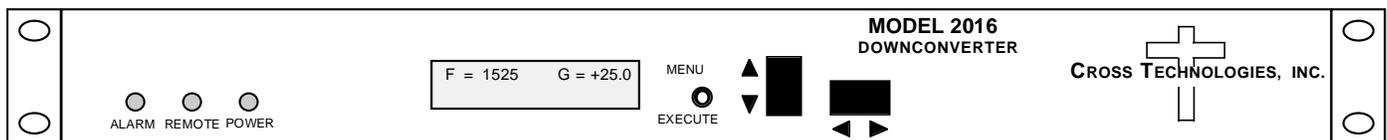


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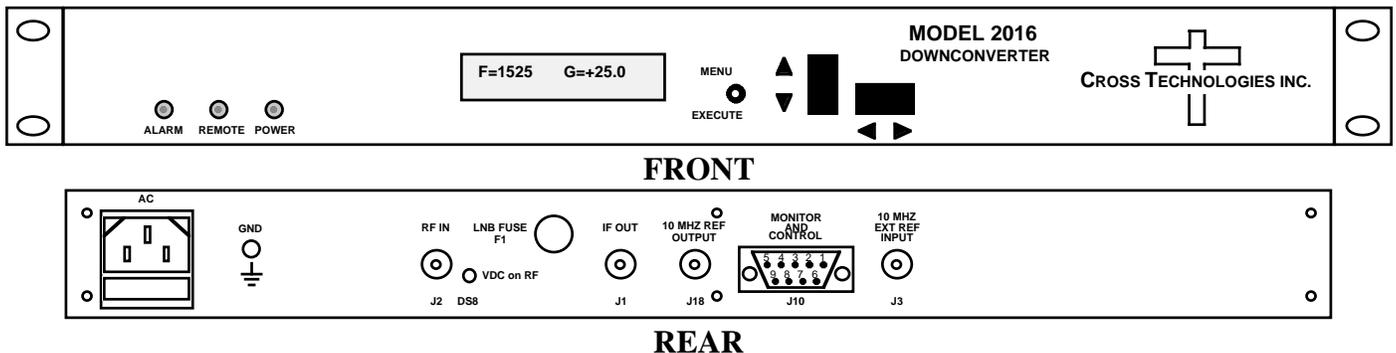
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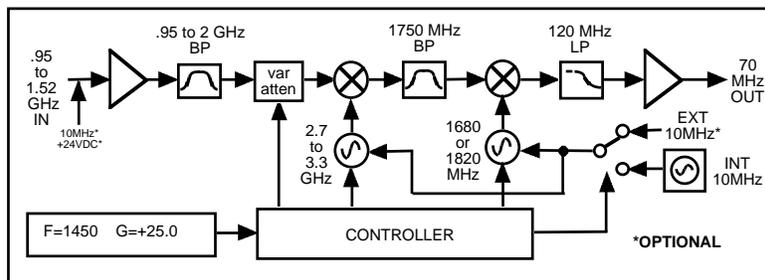
## 1.0 General

### 1.1 Equipment Description

The 2016-03A L-band Downconverter converts 950-1525 MHz to 70 ( $\pm 18$ ) MHz in 1 MHz steps with low group delay and flat frequency response. The 2016-03A Input and Output levels have been optimized to support transmit from an L-band modem to a 70 MHz IF upconverter. Multi-function push button switches select the RF frequency, gain, and other parameters. Front panel LEDs provide indication of DC power (green), PLL alarm (red), and remote operation (yellow). The gain is adjustable from 0 to +50 dB. Remote operation allows selection of frequency and gain. Parameter selection and frequency and gain settings appear on the LCD display. Standard connectors are BNC female for IF output and the optional external reference input and reference output, and Type F female for the RF input. LNB +24 VDC, 0.4 Amps and 10 MHz reference can be inserted on the RF line as added options. The 10 MHz option also includes a 10 MHz output connector, which contains either the internal or external 10 MHz reference signal. A high stability ( $\pm 0.01$ ppm) option is also available. The unit is powered by a 100-240  $\pm 10\%$  VAC power supply, and housed in a 1.75" X 19" X 16" 1RU chassis.



**FIGURE 1.1 Model 2016-03A Front and Rear Panels**



**FIGURE 1.2 Model 2016-03A L-band Downconverter Block Diagram**

## 1.2 Technical Characteristics

**TABLE 1.0 2016-03A Downconverter Specifications\***

### Input Characteristics

Impedance/Return Loss	75Ω/12 dB (see TABLE 2.2 for connector options)
Frequency	950 to 1525 MHz
Noise Figure, Max.	15 dB (max gain)
Input Level range	-60 to -10 dBm
Input 1 dB compression	-5 dBm

### Output Characteristics

Impedance/Return Loss	75 Ω /18 dB (see TABLE 2.2 for connector options)
Frequency	70 ± 18 MHz
Output Level/max linear	-10 to 0 dBm
Output 1 dB compression	+5 dBm

### Channel Characteristics

Gain	0 to +50.0 dB, 1 dB steps (manually adjustable)
Image Rejection	> 50 d, min
Frequency Response	±1.5 dB, 950 - 1525 MHz; ± 0.5 dB, 36 MHz BW
Spurious Response	<-50 dBC in band f > 970 MHz
Group Delay, max	.01 ns/MHz <sup>2</sup> parabolic; .03 ns/MHz linear; 1 ns ripple
Frequency Sense	Inverting or Non-inverting (selectable)

### Synthesizer Characteristics

Frequency Accuracy	±1.0ppm max over temp (±0.01ppm option -H) internal reference
Frequency Step	1.0 MHz (as low as 1 kHz steps available)

Phase Noise @ Freq	100 Hz	1kHz	10kHz	100kHz	1MHz
dBC/Hz	-70	-70	-80	-90	-100

10 MHz level (In & Out) 3 dBm, ± 3 dB, 75 ohms (option -E)

### Controls, Indicators

Frequency Selection	direct readout LCD; pushbutton switches or remote selection
Gain Selection	direct readout LCD; pushbutton switches or remote selection
Power	Green LED
Alarm	Red LED
Remote	Yellow LED; RS232C (RS485 option -Q), 9600 baud

### Other

RF Connector	Type F (female) (see TABLE 2.2 for other options)
IF Connector	BNC (female) (see TABLE 2.2 for other options)
10 MHz Connectors	BNC (female) (option -E)
Connector, Alarm, Remote	DB9 - NO or NC contact closure on Alarm
Size	19 inch standard chassis 1.75"high X 16.0" deep
Power	100-240 ±10% VAC, 47 - 63 Hz, 25 watts max.

### Options

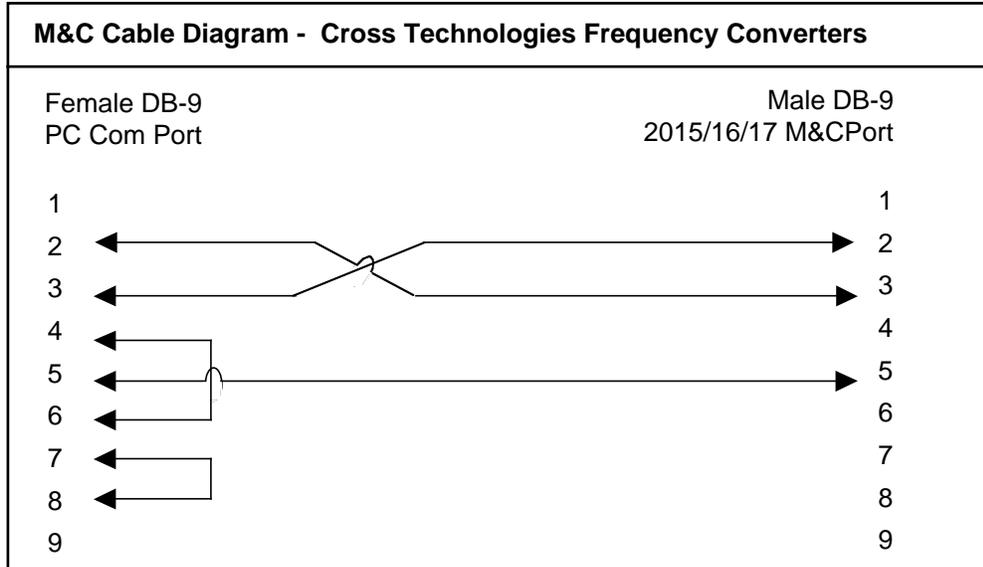
- E	Allows ext. 10 MHz ref input, 10 MHz ref can be inserted on the RF in
- H	High Stability (± 0.01 ppm) internal reference
- L	LNB +24 VDC, 0.4 Amps with readout of current
- Q	RS-422/RS-485 Remote capability
- T	Temperature Sensor
- V	SSPB +24 VDC, 2.5 Amps max, with readout of current
- X	15 kHz step size
- W8	Ethernet M&C Remote Interface
- Z	Attenuator 0.1 dB step size
Connector options	See TABLE 2.2

\*+10°C to +40°C; Specifications subject to change without notice

### 1.3 Monitor and Control Interface

#### A) Remote serial interface

**Protocol:** RS-232C, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, and 1 stop bit.  
(RS-232C, RS-422, or **RS-485 - option -Q**)



**Connector:** Rear panel, DB-9 male

J10 Pinouts (RS-232C/422/485)	
Pin	Function
1	Rx-
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Tx-
5	GND
6	Alarm Relay: Common
7	Alarm Relay: Normally Open
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay: Normally Closed

**C) Status Requests -**

Table 1.2 lists the status requests for the 2016-03A and briefly describes them.

\* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(00-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

<b>TABLE 1.1 2016-03A Status Requests</b>		
<b>Command</b>	<b>Syntax*</b>	<b>Description</b>
Command Status	{aaS1}	Returns {S1bbbbccIA} where:
		• bbbb = Rx frequency
		4 characters - standard (7 characters - Option-X)
		• cc = Rx gain
		• I = 1 - spectrum invert enabled
		• A = summary alarm; 1=alarmed, 0=normal
10MHz Ref Status	{aaS2}	Returns {S2ER} where:
<b>(option -E only)</b>		• E = 1 - external 10 MHz switched in
		• R = 1 - 10 MHz ref inserted on RF input connector
LNB Current	{aaS3}	Returns {S3eee} where:
<b>(option -L only)</b>		• eee = LNB current (000 to 500 = 0 to .500 A)

**B) Commands** - Table 1.1 lists the commands for the 2016-03A and briefly describes them. After a command is sent the 2016-03A sends a return “>” indicating the command has been received and executed.

**General Command Format** - The general command format is {aaCND...}, where:

- { = start byte
- aa = address (**RS-485 only - option -Q**)
- C = 1 character, either C (command) or S (status)
- N = 1 character command or status request
- D = 1 character or more of data (depends on command)
- } = stop byte

\* PLEASE NOTE: The two character {aa}(00-31) prefix, in the table below, should be used ONLY when RS-485, (OPTION-Q), is selected.

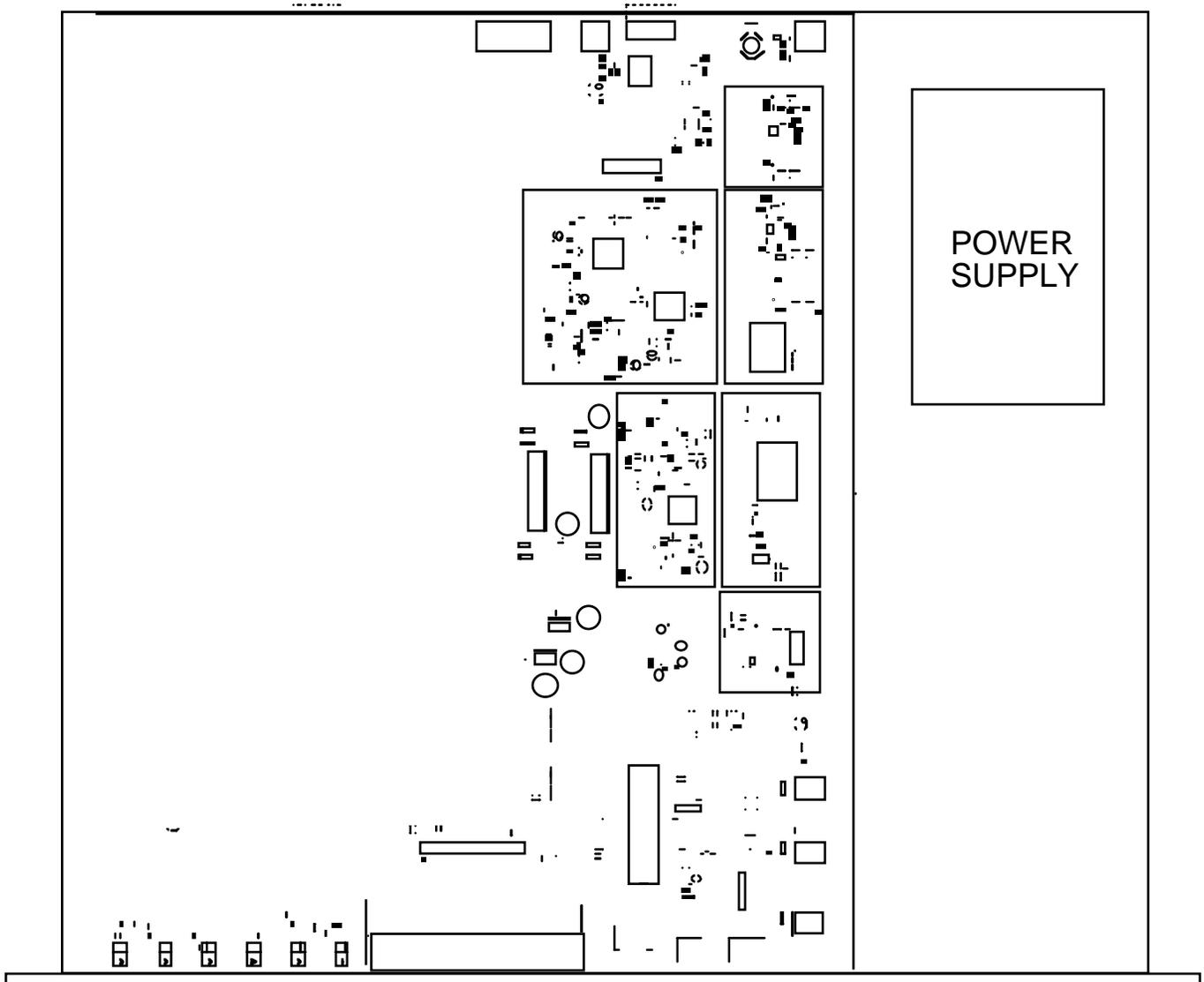
Table 1.2 2016-03A Commands		
Command	Syntax*	Description
Set Receiver Frequency	{aaC2xxxx}	where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xxxx = 4 characters standard (7 characters -Option-X)</li> <li>• Range: 0950 to 1525 MHz, in 1 MHz steps</li> <li>0950.000 to 1525.000 in 1 kHz steps (option-X)</li> </ul>
Set Receiver Gain	{aaC4xx}	where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx = 2 characters</li> <li>• Range: 00 to 50 (0 dB to +50 dB, in 1 dB steps)</li> </ul>
Enable 10MHz Ref Insertion <b>(option -E only)</b>	{aaC6x}	where x =: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to disable 10MHz insertion on RF input connector</li> <li>• 1 to enable 10MHz insertion on RF input connector</li> </ul>
Enable Spectrum Invert	{aaC7x}	where x =: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to disable spectrum invert</li> <li>• 1 to enable spectrum invert</li> </ul>
Enable External 10MHz IN <b>(option -E only)</b>	{aaCEx}	where x =: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 to disable External 10MHz ref signal</li> <li>• 1 to enable External 10MHz ref signal</li> </ul>
Enable Remote	#	Just # sign
Disable Remote	{aaCRO}	{CR and zero}

## 1.4 Use Information

- A. **Elevated operating ambient temperature** - if installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack may be greater than room ambient temperature. Therefore, consideration should be given to  $T_{mra}$ .
- B. **Reduced air flow** - Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised. Additional space between unit may be required.
- C. **Mechanical loading** - Mounting of equipment in a rack should be such that a hazardous condition does not exist due to uneven weight distribution.
- D. **Circuit Overloading** - Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of circuits could have on over current protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment name plate rating should be used, when addressing this concern.
- E. **Reliable Earthing** - Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connection to the Branch (use of power strips).
- F. **Top Cover** - There are no servicable parts inside the product so, the Top Cover should not be removed. If the Top Cover is removed the ground strap and associated screw **MUST BE RE-INSTALLED** prior to Top Cover screw replacement. **FAILURE TO DO** this may cause **INGRESS** and/or **EGRESS** emission problems.

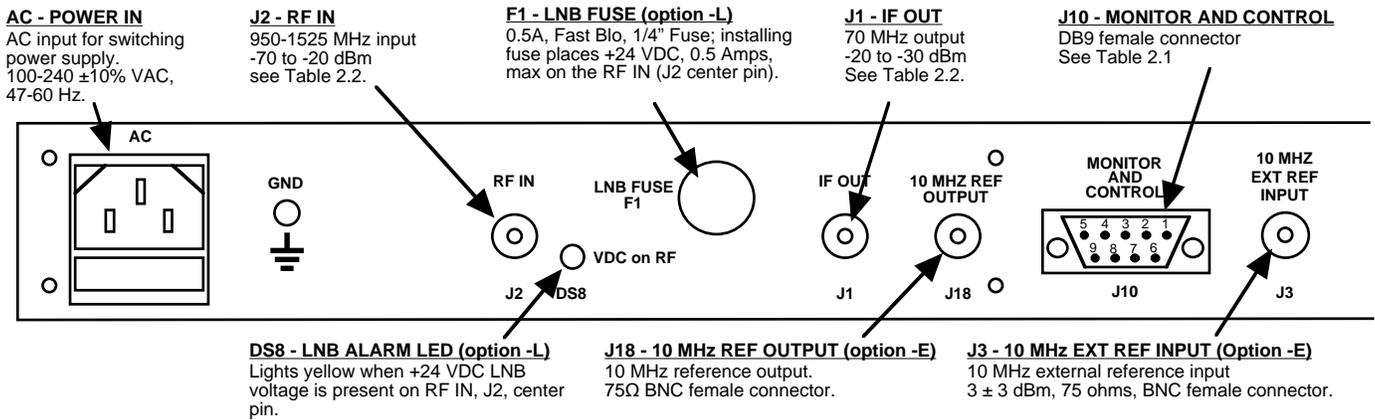
## 2.0 Installation

**2.1 Mechanical** - The 2016-03A consists of one RF/Controller PCB housed in a 1 RU (1 3/4 inch high) by 16 inch deep chassis. A switching,  $\pm 12$ , +24, +5 VDC power supply provides power for the assemblies. The 2016-03A can be secured to a rack using the 4 holes on the front panel. Figure 2.1 shows how the 2016-03A is assembled.



**FIGURE 2.1 2016-03A Mechanical Assembly**

## 2.2 Rear Panel Input/Output Signals - Figure 2.2 shows the input and output connectors on the rear panel.



**FIGURE 2.2 2016-03A Rear Panel I/Os**

Pin	Function
1	Not Used
2	Rx+ (RS-232C)
3	Tx+ (RS-232C)
4	Not Used
5	GND
6	Alarm Relay: Common
7	Alarm Relay: Normally Closed
8	Not Used
9	Alarm Relay: Normally Open

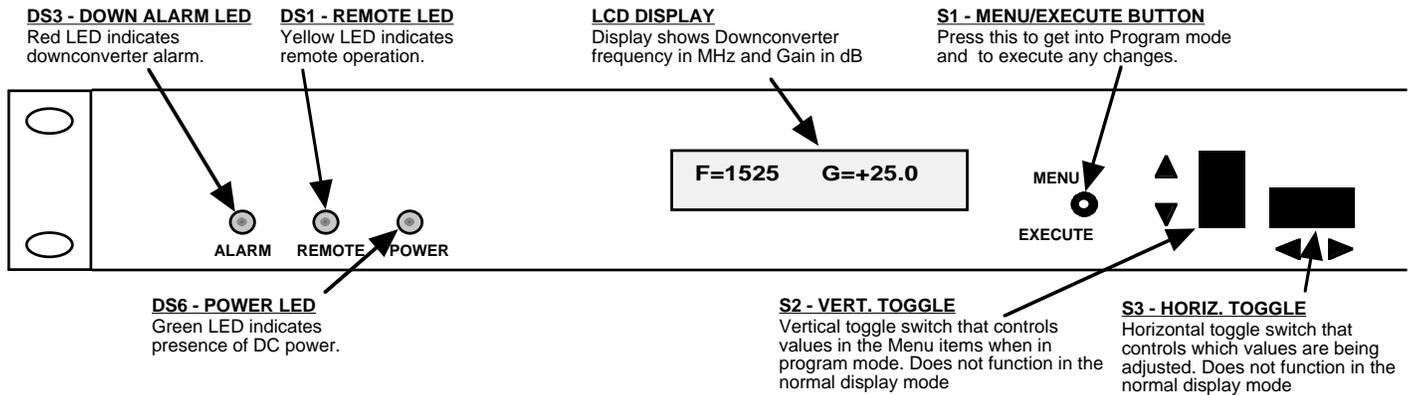
### \*Remote Serial Interface

Interface: DB-9 Male

Protocol: RS-232C, 9600 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit

Option	IF	RF
STD	BNC, 75Ω	Type F, 75Ω
-B	BNC, 75Ω	BNC, 75Ω
-C	BNC, 75Ω	BNC, 50Ω
-D	BNC, 50Ω	BNC, 50Ω
-N	BNC, 75Ω	Type N, 50Ω
-M	BNC, 50Ω	Type N, 50Ω

## 2.3 Front Panel Controls and Indicators - The following are the front panel controls and indicators.

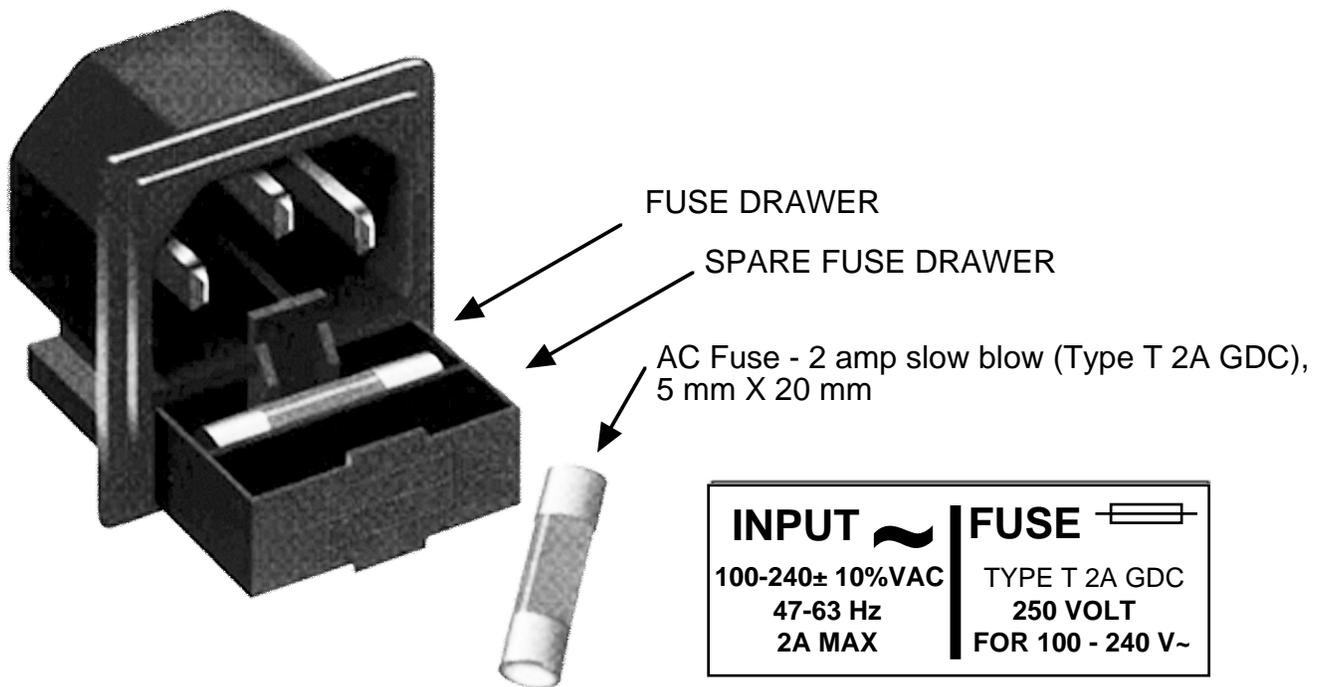


**FIGURE 2.3 2016-03A Front Panel Controls and Indicators**

## 2.4 Operation

### 2.4.1 Installing and Operating the 2016-03A Downconverter

1. Connect a -20 dBm to -70 dBm signal to RF IN, J2 (Figure 2.2)
2. Connect the IF OUT, J1, to the external equipment
3. Connect 100-240  $\pm$ 10% VAC, 47 - 63 Hz to AC on the back panel.
4. Set the input frequency (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
5. Set the gain for +00.0 to +50.0 dB (See Section 2.5 Menu Settings).
6. Be sure DS6 (green, DC Power) is on and DS3 (red, Alarm) is off (Figure 2.3).
7. Option -L only - To insert LNB +24 VDC on the RF center pin install 0.5A fast blo fuse in F1 and check that DS8 lights yellow (Figure 2.1)
8. **AC Fuse** - The fuse is a 5 mm X 20 mm, 2 amp slow blow (Type T) and is inserted in the far slot in the drawer below the AC input as shown in Figure 2.4. There is a spare fuse in the near slot. If a fuse continues to open, the power supply is most likely defective.



**FIGURE 2.4 Fuse Location and Spare Fuse**

## 2.5 Menu Settings

**2.5.1 Functions** - This section describes operation of the front panel controls. There are three operator switches, the LCD display and alarm indicator LEDs. All functions for the equipment are controlled by these components. The functions are (see Figure 2.5):

### **Power Up**

#### **Normal Display**

**Menu 1** Frequency in MHz

**Menu 2** Gain (0 to +50, 1dB steps)

**Menu 3** For Other Settings (see below)

**Save Menu** When go to “R” or at end

### **IF OTHER = Y**

**Menu 4** Set Unit to Remote Operation

**Menu 5** Select External 10 MHz Ref (option -E)

**Menu 6** Select Reference Out (option -E)

**Menu 7** Set Remote mode (option -Q)

**Menu 8** Set RS-485 address (option -Q)

**Menu 9** View LNB Current (option -L)

**Save Menu** When go to end

Alarm indications appear on the LEDs (see figure 2.3).

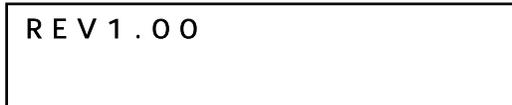
All program changes must start with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch and must also end with the operation of the Menu/Execute switch verified by the “Save Settings?” Menu. If this sequence is not followed, none of the changes will take effect. If programming is initiated and no operator action takes place for approximately 12 seconds (before the final press of the Menu/Execute switch) the display will revert to its previous status and you will need to start over.

## 2.5.2 Power On Settings

**NOTE: THE LAST STATUS OF A UNIT IS RETAINED EVEN WHEN POWER IS REMOVED. WHEN POWER IS RESTORED, THE UNIT WILL RETURN TO IT'S PREVIOUS SETTINGS.**

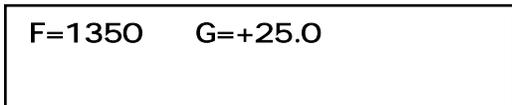
When power is first applied, the LCD display goes through three steps.

- 1.The LCD goes black to show all segments are functioning.
- 2.The software version will be displayed.



REV 1 . 0 0

- 3.The present frequency and gain of the downconverter is shown.



F=1350    G=+25.0

The unit is now operational and ready for any changes the operator may desire.

## 2.5.3 Control Switches

1. Menu/Execute - Any change to the programming of the unit must be initiated by pressing the Menu/Execute switch and completed by pressing the Menu/Execute switch.
2. Horizontal Switch - This switch is mounted so its movement is horizontal and moves the cursor left or right.
3. Vertical Switch - This switch is mounted so its movement is vertical and has two functions:
  - a. During frequency , gain changes, the vertical movement will raise or lower the number in the direction of the arrows.
  - b. For other functions such Mute on/off, the vertical switch will alternately turn the function on or off regardless of the direction operated.

## 2.5.4 Frequency Changes

At any time during the modification process, if you have made a mistake and do not wish to save the changes you have made, **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode or scroll to “**R**” and push the menu/Execute switch and select “**NO**” in the “**SAVE SETTINGS?**” window.

To change the FREQUENCY:

Operate the Menu/Execute switch until you get to the menu item you want to change see Figure 2.5 for the sequence of menu options. The following display is for changing the downconverter frequency:

F = 1 <u>3</u> 50	R
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Pressing the Up/Down switch down will toggle the display to:

F = 1 <u>4</u> 50	R
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By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right .

F = 14 <u>5</u> 0	R
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**NOTE: CHANGES DO NOT TAKE PLACE ON FREQUENCY UNTIL YOU GO TO THE SAVE MENU AND INDICATE YOU WANT TO SAVE THE CHANGES.THE CARRIER IS MUTED WHEN FREQUENCY IS CHANGED.**

When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the next item:

G = + <u>2</u> 5.0	R
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OR you can scroll to “R”, push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

SAVE SETTINGS? <u>Y</u> N
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Selecting **Y** will save the new settings. Selecting **N** will revert to the previous settings.

Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to this:

F=1450    G=+25.0
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Figure 2.5 gives the menu items and how to make changes.

## 2.5.5 Gain Changes

When you get to this menu note that the gain changes will be made as you make them but if you do not wish to save the changes you have made, scroll to “**R**” and push the Menu/Execute switch and select “**NO**” in the “**SAVE SETTINGS?**” window or **do not press the Menu/Execute switch**; simply do nothing for approximately 12 seconds, and the system will return to the normal operating mode.

To change the DOWNCONVERTER GAIN:

Push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the gain setting (See Figure 2.5 for the sequence of menu options):

G = + <u>2</u> 5.0	R
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Pressing the Up/Down switch will change the gain in 1 or 10 dB steps depending on the cursor location:

G = + <u>1</u> 5.0	R
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By using the horizontal rocker switch the cursor can be moved left or right. Pressing the Up/Down switch will toggle the display digit selected until you have the desired gain.

G = +1 <u>5</u> .0	R
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**NOTE: THE GAIN WILL BE CHANGED AS YOU ADJUST THE NUMBERS. HOWEVER, THE VALUE WILL NOT BE STORED UNTIL YOU INDICATE YES IN THE SAVE SETTINGS WINDOW.**

When the display indicates the value desired you can push the Menu/Execute switch to get to the next item:

OTHER? <u>Y</u> N	R
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OR you can scroll to “**R**” and push the Menu/Execute switch to get to:

SAVE SETTINGS? <u>Y</u> N
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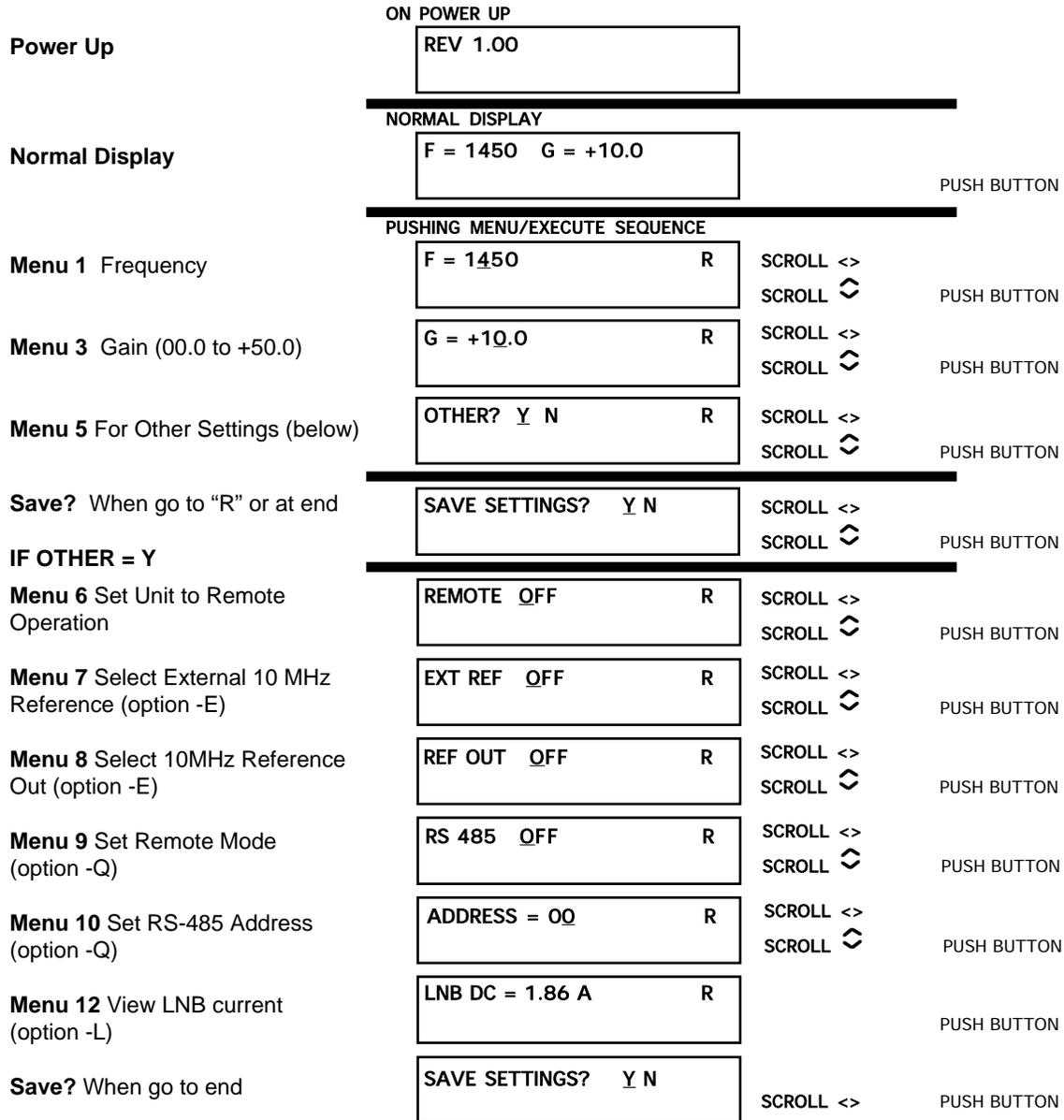
Selecting **Y** will save the new settings. Selecting **N** will revert to the previous settings. Pushing the Menu/Execute switch then takes you to this:

F=1450	G=+15.0
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Figure 2.5 gives the menu items and how to make changes.

## 2.5.5 Alarm Indications

An alarm condition will occur if any local oscillator phase lock loop (PLL) comes out of lock. The Mute LED will light if you select Mute and the Remote LED will light when you select the Remote mode.



**FIGURE 2.5 Menu Display and Sequence**



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