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I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This dc-to-dc power converter provides an isolated, regulated and adjustable 48-Vdc output from 130-volt station batteries or other widely fluctuating 130-Vdc sources. The input voltage range is 90.0 to 160.0-Vdc, and the output voltage is adjustable ± 4 Vdc around its 48-Vdc nominal value. The maximum rated output current is 16 amperes (continuous duty rating at 50°C ambient temperature and free air convection cooling). The converter output is galvanically isolated from the input source and chassis and, therefore, may be connected as either a positive or a negative output.

This converter is electronically protected against overloads, short circuits, and converter-induced output overvoltages. Recovery to normal operating conditions is automatic upon removal of an overload or short-circuit fault. An overvoltage condition will cause the front-panel circuit breaker to trip, and this circuit breaker must be reset to resume converter operation. Protection against accidental reversal of the input-voltage polarity during installation is provided by a shunt diode working in conjunction with the front-panel circuit breaker.

The operating efficiency of this converter exceeds 90% for most of the output load range. An approximation of input current for a specific input voltage and output load current can be determined as follows:*

$$I_{\text{input}} = \frac{(V_{\text{output}}) (I_{\text{output}})}{(0.90) (V_{\text{input}})}$$

Note that this converter is a constant-output-power device, i.e., with a constant load, the input current and input voltage are inversely proportional. This means that the maximum input current is drawn at the minimum input voltage.

*This approximation applies for output load currents equal to or greater than 30% of maximum rated load current. For loads less than 30% of the maximum rating, linearly decrease I_{input} from its calculated value at 30% load to 100 milliamperes at no load.

II. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Note: If this converter is equipped with standard options as described in the subsequent section titled “Optional Features”, please read the applicable portion of that section AND the following information before installing the converter.

Connection and operation of Model 1605 converters are almost entirely self-explanatory from the front- and rear-panel markings on each unit. To access the rear panel, loosen (but do not remove) the four #6 panhead screws that secure the rear cover panel to the converter and remove the cover panel. The positive and negative terminals are clearly marked beneath the input/output terminal block, and deliberate caution should be exercised to avoid polarity mistakes. Both the input and the output of the converter are dc-isolated from the chassis and from each other.

It is suggested that No. 12 AWG or larger cables be used to connect the converter to its 130-volt source. It is desirable that these cables be kept as short as possible, and, if their length must exceed 10 feet, it may be desirable to use larger wire.

For the output connections between the converter and its load, No. 10 AWG or larger cables should be used, subject to the same comments as above regarding the desirability of minimum length.

During final test at the factory, the output voltage is preset to its nominal rating. If it becomes necessary to change this setting, this may be accomplished by loosening the locking nut on the front-panel potentiometer and adjusting the potentiometer.

Good installation practice for power conversion equipment dictates that an input fuse or circuit breaker should be located at the power-source end of the cables feeding the equipment. The type and rating of such devices are largely dependent on local and/or national codes and installation variables such as cable routing and wire gauge. Wilmore cannot anticipate these variables and consequently does not recommend specific fuse or circuit breaker values. However, it is important to note a few operating characteristics of this unit that may affect an installer’s choice of protection devices.

- 1) As mentioned previously, this unit is a constant-power device; that is, it draws its maximum input current at its minimum input voltage.
- 2) As with essentially all electronic equipment with significant input capacitance, the unit will draw an initial peak current many times its normal operating current for a very brief period (a few milliseconds or so) when power is initially applied. Consequently, instantaneous-trip circuit breakers or non-time-delay fuses may be activated by normal power-up events and are not recommended.
- 3) Following the brief capacitor-charging current described above, the unit will exhibit a “soft-start” characteristic that limits its input current to approximately that of its full

load current (see Section I for specific load current information) as the circuit reaches its normal operating mode. Consequently, and even though the user's application may only require a fraction of the unit's power rating, the input circuit breaker or fuse must be sized to accommodate the full-load input current to avoid nuisance tripping.

III. OPTIONAL FEATURES

Model 1605 dc-to-dc power converters can be provided with a standard factory-installed option. The presence of one or more options is indicated by a suffix in the converter model number, which is silk-screened on the rear panel adjacent to the output terminal block. The option is designated M3. If a designation other than M3 appears as part of the model number, this indicates a non-standard factory modification to the converter - please consult the factory. A brief description of this standard option follows.

M3: Paralleling Diode, Auxiliary Contacts, and Proportional Load Sharing

This configuration is for applications in which converters are paralleled for additional load current and/or redundancy. The converters will proportionally share the load current (after following the Set-Up Procedure below). A power diode is internally wired in series with the converter's positive (+) output terminal.

In the case of an application requiring additional output current, the outputs of two converters may be paralleled to provide up to 32 amperes of output power if the load requires it. Similarly, three converters may be paralleled to provide up to 48 amperes, etc.

In the case of an application requiring redundancy, in the event of a loss of output from one converter, the remaining converter(s) continues to power the load without potential adverse effects from the diode-isolated nonfunctioning converter. For example, three M3-type converters can be paralleled to power a load capable of being powered by only two converters. The three converters will proportionally share the load current, and if any one converter becomes inoperable, the two remaining converters will power the load.

The following initial **Set-Up Procedure** should be used when installing converters with the M3 configuration:

1. After connecting converter power cables and auxiliary alarm circuits but before replacing rear cover panels, turn any one converter ON with no load on its output.
2. Load converter to approximately 50% of its rating, and let it warm up for five minutes. Using a digital voltmeter with 3-digit or better accuracy, measure the output voltage and adjust the front-panel potentiometer to the desired output voltage.
3. Turn the converter OFF.

4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 with each individual converter, applying an identical output load and setting each one's output voltage alike.
5. Replace rear panel covers.

Converters with the M3 configuration, adjusted in this manner, will proportionally share the system load current and provide redundancy when properly sized for the system load current. A slight degradation in output-voltage regulation with respect to variations in load current may occur.

IV. MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

Other than preventing dust accumulation on internal components and external surfaces of the converter, no periodic maintenance should be required.

A damaged or malfunctioning unit should be returned to Wilmore for repair. Multiple-component cascade failures in power conversion circuitry can greatly complicate trouble-shooting procedures, and factory technicians familiar with the circuitry can locate the problem quickly, explore adjacent circuitry for stressed or damaged components, and subject the converter to a thorough retest.

Wilmore maintains a **Return Material Authorization** system in order to efficiently track your inbound shipment and expedite its repair and return to you. Before shipping material for repair to Wilmore, please call (919) 732-9351 or email info@wilmoreelectronics.com and request a **RMA Number** for your shipment. If possible, please provide the complete model number of the equipment, its serial number, and a brief description of the problem. Place this **RMA Number** on the outside of the package and ship prepaid to:

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