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Re: RF5609A (new part)
RF5613A (discontinued part)

EG&G Reticon has informed us that the RF5613A (HAL P/N 630-05613) has been discontinued, effective immediately. Reticon does not intend to re-do the IC mask to correct known defects.

As of December 31, 1990, HAL had 297 pieces of the RF5613A in stock. This part is used in the ST-8000 (2 per unit) and has been slated for use in the ST-8000A. I therefore suggest the following:

1. For the short-term, the RF5613A will continue to be used in standard ST-8000 HF Modems. We can build approximately 125 - 130 more ST-8000's out of existing stock - and retain a few for spare part replacement.
2. For the ST-8000A FSK Modem, we will change to the EGG Reticon part RF5609A which we are assured is still a current part.
3. For the long-term, the standard ST-8000 will also be converted to the RF5609A part.

The two parts, RF5613A and RF5609A are similar and have identical pin-out. One will plug into the same circuits designed for the other. However, the two parts do differ in performance.

1. The RF5613A is a Linear-Phase Low-Pass Filter; the RF5609A is an Elliptic Low-Pass filter.
2. The amplitude response of the RF5609A has a much sharper corner than the RF5613A.
3. The phase of the RF5609A is highly peaked at the corner frequency, but moderately linear to approximately 0.8 x the corner frequency.
4. The RF5613A has a clock-to-corner multiplier of 128; the RF5609A has a multiplier of 100.

The following are the design formulas for the two parts:

RF5613A:

$$F(\text{clock}) = 128 \times F(\text{corner}) = 128 \times (0.75) \times \text{BAUD} = 96 \times \text{BAUD}$$

RF5609A:

$$F(\text{clock}) = 100 \times F(\text{corner}) = 100 \times (1/0.800) \times (0.75) \times \text{BAUD}$$

$$= 93.75 \times \text{BAUD}$$

(using $0.8 \times F(\text{corner})$ for phase linearity)

It appears that the two parts may be used interchangeably without requiring a software change.

I therefore request the following:

1. Enter the new HAL part number "630-5609" into inventory and issue a new SCD for the RF5609A by EG&G Reticon.
2. Change all ST-8000A schematic diagrams and parts lists from RF5613A to RF5609A. This will impact Schematic Drawings A1794A and A1795A.
3. I will revise all ST-8000A parts lists.
4. Collect data for two comparison curves in an ST-8000 with BAUD = 100, one using the RF5613A and the other using the RF5609A.
5. When servicing ST-8000 modems and replacement of an RF5613A is required, use the RF5613A's as long as they are available. When it becomes necessary to substitute the RF5609A, replace both RF5613A's in a modem with RF5609A's.

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