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JUMA PA-100D OPERATING MANUAL 5B4AIY Firmware Version: 1.05d

The PA-100D is a companion 100W all-band linear amplifier primarily intended for the Juma TRX-2 all-band 10W transceiver, but can also be used with almost any low-power transceiver.

This document describes the operation and setup of this equipment using firmware version 1.05d, software modifications and changes made by Adrian Ryan, 5B4AIY.

The revised firmware incorporates a number of changes to enhance the utility of this amplifier. These instructions assume that you have already performed the necessary setup and calibration steps.

The enhancements are:

- 1. User selectable temperature units of either Centigrade or Fahrenheit.
- 2. User selectable frequency/band units of either MHz or metres.
- 3. User selectable fan control option
- 4. Enhanced alarm facility
- 5. Enhanced serial test facility.
- 6. Improved resolution and accuracy of voltage, current and power displays
- 7. Power Sample Averaging
- 8. Improved temperature display, and added serial suite calibration feature
- 9. Minor user interface modifications.

Front Panel Controls



Juma PA100D Front Panel

Control Description PWR

This button is used to power-up and power-down the amplifier, as well as several secondary functions. To power up the amplifier, briefly press the button. The display will illuminate and a sign-on message will be displayed:

JUMA-PA100 1.05d OH2NLT OH7SV

After a short delay, the main screen will be displayed, as shown above.

This button now has assigned to it the cancel alarms function, which takes priority. This is to make the alarm system consistent with the Juma TRX-2, whose alarms are cancelled with this button. In the event an alarm cannot be cancelled, press and hold this button for an emergency shutdown. No user settings will be saved, the power latch signal will be immediately dropped.

UP/DOWN

These buttons are used to increment/decrement the various user settings, depending upon the current operating mode. In the normal mode, these buttons alter the gain settings of the amplifier, as shown by the G1 - G4 indicators on the display. G1 is the lowest gain, and the gain can be increased in 1dB steps. In fact, the "gain" changes are simply an attenuator being switched in and out of circuit, but it is convenient to think of this in terms of overall gain.

DISPLAY/CONFIG

This button has two functions. In the normal mode it allows the user to display a number of internal parameters. From the normal display, a single push will show the current output power. The next push will display the SWR, followed by the supply voltage, the amplifier current, and finally the temperature in either $^{\circ}C$ or $^{\circ}F$.

If the button is pressed and held, this will invoke the User Configuration mode, which is fully covered in a later section. To exit from the User Configuration mode, press and hold the button until a beep is heard, whereupon the normal display will return.

OPER

This button is used to place the amplifier in either the standby mode or the operate mode. In previous versions of the firmware it was also used to cancel alarms, this function has now been moved to the PWR button.

With this firmware revision the amplifier will always power up in the standby mode as a precaution, except when the System Setup is selected, when it will power up in the operate state.

In the standby mode the signal path is straight through, with neither filters nor attenuation present. A connected transceiver will be able to transmit and receive directly to the connected antenna. The metering functions of the amplifier will operate to show the output power and SWR, although at low power levels the accuracy is somewhat reduced.

Press this button to select the operate mode. In this mode the amplifier will be fully functional.

If this button is pressed and the power switch operated to turn the amplifier on, the flash writer will be invoked. This is used with the Ingenia loader program to update the firmware. For further details, please see the article on the Juma website which covers this procedure.

AUTO

This button is used to select either the manual or automatic band selection, in conjunction with the BAND+ and BAND- buttons.

The current selection is displayed on the lower line of the display. To use the manual mode, press the button to select M on the lower line, and use the BAND+ or BAND- button to select an amateur band from 160m – 10m. This will select the appropriate low-pass output filter, but exercise care, as inadvertent selection of the wrong filter could damage the amplifier. For example, selecting the 80m band filter when transmitting on the 40m or higher band at high power levels could seriously damage the filters.

It is preferable to use the AUTO band select mode, if possible. In this mode there are three detection possibilities, selected via a setting in the User Configuration mode. Please refer to this section for details concerning the use.

BAND+

There is a secondary function to this button. By pressing and holding this button and then powering up the amplifier, the factory defaults can be reloaded. Previously this was assigned to the OPER button, but also assigned to this button at power up is the flash writer. As it can be a little disconcerting to see this prompt, the default reload function has been moved.

Release the BAND+ button and the display will prompt you for a selection, either press the BAND+ to reload the default settings, or the BAND- button to abort and continue.

User Configuration Mode

This mode is used to setup the various options and settings for proper operation of this amplifier. To select this mode, press and hold the DISPLAY/CONFIG button until you hear a long beep, and the screen will change to reflect this mode. The various settings are changed with the UP/DOWN buttons

To move from one menu item to the next, briefly press the DISPLAY/CONFIG button. To exit, press and hold the button until a long beep is heard.

Auto Band Detect



Default: JUMA-TRX2

This governs the operation of the AUTO feature. There are three selections:

- a. **JUMA-TRX2**. This mode should be selected when the amplifier is connected to the Juma TRX2 transceiver. It relies on the presence of a serial data link between the amplifier and the transceiver. The transceiver's RS-232 port mode should be set to JUMA TRX2, and port speeds must be the same. The default of 9600 Baud is satisfactory. If this mode is selected, the following RS-232 selection will also be forced to the JUMA-TRX2 setting.
- b. **FT-817** This setting will allow automatic band detection when connected to a Yaesu FT-817 or similar transceiver with the appropriate accessory cable. This transceiver outputs a stepped DC voltage which can be detected by the amplifier and used to automatically select the correct band. The rear accessory BAND socket should be used.
- c. **F-Sense** With this mode selected, the incoming RF signal from the transceiver is measured in frequency, and the result used to select the correct low-pass filters. No connections other than the RF cable and the PTT line are required. To use this mode, select the TUNE mode on the connected transceiver and inject between 2 10 watts. The amplifier will detect the signal and select the appropriate filter automatically.

Serial Protocol



Default: JUMA-TRX2

This allows the selection of either the JUMA-TRX2 protocol for automatic band selection, or the Test Mode. Note that the JUMA-TRX2 mode is automatically selected and cannot be changed if the similar mode is selected in the Auto Band Detect menu. The test mode allows the user to perform various low-level tests, as well as obtain a dump of the current internal configuration and calibration values.

Serial Speed



Default: 9600 Baud

This sets the communications speed for the RS-232 port and can be set from 1200 Baud - 115200 Baud. The other parameters are fixed at 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

LCD Backlighting



Default: 300

Set the level you wish for the display illumination using the UP/DOWN buttons. Note the a setting of 0 will turn the backlighting off. The range is from 0 - 1100.

LCD Contrast



Default: 2000

Adjust with the UP/DOWN buttons for a suitable display. The range is from 0 - 3500.

SWR Trip Limit



Default: 3.0

Adjust with the UP/DOWN buttons over a range from 1.0 - 10.0, a default setting of 3.0 is recommended.

Temperature Unit Selection



Default: Celsius

Using the UP/DOWN buttons select either °C or °F. Note that if the units are changed, then the following menu settings for the alarm and fan cut-in temperatures will be automatically preset at their respective default values in the new scale.

Fan Control



Default: Normal

This is a new feature. Some users prefer the cooling fan to operate all the time irrespective of the heat sink temperature. Use the UP/DOWN buttons to select one of the following modes.

Normal:	In this mode the fan operation is entirely determined by the heat-sink temperature.
Low:	In this mode, the fan will run continuously at the low speed, but will switch to the medium or high speed in response to the heat-sink temperature.
Medium:	The fan will run at medium speed, but will switch to high speed in response to heat-sink temperature.
High:	The cooling fan will operate at high speed all the time.

Over-Temperature Limit



Default : $70^{\circ}C/160^{\circ}F$

Using the UP/DOWN buttons, select a suitable limit. The range is from $50^{\circ}C - 100^{\circ}C$ or $120^{\circ}F - 212^{\circ}F$.

Fan Cut-In Temperature



Default: $40^{\circ}C/104^{\circ}F$

Using the UP/DOWN buttons, select a suitable temperature for the cooling fan to start. The range is from $0^{\circ}C - 80^{\circ}C$, or $32^{\circ}F - 170^{\circ}F$.

When the heat-sink temperature reaches the cut-in point, the fan will start at low speed, assuming the normal mode of operation has been selected in the previous menu.

When the heat-sink temperature has risen to $5^{\circ}C/10^{\circ}F$ higher than the preset cut-in temperature, the fan speed will increase to the medium setting. If the temperature rises by $10^{\circ}C/20^{\circ}F$ above the cut-in temperature, the fan will run at its maximum speed.

Although the range of cut-in temperatures are from $0^{\circ}C - 80^{\circ}C$, or $32^{\circ}F - 160^{\circ}F$, the actual maximum cut-in temperature will be determined by the Over-Temperature Limit setting. The actual maximum permissible cut-in temperature will always be $20^{\circ}C/40^{\circ}F$ lower than the Over-Temperature Limit setting, or $80^{\circ}C/160^{\circ}F$.

Although a zero temperature setting may seem somewhat odd, its purpose is to allow you to quickly verify that the fan operates in response to temperature. As an example, assume room temperature is 25°C, if you reduce the cut-in temperature to 25°C you should hear the fan start at low speed. Reduce the setting to 20°C, and the fan should run at medium speed. Reduce it to 15°C, and the fan should run at its maximum speed. Reset the temperature to the desired setting when done.

Note: The fan drop-out temperature is 2°C/4°F lower than the cut-in temperature. This hysteresis prevents "fan twitch" whereby the fan blades "twitch" when the cut-in temperature is close to room temperature.

Band Units



Default: MHz

This is a new feature. Using the UP/DOWN buttons select either MHz, or metres.

To exit and save the current settings, press and hold the DISPLAY/CONFIG button until a long beep is heard.

System Configuration & Calibration

To calibrate the amplifier, connect a suitable transceiver to provide a drive signal, and ensure that it is connected to a dummy load. In the Service Mode, the amplifier will power-up in the operate mode.

This section covers the system calibration settings which are only infrequently changed. To enter this mode, press and hold the PWR button until the following screen is displayed:



Release the button and the calibration menu screens can be selected by briefly pressing the DISPLAY/CONFIG button.

Voltage Calibration



Default: 5250

Limits : 4750 - 5750

The measurement system of the amplifier has been modified to obtain increased resolution and precision.

The voltage measurement section is the most precise, as its sample voltage is obtained directly from a precision potential divider formed by R27/R28 on the control board, and this voltage is directly sampled by the A-D convertor.

Measure the input voltage at the amplifier's power connector with a precision 4-digit digital multimeter, and using the UP/DOWN buttons alter the calibration factor so that the displayed voltage matches as closely as possible the measured value.

It should be possible to arrive at a display that matches within ± 1 digit in the least significant figure – in the display above, if the measured value was 13.84V, then you should be able to adjust the display to read between 13.83 – 13.85.

Note that as with all digital sampling systems there is an inherent quantisation uncertainty of ± 1 in the last digit.

The display is a direct sample of the A-D convertor's output, no averaging takes place, and thus you will see significant jitter at some calibration settings. When the display is used with the amplifier in its normal mode, the voltage displayed is the result of a 16-sample average, and is thus much less prone to jitter. The non-averaged value shown here allows you to adjust the calibration for both the most accurate and the most stable display.

Current Calibration



Default: 2520

Limits : 1500 - 4000

The current sense is obtained from a precision 0.005 current shunt resistor, R7, in series with the main power bus. The voltage developed across this shunt is processed by IC1, a MAX4373

high-side current sense amplifier/convertor and the scaled voltage is measured by the A-D convertor. The nominal scale factor is 100mV/A.

The most accurate method of calibrating the ammeter is to use a clip-on DC ammeter and a precision digital multimeter. Alternatively, if you have access to a precision high-current shunt you can connected this in series with your supply and measure the shunt voltage. If neither of these means is available but your power supply has an accurate digital ammeter, then this can be used as the reference.

Inject a suitable drive signal, wait for the current reading to stabilise, then using the UP/DOWN buttons adjust the calibration factor to obtain a match as close as possible to the reference measured value.

This measurement is less accurate than the voltmeter for a number of reasons. First, although the current shunt is principally the current shunt resistor, in addition there is the contact resistance of the four solder pads.

The varying construction techniques as well as differing types of solder will all add a varying contact resistance which will affect the calibration. In addition, at high currents the resistor will dissipate a certain amount of power which will cause heating, adding a further uncertainty to the measurement. Thus, although the resolution of the ammeter is 0.1A, the accuracy will probably not be better than ± 0.5 A at the nominal output power of the amplifier.

Output Power Calibration



Default: 1200

Limits: 750 – 1500

The RF output power is measured from the DC output voltage obtained from a dual directional coupler on the main board. This measurement is probably the least accurate.

Because power is proportional to the square of the voltage, any errors or differences in construction will be magnified when the A-D output is squared to perform the power calculation. Equally, the output voltage of the diodes is only reasonably linear at fairly high powers, as the output power is reduced the accuracy will degrade.

In order to calibrate this measurement, either you will need access to a fairly accurate RF power meter, or you can use an accurate directional coupler and an oscilloscope. In my case I had access to both methods, and was thus able to confirm the relative accuracy of both methods.

The power meter method is by far the easiest. Inject a suitable RF drive signal, wait for the output power reading to stabilise, and using the UP/DOWN buttons adjust the calibration

factor to obtain the closest possible agreement between the display and the measurement reference.

To use the direction coupler/oscilloscope method, connect the output of the amplifier to the directional coupler with as short a piece of co-ax as possible, and connect the output of the directional coupler to a high-power 50 dummy load. Connect the oscilloscope to the directional coupler's coupled port and terminate the input to the oscilloscope with a 50 feed-through termination.

If it is a digitising oscilloscope, set it up to measure the RMS voltage at the input. With a -30dB coupler, at 100W the coupled port will provide a 100mW signal into the feed-through termination. This will give a 6.3V p-p signal into the oscilloscope. Measure the amplitude of the signal, and calculate the coupled power level. Taking into account the coupler loss, adjust the calibration for the best match.

If you do not have access to either of these pieces of test equipment, then the default calibration value will be accurate enough for most purposes – this is the least accurate of the measurements, and is really intended as an indication of output power rather than a precision measurement.

Beep Length



Default: 50mS

Limits : 0 – 100

Using the UP/DOWN buttons, adjust for the desired time. Note that a time of 0 will disable the beeper, no audio annunciator tones will then be generated.

Polling Time



Default: 8.0 Seconds

Limits : 0 - 30

Using the UP/DOWN buttons adjust for the desired polling rate. This is the time interval that will elapse between the PA-100D query attempts to the Juma TRX2. If you are using the TRX2, then any band changes or transmit status changes are conveyed via the serial port, but in addition the PA100D will also query the TRX2. Setting the rate to 0 will disable polling.

Power Sample Averaging

Default: 1



This feature was added at the request of an amateur who was using the amplifier as the driver stage of a high-power linear.

When operating CW there were occasions when there would be a transient high SWR alarm caused by the finite time it took for the transmit/receive relays to operate. Although internally the amplifier requires two successive samples to assert the high SWR alarm, because the overall measurements are performed very quickly this was not long enough to ensure that a transient would be ignored, but a steady-state condition would not.

This feature can also be used when using separate transmit and receive antennas where the relay operating time might also provoke a transient alarm.

Power averaging was added to smooth out such transients. The number of samples can be set from 1 (no sampling) to 8. Bear in mind that each sample adds about 4mSec to the time it takes to register the power, and that two successive averaged samples are required to recognise a high SWR condition. At 8 sample averaging the total recognition time for a high SWR would thus be about 60mSec.

Use this feature at your own risk, and with caution. If you require more than about 6 samples to smooth the transient, then consider an alternative method of using the linear.

This feature is **NOT** required for normal operation, and the sample count should be left at its default value of 1.

Reset Defaults



The final page allows you to reset to the factory defaults. To do so, press and hold the OPER button until you hear a beep, the factory defaults will then have been restored. (See also the use of the BAND+ button.)

Note that you can only reset the factory defaults from this menu page! To save the current calibration values, briefly press the DISPLAY/CONFIG button to return to the first page, and briefly press the OPER button, the current values will be saved, and the system will return to normal operation.

Serial Test Mode

The amplifier has an enhanced serial test feature that can be useful for a number of test purposes. To use this feature, in the User Configuration mode, ensure that the Auto Band detect is set to something other than JUMA-TRX2. If this latter mode is selected, then the serial port mode is automatically configured as JUMA TRX2, and cannot be altered.

In the Serial Port mode, select Test Mode, and set the speed to a suitable value, 9600 Baud is usually satisfactory.

Connect your PC running a terminal program to the amplifier via a serial port or a USB to RS-232 convertor if your computer is not equipped with a normal RS-232 port.

Enter the letter I (Capital I) on the terminal, and the amplifier should respond as shown below:

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~~~~~~ [ COMMAND TABLE ] ~~~~~~~~~
Т
    Help - (This Screen)
    ADC Channel Dump
А
     Test Alarm System
а
b
    LCD Bar Graph Test, ESC to exit.
     Clear Factory Default reset counter
С
D
     Dump System & User Settings
Е
     Dump EEPROM contents
f
     Toggle Frequency Sense On/Off
т
     Temperature Calibration, any key to exit.
    Buzzer Sound Test
t
    Write ASCII to LCD, ESC to exit.
W
     Write HEX to LCD, 1B to exit
w
С
     Continuous SPI write
Z
     Divide-By-Zero Trap
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This "Help" display can also be obtained by entering ?, H, or h.

Enter D, and the following display will be obtained:

System Calibration Settings Battery Voltage Factor : 5288 PA Current Factor : 2650 : 1089 Power Meter Factor Beep Length Time : 50 mS Serial Link Polling : 8.00 Seconds PWR Measurement Samples: 1 Over-Voltage Trip : 2799 = 14.80V Under-Voltage Trip : 2081 = 11.00V User Configuration Settings : 2000 LCD Contrast LCD Backlighting: 300RS-232 Port Mode: Test ModeRS-232 Port Speed: 9600 Bau 9600 Baud Frequency Sense Mode : Frequency Sense SWR Trip Limit : 3.00 Temperature Units : Celsius Fan Speed Control : Normal Temperature Alarm Limit: 70C Fan Start Temperature : 40C

Current Amplifier State: Standby Band Select : Manual Band Display Units : Metres

Your settings will, naturally, be somewhat different.

Enter A, and the following display will be obtained:

ADC 9 = 925 Scaled: 1.129V 12.256 Amps ADC 10 = 2585 Scaled: 3.156V 13.669 Volts ADC 11 = 0 Scaled: 0.000V 0 Out-Of-Band ADC 12 = 68 Scaled: 0.083V 0.1 Watts (Reverse) ADC 13 = 2979 Scaled: 3.271V 78.2 Watts (Forward) ADC 14 = 523 Scaled: 0.639V 32 Celsius

This displays the output and scaled values from the Analogue to Digital convertor in the microprocessor.

The display shows the ADC channel number, the raw value, the scaled equivalent input voltage, and the actual display that would be obtained, also scaled by the calibration factor to the measurement unit.

For example, the first line shows the output from ADC channel 9. The raw value is 925, which corresponds to an input voltage of 1.129V. This corresponds to a current of 12.26 amps when scaled with the calibration factor of 2650 obtained from the previous dump. The actual calculation is:

I = ADC * Calibration Factor / 200,000Amps = 925 * 2650 / 200,000 = 2,451,250 / 200,000 = 12.26 Amps

The second line shows that the output of ADC channel 10. The raw value is 2585, corresponding to an input voltage of 3.156V, and the scaled display reading would be 13.67V. The actual calculation is:

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V = ADC * Calibration Factor / 1,000,000
= 2585 * 5288 / 1,000,000
= 13,669,480 / 1,000,000
= 13.67V
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The third line shows the output of ADC channel 11. This channel is used with a Yaesu FT-817 transceiver or similar, and represents the band select voltage. I have simulated the actual

BAND	VOLTAGE
1.8MHz – 160m	0.33V
3.5MHz – 75/80m	0.67V
7.0MHz – 40m	1.00V
10.0MHz – 30m	1.33V
14.0MHz – 20m	1.67V
18.0MHz – 17m	2.00V
21.0MHz – 15m	2.33V
24.0MHz – 12m	2.67V
28.0MHz – 10m	3.00V

voltages and confirmed that when the Auto Band Select is set to Yaesu 817, the appropriate amateur band filters are selected. The voltage thresholds are:

The tolerance is ± 100 mV. Note that voltages below 0.23V and above 3.1V are invalid. If the input voltage is below 0.23V, then the Out-Of-Band selection is made. Above 3.1V and the unknown selection will be made corresponding to the 28MHz filter.

The next line shows the output from ADC channel 12, the reverse power channel used for SWR calculations.

The next line shows the output from ADC channel 13, the forward power channel. The calculation for both the forward and reverse power is the same, and uses the same calibration factor. In this case the forward power raw value is 2679 corresponding to an input voltage of 3.271V.

The calculation is:

P = (((ADC * ADC) / 10) * Calibration Factor) / 10,000,000 = (((2679 * 2679) / 10) * 1089) / 10,000,000 = ((7,177,041) / 10) * 1089) / 10,000,000 = 781,579,764 / 10,000,000 = 78.2W

The last line of the display shows the output from ADC channel 14, the temperature measurement channel.

It shows that the raw output was 523, corresponding to an input voltage of 0.639V. In this case there is no software calibration factor. The design of the temperature measurement system takes advantage of the accurately known change of base-emitter voltage of a silicon transistor with temperature. The transistor is Q3, a BD139, mounted on the backplate of the power amplifier. It is fed with a constant current, and is used both as a temperature sensor and a temperature compensated voltage source to provide the bias current to the output transistors.

As the temperature of the heat-sink increases the base-emitter voltage will fall. The baseemitter voltage of the output transistors will also fall, and if no temperature compensation were applied, a constant bias voltage would cause their collector currents to increase. This would result in increased dissipation, and even higher heat-sink temperatures, with a resultant further reduction in base-emitter voltage, and eventually thermal runaway. With the temperature compensated bias voltage from Q3, the collector currents of the output transistors are stabilised, and thermal runaway prevented.

From the theory of silicon diodes, it is known that the temperature characteristic of a silicon diode junction is such that the forward voltage of the diode will change by about $-2mV/^{\circ}C$.

Thus, in the temperature sense amplifier A1-B, the potentiometer is used to adjust the offset voltage and calibrate the sensor, and the negative change in DC output voltage is amplified by the x10 DC gain of the inverting amplifier giving approximately $+20\text{mV}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ over a range from $0^{\circ}\text{C} - 100^{\circ}\text{C}$, with an input voltage range to the ADC of 0 - 2V.

The reference voltage for the A-D convertor is the +5V logic supply, and thus at a 2V input the convertor output will be 2/5 * 4096 = 1638. The scaling factor used is 4000, and thus the calculation is:

T = ((2/5) * 4096) * 4000/65536= 0.4 * 4096 * 4000/65536 $= 100^{\circ}C$

The potentiometer is used to calibrate the system, and all that is required is to measure the heat-sink temperature, and adjust the potentiometer to suit. In practice, leave the amplifier to acquire the ambient temperature by letting it sit for an hour or so, use an accurate digital thermometer, and adjust the potentiometer as required.

For the Fahrenheit scale, the conversion is:

T = (((2/5) * 4096) * 7200) / 65536) + 32T = (0.4 * 4096 * 7200 / 65536) + 32T = (1638.4 * 7200 / 65536) + 32T = (11,796,480 / 65536) + 32

T = 180 + 32T = 212°F

Entering the letter T will invoke the temperature calibration mode. The previous version of the firmware sampled the temperature channel about once every 4mS, and this could lead to considerable flicker of the display when the temperature was between two display points.

This version of the firmware averages the temperature reading over 250 samples and a period of about 1 second leading to a much more stable display. A side effect of this is that when calibrating the sensor the display will respond quite slowly, and you will have to wait several seconds for it to stabilise after each adjustment.

A quicker method is to use the serial test suite temperature calibration method. When you enter T you will receive a display on the serial terminal of the current temperature sensor reading, and the reading that will be displayed. It is averaged over 10 samples, and updates about 5 times/second and thus responds very quickly to calibration adjustments.

Carefully adjust the calibration potentiometer so that the displayed reading matches as closely as possible that measured with an accurate digital thermometer. Note that the display reading is rounded to the nearest degree in either $^{\circ}C$ or $^{\circ}F$.

Note that when using the serial test suite calibration option no display updates occur. To exit this mode, press any key.

Entering the letter t will invoke the buzzer sound test:

Sound Test Enter Frequency (100 - 5000Hz): 500 Data Value: 7372 Enter duration (mS): 1500

Enter the letter E and a dump of the EEPROM contents will be obtained:

Dump EEPROM contents

0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 0000 0000 0000 0009 0000 07D0 012C 0001 0020 0003 012C 0001 0000 0046 001E 0000 0000 0030 0001 F565 FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF 0040 0A5A 0000 14A8 0000 0441 0000 0441 0000 0050 0032 1F40 0001 0003 0AEF 0821 A5F6 FFFF Last success code = 7F

It is beyond the scope of this manual to explain the mapping of the EEPROM. If you are curious, you will need to read the source code, with particular reference to the file: pal00_eeprom.h which shows how the data values are mapped. The first 25 words are used by the user setup contents, and the 26th word is the checksum. As an example, note the checksum A5F6 at word 26.

This information is mainly of use to those wishing to modify the software, to verify that their EEPROM changes have been accomplished correctly.

Annex A

Juma PA100D Alarm System

The PA100D was provided with an alarm system that would warn the user of over-current, over-temperature, and high SWR conditions. This has now been enhanced with the provision of over-voltage, and under-voltage alarms.

The alarm system can be tested using the serial test facility described previously. Enter the letter a and you will be prompted to enter a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. 1 corresponds to a high SWR alarm, 2 an over-current alarm, 3 an over-temperature alarm, 4 an over-voltage alarm, 5 a battery pre-limit warning alarm, and 6 a battery final limit alarm.

High SWR



The SWR notification will blink and will be accompanied by a loud beep. To acknowledge and cancel any alarm, briefly press the OPER button.

The limit at which the alarm is triggered is adjustable from the System Setup & Calibration menu from 1.0 - 10.0

Whilst a setting of 1.0 might seem strange, it is there to allow you to safely test the alarm. If you set the threshold to 1.0, and then save the setting and return to normal operation, with the amplifier connected to a dummy load, if the transmitter is keyed the alarm will be triggered. Release the PTT switch or key, and press the PWR button to cancel the alarm.

Switch the amplifier off and reselect the System Setup & Calibration menu and restore the threshold to a suitable value, 3.0 is recommended.

High Current



The amplifier is fitted with a high-side current sense amplifier and over-current trip, the MAX4373. It is independent of the measurement system and will provide a fast-acting trip in the event that the input current exceeds 24A. The alarm will latch and will force the amplifier to the standby state.

To reset the alarm, release the PTT switch or the key, and briefly press the PWR button. If the alarm cannot be cleared this indicates a serious fault and the amplifier must be immediately powered down, and the fault investigated.

Over-Temperature



The heat-sink temperature is continuously monitored, and in the event of the temperature exceeding the preset threshold, the alarm will be raised. The fan will be running at its maximum speed, but it may take some time for the amplifier to cool sufficiently to clear the alarm.

Over-Voltage

This setting determines whether the alarm is active or not. Use the UP/DOWN buttons to select the desired settings. If the alarm is disabled, then the following page will be skipped, although its settings will be retained.

Over-Voltage (Adjust)



Once every cycle of the main control loop, approximately every 3.5mSec, the battery voltage is measured and compared with the preset threshold. If it exceeds the threshold, the over-voltage alarm will be raised. This alarm is provided primarily for those using the amplifier in a mobile installation powered from an automobile electrical system. Be aware that alternator spikes can cause this alarm to be triggered, as well as a poor battery, poor battery contacts, and high resistance connections.

Although the amplifier can withstand short-term exposure to high voltages, it is inadvisable to continue operation in the event of this alarm. The threshold can be adjusted from the System Setup & Calibration menu.

Under-Voltage

This setting determines whether the alarm is active or not. Use the UP/DOWN buttons to select the desired settings. If the alarm is disabled, then the following page will be skipped, although its settings will be retained, equally, the low-voltage pre-limit warning will also be disabled.

Under-Voltage (Adjust)



When operating portable from a sealed lead-acid battery it is important that to maximise the service life, operation is terminated before the battery is completely discharged.

Most manufacturers recommend that the discharge be terminated when the voltage has fallen to no lower than 10.5V

The amplifier is provided with a pre-limit alarm feature that will warn you when the input voltage has fallen to the low voltage threshold plus 100mV, and in that event, this alarm will appear.

Note than once you have acknowledged the alarm it will clear, and will not return, this is a one-time alarm and warning. The only way the reset the threshold is to power the amplifier off and then back on again. The voltage at which this pre-limit warning will occur is always 100mV higher than the final limit low-voltage alarm.

Low-voltage (Final Limit)



When the input voltage falls below the final limit low-voltage threshold, this alarm will be triggered. It is resettable, in that if the voltage rises above the threshold, the alarm can be cleared. The threshold is adjustable from the System Setup & Calibration menu. The default value of 11.0V is recommended. This will ensure that the battery voltage does not fall too low. In any event, the battery must be recharged as soon as possible.

Do not leave the battery in a discharged state, a secondary electrochemical reaction occurs that causes sulphation, which is not recoverable, and will severely shorten the service life.

Note that the alarm system can have multiple simultaneous alarms. The design of the firmware is such that the most urgent alarm is cleared first, which will then reveal any lower priority alarms. The next push of PWR button will then clear the most urgent of the remaining alarms, until all the alarms have been cleared.