

## Accurate Time & Frequency System Model AR/AS76A

### GPS/GNSS-Disciplined Rubidium With optional anti-spoofing and Jamming capabilities



#### **Key features:**

- ❖ Proprietary spoofing and jamming detection algorithm
- ❖ Frequency Accuracy : 1E-12
- ❖ 1PPS Accuracy: 20ns RMS
- ❖ Holdover: 1μs/24 hours, 5E-11/month
- ❖ 20 outputs (10MHz, 1PPS, TOD)
- ❖ LAN IPV4 (NTP V3, Monitor & Control, DHCP)
- ❖ External 1PPS / Frequency input for disciplining
- ❖ 12 channel C(A) code GPS receiver
- ❖ Front Panel Display (Time, Date, BIT and more)
- ❖ Monitor & control: RS232, UDP
- ❖ Supply Voltage: 90/260 VAC
- ❖ Delay Correction for Input & Output

#### **Options:**

- ❖ Up to 3 channels LAN interface
- ❖ SNMP Monitor & Control (Custom MIB)
- ❖ IEEE 1588 / PTP Grandmaster
- ❖ DDS - Up to 30MHz, 32 bit resolution
- ❖ Supply Voltage: DC or DC&AC
- ❖ Graphic User Interface (GUI) Software for PC
- ❖ TOD Format: IRIG-B, NMEA, IRIG-A, NASA-36
- ❖ 72 channel multi GNSS receiver

#### **Description**

The AR/AS76A is a multi-function GPS Disciplined Rubidium Atomic Clock, which provides accurate time & frequency. The AR/AS76A incorporates numerous features into a single box, including a Rubidium Frequency Standard, an internal C/A code 12 channels GPS receiver, and an input from external 1PPS / frequency.

The **AS76A** receives a GNSS (GPS) signal from the antenna and performs an integrity test on the signal using a local Rubidium clock and other proprietary methods. If the **AS76A** determines that the GNSS signal is unreliable (due to jamming, spoofing or any other malicious attacking), it sends a warning alarm and use timing derived from the local Rubidium clock operating in "Holdover" mode. This action allows continuous and uninterrupted timing and synchronization signals even in a GNSS denied or spoofed environment

The various options of the unit include a variety of different frequencies and several Time Codes outputs. The Rubidium Standard functions as a local oscillator and is phase-locked to the GPS or to external inputs. All outputs are derived from the Rubidium Clock, which maintains accurate time and frequency when GPS or other inputs are interrupted.

The unit includes up to three physical LAN interfaces boards, which support UDP / SNMP for management and for NTP (Network Time Protocol). The three LAN boards can be used for three different networks (with three different IP network addresses), or for two networks where the 3rd LAN board is reserved as a redundant back-up. A Precision-Time Protocol (PTP) is available with one of the LAN board. The AR/AS76A provides multiple outputs: 10 coax outputs, two fixed (10MHz and 1PPS) and 8 configurable outputs which can be selected from 1PPS, 10MHz, and more.



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*Additional outputs are available on the D-Type connector including differential RS422 outputs, TOD (Time Of Day) outputs with several standard protocol like NMEA, IRIG B (DC) etc' and more. The unit is 19" x 1U rack-mountable encasement.*

### ***Applications***

Test Equipment  
Scientific Equipment

Telecommunication  
Secure Communication

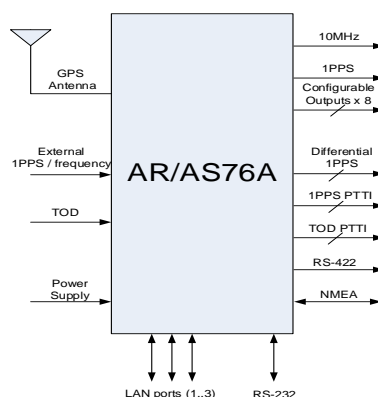
Cellular Base Stations  
Mobile Radio Base Stations

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		Basic Configuration	Options (*)
Outputs	BNC Connectors	* 5 x Sine Wave (10±2 dBm) * 5 x 1PPS (TTL/50Ω)  The user can set other outputs configurations (see S/W ICD)	Other combinations of the following signals are available upon request: <b>Frequency:</b> 1MHz, 5MHz, 2.048MHz (sine or square) and others <b>DDS frequency:</b> 1KHz – 30MHz <b>TOD:</b> IRIG B (additional formats are also available) , Have Quick, NMEA
	44 pins D Type Connector		Other combinations of the following signals are available upon request : <b>Frequency:</b> 1MHz, 5MHz, 2.048MHz (sine or square) and more other frequencies <b>DDS frequency:</b> 1KHz – 30MHz <b>TOD:</b> NMEA * 4 x 1PPS (RS-422) * 2 x 10MHz (RS-422) * 4 x 1PPS (ICD-GPS-060) * 5 x TOD ICD-GPS-060 -Have Quick * H/W BIT (open collector)
Inputs	BNC Connector	For Time and Frequency Disciplining: • 1PPS (TTL/50Ω or ICD-GPS-060) • 10MHz	<b>Frequency:</b> 1MHz, 2.048MHz, 5MHz and more <b>TOD:</b> IRIG B (more formats are available as well) * ICD-GPS-060 -Have Quick
	44 pin D Type Connector		<b>TOD:</b> NMEA
LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPV4</li> <li>• NTP server V3 per RFC1305 ≤ 1ms, each LAN board can support up to 1100 NTP requests per second</li> <li>• DHCP</li> <li>• Control &amp; Monitoring (UDP)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEEE 1588 / PTP – Grandmaster / slave (one output)</li> <li>• Up to 3 independent LAN ports (3 NTP servers or 2 NTP servers and one PTP) Each one has a different IP address serving three separates networks</li> <li>• SNMP V3 (Custom MIB)</li> </ul>
CLI	RS-232 port (single ended or RS-422 ) remote control		

(\*) Contact factory for detail





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#### Performance

Mode of work		Standard	Improved (option)
Time (1PPS)	1PPS accuracy (Disciplined to GPS)	30ns RMS between two similar systems	≤ 10ns RMS (typical 6ns RMS) between two similar systems (*)
	Free running Rubidium	1 μs / 24 hours (typical) After 24 hours of disciplining	
Frequency	Long Term Stability (Free running Rubidium)	≤ 1E-12 (Disciplined to GPS or to external 1PPS)	
		≤ 1E-10 / month	≤ 5E-11 / month
	Short Term Stability (ADEV)	3E-11 @ 1s 5E-12 @ 100s	1E-11 @ 1s 5E-12 @ 100s
	Temperature Stability	±3E-10 over -20°C to +65°C	
	Phase Noise (**) (@ 10MHz)	≤-80dBc/Hz @ 1Hz ≤-114dBc/Hz @ 10Hz ≤-140dBc/Hz @ 100Hz ≤-146dBc/Hz @ 1KHz ≤-147dBc/Hz @ 10KHz	≤-125dBc/Hz @ 10Hz ≤-150dBc/Hz @ 100Hz ≤-155dBc/Hz @ 1KHz ≤-160dBc/Hz @ 10KHz
	Harmonics (**) (10MHz)	≤ -48dBc	
	Spurious (**) (10MHz)	≤ -100dBc @±100KHz	
	Warm-up time	Rubidium Lock < 4 minutes 5E-11 within < 60 minutes 1E-11 within < 4 hrs 1E-12 within < 24 hrs	

(\*) Under common view operation. GPS cables length should be identical for all systems.

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(\*\*) The above figures are given for the J17 output. Some degradation may occur for other outputs.



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<b><u>GPS C(A) Code Receiver</u></b>	
<b>GPS Tracking</b>	L1 frequency 1575 MHz C/A code (SPS), 12 parallel tracking channels
<b>Ephemeris &amp; Almanac</b>	Available on 44 pin D Type connector (option)
<b>Position Accuracy</b>	Latitude, Longitude: < 6m (CEP 50%), Altitude: < 11m (CEP 50%)
<b>Acquisition Time (Typical) (*)</b>	Warm start ≤ 45 second, Cold start ≤ 50 second (worst case)
<b>GPS signal gain at antenna input (**)</b>	23dB-35dB
<b>GPS Antenna DC Voltage</b>	5VDC (up to 100 mA)

(\*) The acquisition time refers to the GPS receiver output. For frequency stabilization during Warm-up – see above.

(\*\*) The gain at antenna input with respect to open sky reception.

<b><u>Environmental</u></b>	
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	-20°C to +65 °C
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-20°C to +70°C
<b>Humidity</b>	Up to 95% at 35°C, non-condensing
<b>Vibration (Transportation)</b>	2.5g RMS

<b><u>Safety</u></b>	
<b>Safety Standard</b>	CE (safety)

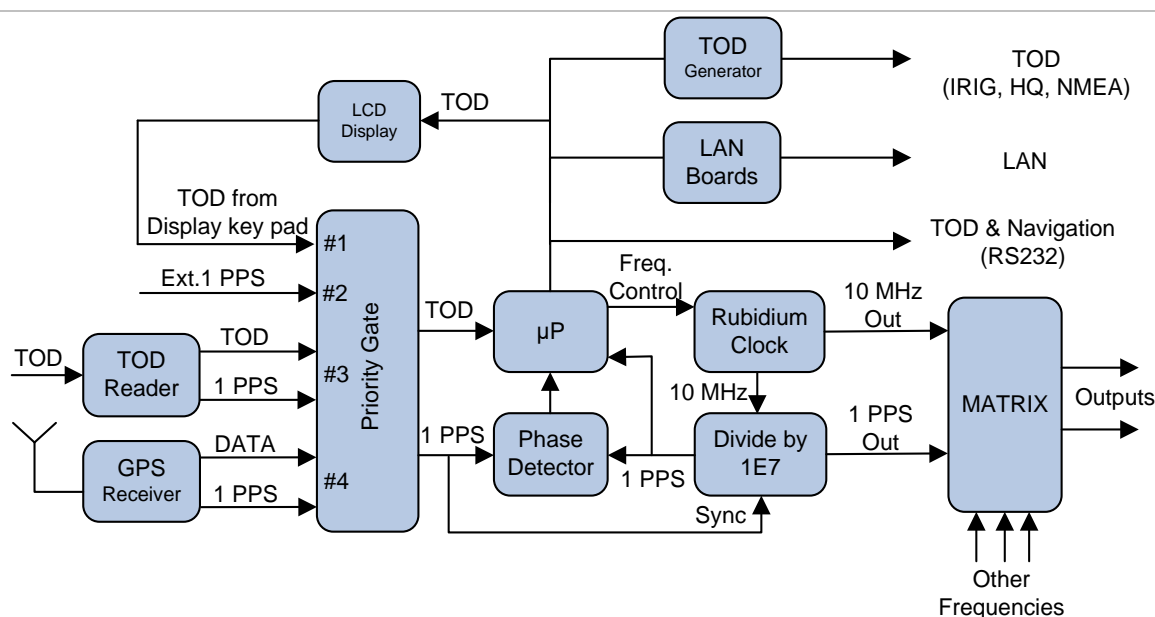
<b><u>Power Supply</u></b>	
<b>Power Supply</b>	90-260 VAC 47/63 Hz (Option: DC power supply 28VDC± 4V, -48VDC)
<b>Power Consumption</b>	< 35W Warm-up , < 20W Steady state
<b>Power Supply Redundancy (option)</b>	Options for power supply redundancy: 1. Two power supply inputs – one for AC and the other for DC 2. Two DC power supply inputs

<b><u>Front panel display &amp; indications and GUI</u></b>	
<b>Display</b>	The LCD front panel display and buttons enable the user to view and configure most parameters. The displayed information includes the Time, Date, BIT, GPS parameters (antenna current, satellite status) and more. Configured parameters include time synchronizations source, 1PPS delay, outputs configuration and more. For details see user manual or contact factory. Florescent display is available as an option (instead of the LCD display).
<b>LED Indications</b>	4 LEDs on the front panel: Power, Overall BIT, TOD Source, 1PPS / FREQ Source
<b>Graphic User Interface (GUI) – option</b>  (The GUI is software for PC used for maintenance and as a starter kit)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time / date display</li> <li>○ Satellites in view</li> <li>○ Navigation data from GPS and</li> <li>○ BIT (Built In Test)</li> <li>○ Time source &amp; Time zone</li> <li>○ Leap seconds (from UTC to GPS)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IP address configuration</li> <li>○ Antenna cable delay</li> <li>○ External input and 1PPS output delay</li> <li>○ Matrix configuration</li> <li>○ Time setting GPS / UTC</li> <li>○ Additional parameters</li> </ul> </div>

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### Principles of Operation

The following block diagram describes the operation of the **AR/AS76A**. The unit includes Rubidium Clock and accepts inputs from either internal GPS receiver or external 1PPS & TOD sources. All outputs are derived from the internal Rubidium Clock, which is phase-locked via a digital PLL to the internal GPS receiver or to one of the external inputs. This way, the Rubidium Clock follows the GPS long term accuracy and cleans the jitter and the noise on the short and medium terms. When the GPS reception is lost, for short or long periods of time, the Rubidium Clock continues to maintain accurate time and frequency.



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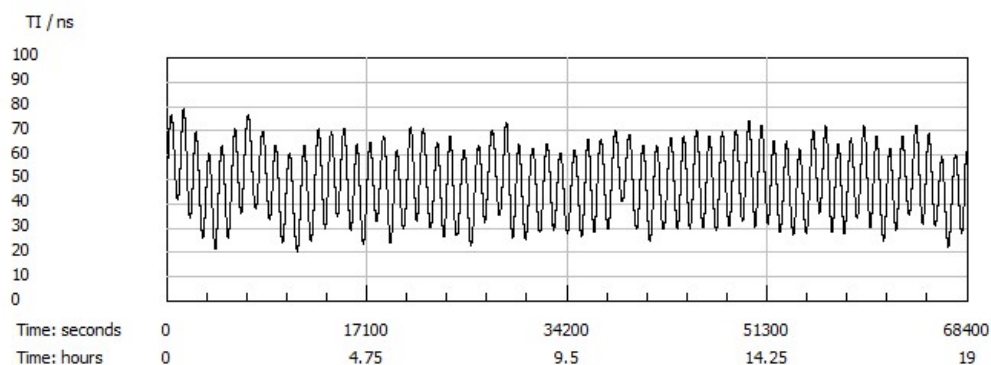
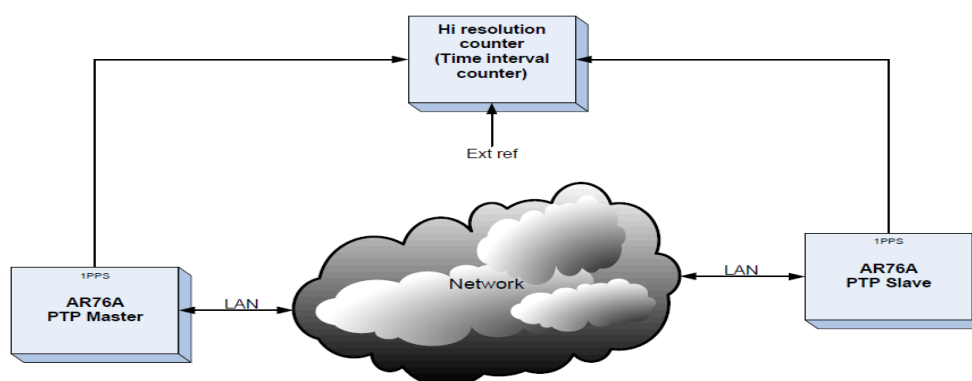
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### Precision Time Protocol – PTP (option)

- IEEE-1588-2008 V2 PTP Grandmaster/Slave
- Multicast / Unicast modes of operation
- UDP/IPv4 (L2 or L3)
- Design to handle up to 200 slaves simultaneously
- Accuracy:  $\leq 1\mu\text{s}$  (network dependency)

In the following figure, two AR/AS76A units are interconnected via a network (one as a master and one as a slave). The time interval between the two 1PPS outputs was measured over time and the results are shown in the plot below.

### PTP performance measurement setup



Time accuracy < 50ns RMS

(measured on low traffic, symmetrical path network and low number of users)

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### AR/AS76A GUI

#### Time report screen

#### BIT Report screen





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### **Electrical ICD**

Connector	Description	Standard Configuration
J1	Power supply	AC, Standard Inlet (IEC320)
J2	GPS antenna	TNC, Female
J3 – J5	LAN	RJ-45
J6	CLI	D9, Female
J7	Additional I/O	D type, 44 pin, Female
J8 – J17	Coax outputs	BNC, Female
J18 - J19	Inputs	BNC, Female

### **J6 – RS-232 communication to PC - 9 pin D type connector signals:**

Pin Number	Function	
2	CLI-Tx (to PC)	RS-232, 19,200 baud rate, 1,8,1 no parity (default)
3	CLI-Rx (from PC)	
5	GND	
1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	Not used	

### **J7 – Auxiliary Time, Frequency, communication and miscellaneous - 44 pin D type connector signals:**

With this connector the customer can get additional outputs such as: 1PPS, 10PPS (and more, TTL or RS-422), additional square-wave frequencies (TTL or RS-422), TOD (Time of Day) in NMEA or IRIG B (DC) or other formats, CLI communication in RS-422 and Overall BIT indication. Please note that in the table below, outputs of pins 6 – 13, 16 – 19, 26 – 30 and 32 – 35 are offered as an option.



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Pin #	Function	Pin #	Function
1	CLI_IN RS422+	23	GND
2	CLI_IN RS422-	24	FACTORY USE (Lock signal)
3	CLI_OUT RS422+	25	GND
4	CLI_OUT RS422-	26	TOD #1 (TTL / 100kohm)
5	GND	27	TOD #2 (TTL / 100kohm)
6	X_PPS_RS422+ output (#1)	28	TOD #3 (TTL / 100kohm)
7	X_PPS_RS422- output (#1)	29	TOD #4 (TTL / 100kohm)
8	Y_PPS_RS422+ output (#2)	30	TOD #5 (TTL / 100kohm)
9	Y_PPS_RS422- output (#2)	31	GND
10	Z_PPS_RS422+ output (#3)	32	1PPS #1 (TTL / 50ohm) output
11	Z_PPS_RS422- output (#3)	33	1PPS #2 (TTL / 50ohm) output
12	W_PPS_RS422+ output (#4)	34	1PPS #3 (TTL / 50ohm) output
13	W_PPS_RS422- output (#4)	35	1PPS #4 (TTL / 50ohm) output
14	GND	36	Over all BIT (open collector), < 100mA Low = OK, High impedance = fail
15	5.5V (internal 300Ω series resistor)	37	GND
16	AUX Frequency RS422 OUT+ (#1) Default: 10MHz	38	FACTORY USE
17	AUX Frequency RS422 OUT - (#1) Default: 10MHz	39	
18	AUX Frequency RS422 OUT + (#2) Default: 10MHz	40	
19	AUX Frequency RS422 OUT - (#2) Default: 10MHz	41	
20	GND	42	
21	NMEA_RxD_RS-232	43	
22	NMEA_TxD_RS-232	44	

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### Mechanical ICD

