2.5 Assigning a Static IP Address

The 4036B contains a Lantronix® Xport™ Ethernet to RS-232 converter, which provides the 4036B's Ethernet connection.

The 4036B ships from the factory with a default IP address of 0.0.0.0, which enables DHCP. If the network has a DHCP server, it will automatically assign the unit an IP address, gateway address, and subnet mask when the unit starts up.

To monitor multiple 4036Bs remotely through their Ethernet connections without DHCP re-assigning IP addresses, you must assign each unit a static IP address. You identify which unit is the source of an alarm by its IP address. Each unit has its own unique hardware address, labeled MAC address, on a label on the rear panel. Follow the instructions in this section to manually assign a unit's static IP address.



Note

For more detailed information, see the *Xport™ User Manual*. Section 3.3 discusses several different ways that you can assign IP addresses. Chapter 4 explains how to configure a static IP address. You can download the *Xport™ User Manual* from the Lantronix® Web site as an Adobe® Acrobat® PDF file. Go to:
http://www.lantronix.com/products/eds/xport/XPort_UM_900-270.pdf

If you want to configure a static IP address of many different 4036Bs, you can install the Lantronix® DeviceInstaller software. This software is available only by downloading from the Lantronix® Web site. Go to: <http://www.lantronix.com/support/utis/dst/index.html>. Alternatively you may use your companies IT protocol to determine the IP address assigned to a particular hardware address, then set a static address.

To manually assign the static IP address using the Lantronix® DeviceInstaller software:

1. Obtain the following network information from your system administrator for each 4036B you want to install:

IP Address: _____

Subnet Mask: _____

Gateway: _____

2. Connect a Windows® PC to the same local subnet as the 4036B.

3. Install and start the Lantronix® DeviceInstaller software.
4. Click the **Search Network** icon and search for XPORT devices connected to the network, press save and then exit.
5. Click the IP icon or select **Assign IP Address** on the **Tools** menu.
 - The hardware device number and IP address appear in the *Assign IP Address* dialog box.
5. Type the new IP address for the appropriate “**Hardware or Ethernet address**” and click **Set IP address**.
 - The new IP address appears in the Lantronix® DeviceInstaller window.
6. Test the IP address by pinging the 4036B’s Xport™ on the Lantronix Xport Installer window. Click the **Ping** icon or select **Ping Device** on the **Tools** menu.
 - The *Ping Device* window should show the IP address of the 4036B’s Xport™ device, and it should show successful replies if the IP address has been configured correctly.
7. Exit the browser.

To change the IP address using telnet:

1. Telnet to the assigned address, port 9999. Press enter within five seconds to enter the setup mode.
2. Select Option 0
3. Set the IP address and follow on screen commands to save the setting

Sending an **I** command will turn on the three front panel input LEDs for 2 seconds before returning to normal operation. This provides the capability for the user to ensure they are communicating over the Ethernet connection to the correct device via front panel feedback.



Note

If you move the 4036B to a different network hub after setting up the static IP address, the host computer may not be able to make a connection. You may need to release the IP address lease on your operating system.

2.6 Setting the gain



When opening the top cover and changing the gain settings, proper ESD precautions must be used. This includes ensuring that you are properly grounded before touching the internal PWA of the unit to change the jumper settings.

The input/output gain is set to 1 (0 dB) at the factory. The gain can be changed to -1, +1, or +2 dB by changing the internal jumper settings. To change these settings, remove the top cover and set the jumpers according to the silk screen shown on the PWA.

3: Monitoring the 4036B

3.1 Accessing the System

You access the 4036B system remotely by connecting to its Command-And-Response (CNR) Port through the Ethernet connection. The CNR port (Port 10001), which uses TCP/IP, lets users input commands, displays results of the commands, and publishes alarms as they occur.

When users Telnet to the CNR port, the system does not display a prompt.

3.2 Checking System Status

3.2.1 Checking Alarms and Input Frequency

The system can report current alarms, latched alarms, and the type of input signal.

To check system status:

- Type: **S** (case sensitive)
You do not need to type a carriage return or line feed.

The system returns `Scccc,llll,x\r\n` where

- `cccc` is current alarms.
- `llll` is latched alarms since the last status request.

Both `cccc` and `llll` are hexadecimal numbers, with each binary bit position representing one output. The MSB is the input signal status. The LSB (farthest right) is output 1 status. A value of 1 in a bit position indicates an alarm condition.

- `x` is one of the values for inputs shown in [Table 2](#).

Table 2: Input values

Value	Input Frequency
0	Not 1, 5 or 10 MHz
1	1 MHz
2	5 MHz
3	10 MHz

Example: `S0000,0001,2`

This example shows that the system has no current alarms, output 1 alarmed since last status request, and the input frequency is 5 MHz. With no input signal, all output status bits will report 0.

3.2.2 Checking Model Number and Software Version

Both commands are case sensitive. You do not need to type a carriage return or line feed.

To check the TSC model number:

- Type: **I**

The system returns **I4036B-00\r\n**.

To check the software version

- Type: **V**

The system returns **Vxx\r\n** where *xx* is the software version.

Example: V80.

Sending an **I** command will turn on the three front panel input LEDs for 2 seconds before returning to normal operation. This provides the capability for the user to ensure they are communicating over the Ethernet connection to the correct device via front panel feedback.

3.3 Understanding Alarm Output

The 4036B automatically publishes alarms to the CNR port as they occur.

The alarms appear in the format **ALARMcccc** where *cccc* is the summary status of the input and output signals. The format of the alarm status is identical to the “S” command response for current status.

Example: ALARM0008

This example shows that output 4 failed.

4: Troubleshooting the 4036B

Perform all of the following procedures before returning the unit for service. If the unit still appears to have a problem, then call Timing Solutions Corporation and request technical support. Have the serial number of your unit ready to provide to a technical representative.

4.1 Replacing Fuses

If you know that a local event caused blown fuses throughout a rack, you can replace the fuses in each 4036B power entry module.

Required for this procedure:

- Small flat-head screwdriver
- Replacement fuse for a standard IEC 320 power entry module with fuse (5 x 20 mm, 1 A 250 V Time lag fuse)

To replace a fuse:

1. Disconnect the power cable from the back of the 4036B.
2. Using a small screwdriver, open the fuse cover on the back of the 4036B.
3. Replace the old fuses as necessary.
4. Close the fuse cover.
5. Reconnect the power cable to the back of the 4036B.

4.2 Verifying Operational Problems

If the unit does not operate properly after you have verified that:

- the correct power is applied to the rear of the 4036B
and
- the fuses are good,

call Timing Solutions Corporation to obtain a Returned Materials Authorization and return the unit to TSC for repair.

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5: Warranty and Shipping Information

This chapter provides information on how to contact Timing Solutions Corporation for warranty service, as well as shipping guidelines for the 4036B.

5.1 Warranty Information

The 4036B carries a warranty from Timing Solutions Corporation for a period of 1 year from date of shipment.

For repairs, contact Timing Solutions Corporation:

- Phone (303) 939-8481
- Fax (303) 443-5152

Address written correspondence to:

Timing Solutions Corporation
4775 Walnut Street, Suite 1B
Boulder, CO 80301
USA

5.2 Shipping Information

If you need to ship this system for any reason, including returning equipment to Timing Solutions for warranty service, follow these shipping instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may damage your system.

5.2.1 Packing Instructions

- Always ship the 4036B appropriately packaged to protect it from damage, preferably in the package in which it was originally shipped.
- No cables or connectors may be attached to the rear of the chassis.
- Wrap the chassis in plastic to protect against moisture.

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6: Declaration of Conformity

Declaration of Conformity According to ISO/IEC Guide 22 and EN 45014

Manufacturer's Name: Timing Solutions Corporation

Manufacturer's Address: 4775 Walnut Drive Suite 1B
Boulder CO 80301
USA

declares that the product:

Product Name: 1 x 15 RF Distribution Chassis
Model Number: TSC 4036B
Product Options: All

Conforms to the following Product Specifications:

Safety:

EN61010-1:2000, Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use - Part 1: General Requirements

EMC

EN61326:2000, Electrical Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use - Part 1: General Requirements
EN55011, Class A Emissions
EN61000-3-2, AC Power Line Harmonics
EN61000-3-3, AC Power Line Flicker

Supplementary Information:

The product herewith complies with the requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC and carries the CE-marking accordingly.

This product was tested in a typical configuration.

Boulder, CO February, 2004

European Contact: Contact the Manufacturer directly at the address above

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Appendix A: Specifications

A.1 Electrical Specifications

Table 3: *Table 3 lists the electrical specifications for the 4036B.*

Table 3: *Electrical specifications*

Item	Specification
Protection Class	Class I (Grounded Type)
Power Input Voltage	100 – 240 V~ 50/60 Hz 0.5 A Note: Fluctuations not to exceed $\pm 10\%$ of nominal supply voltage.
Power Inlet Type	IEC 60320 sheet C14
Power Supply Cord Set	18 AWG (0.75 mm ² minimum)
Power Mains Fuse	(2) - 250V~1A Time lag 5x20 mm
Signal Input and output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Frequency 1 – 20 MHz■ Impedance: 50 $\Omega \pm 5 \Omega$■ Input level 0- 1 V rms (13 dBm)
Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Input: 1 BNC■ Output: 15 BNC■ LAN: RJ-45
Gain	Factory setting is $1.0 \pm 10\%$, can be changed via internal jumper settings to -1, +1 or +2 dB
Isolation	> 100dB (with 5 MHz signal)
Spurious distortion	< - 80 dBc (with 5 MHz signal)
Harmonic distortion	< - 40 dBc (with 5 MHz signal)

Item	Specification
SSB phase noise	1 Hz -135 dBc 10 Hz -145 dBc 100 Hz -155 dBc 1 kHz -163 dBc 10 kHz -163 dBc

A.2 Environment Specifications



Warning

Ordinary protection: This unit is for **INDOOR USE ONLY**. It is not protected against a harmful ingress of moisture.

Equipment intended to be installed in an Enclosed/Open type equipment rack

- Pollution Degree 2 per EN61010-1
- Installation (Over-Voltage) Category II for transient over-voltages per EN 61010-1
- Equipment suitable for continuous operation

Table 4 lists the environmental specifications for the 4036B.

Table 4: Environment specifications

Item	Temperature	Relative Humidity	Altitude
In Use	0°C to 50°C	0% to 90% (non-condensing)	3,000 meters (9,843 feet)
Storage	-40°C to 70°C	0% to 90% (non-condensing)	
Transportation	-40°C to 70°C	0% to 90% (non-condensing)	

A.4 Physical Specifications

Table 5 lists the physical specifications for the 4036B.

Table 5: Physical specifications

Item	Specification
Width	Standard 19-inch rack mount
Height	Standard 1U (~1.75 inches or 4.44 cm)
Depth	31.875 cm or 12.75 inches
Weight	Approximately 4.1 kg

Glossary

\n	Line feed
\r	Carriage return
CNR	Command and Response
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
ESD	electrostatic discharge
LED	light-emitting diode
LSB	least significant bit
MSB	most significant bit
PDF	portable document format
PWA	printed wiring assembly
RF	radio frequency
TSC	Timing Solutions Corporation

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