Model 2706	200 MS/sec RF/IF	Talon RTS Commercial Recorder	Rackmount

Features

- Complete multiband recording and playback system
- 4U 19-inch industrial rackmount PC server chassis
- Windows® workstation with high-performance Intel® processor
- 200 MHz max. 16-bit A/D sampling for recording - up to eight channels
- 800 MHz 16-bit D/A sampling for playback - up to eight channels
- 80 MHz recording and playback signal bandwidths
- Capable of record/playback of IF frequencies to 700 MHz
- Real-time aggregate recording rates of up to 1.6 GB/sec
- Up to 100 terabytes storage to NTFS RAID disk array
- RAID levels of 0 ,1, 5 , 6, 10 and 50
- SystemFlow® recording software with Signal Viewer analysis tool
- C-callable API for integration of recorder into application
- File headers include time stamping and recording parameters
- DDC decimation and DUC interpolation range from 2 to 65,536
- Optional GPS time and position stamping

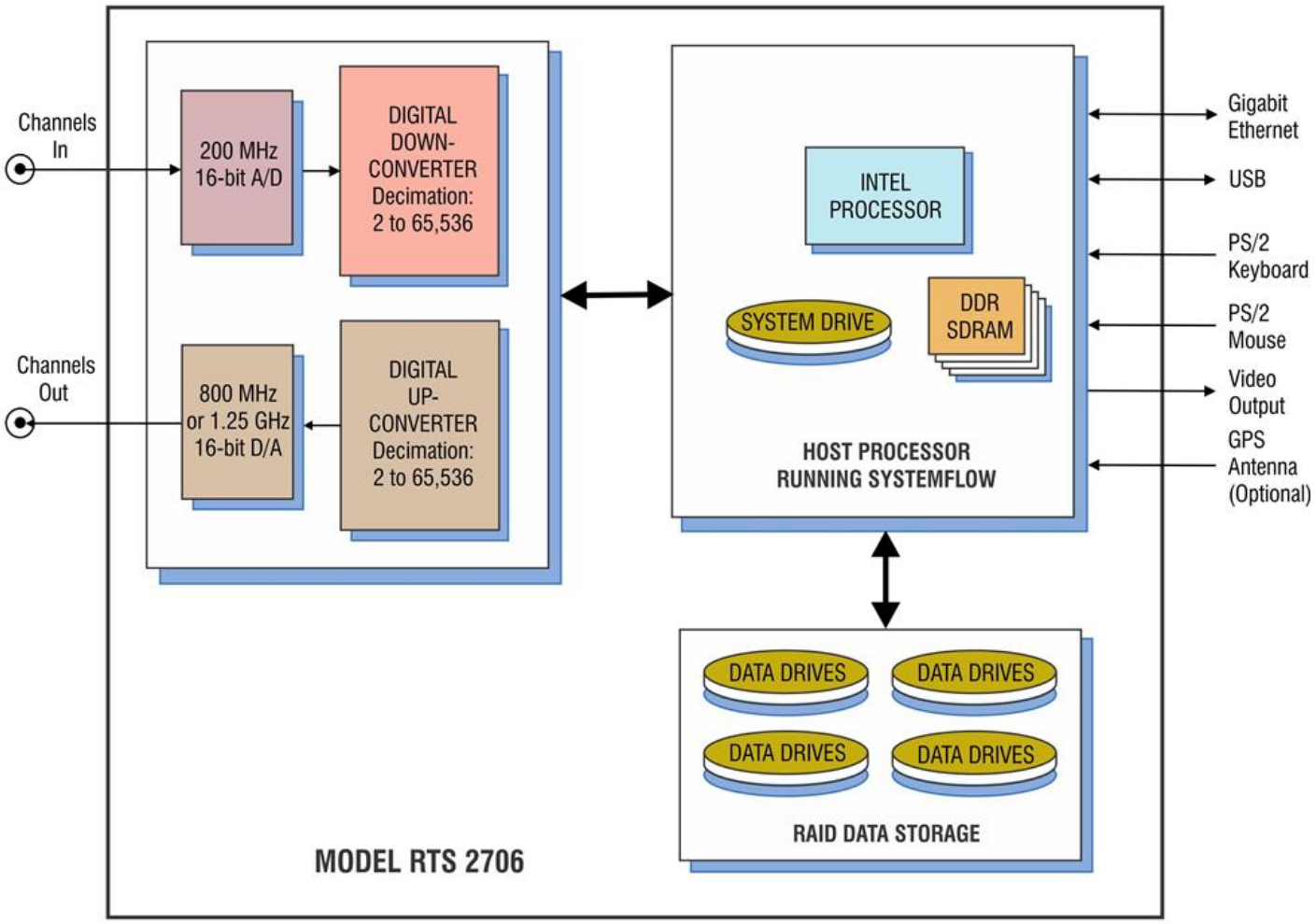
General Information

The Talon® RTS 2706 is a turnkey, multiband recording and playback system for recording and reproducing high-bandwidth signals. The RTS 2706 uses 16-bit, 200 MHz A/D converters and provides sustained recording rates up to 1.6 GB/sec in four-channel configuration.

The RTS 2706 uses Pentek's high-powered Virtex-6-based Cobalt® modules, which provide flexibility in channel count, with optional digital downconversion capabilities. Optional 16-bit, 1.25 GHz D/A converters with digital upconversion allow real-time reproduction of recorded signals.

A/D sampling rates, DDC decimations and bandwidths, D/A sampling rates and DUC interpolations are among the GUI-selectable system parameters, providing a fully-programmable system capable of recording and reproducing a wide range of signals. Optional GPS time and position stamping allows the user to record this critical signal information.

RTS 2706 Block Diagram



Flexible Architecture

The RTS 2706 is configured in a 4U 19-inch rack-mountable chassis, with hot-swappable data drives, front panel USB ports and I/O connectors on the rear panel. Systems are scalable to accommodate multiple chassis to increase channel counts and aggregate data rates. All recorder chassis are connected via Ethernet and can be controlled from a single GUI either locally or from a remote PC.

Multiple RAID levels, including 0, 1, 5, 6, 10 and 50, provide a choice for the required level of redundancy. The hot-swappable HDDs provide storage capacities of up to 100 TB in a single 6U chassis.

SystemFlow Software

All Talon recorders include the Pentek SystemFlow® recording software. SystemFlow software provides three ways for users to configure and control a Talon recorder:

- The SystemFlow GUI provides a point-and-click user interface. It includes Configure, Record, Playback, and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to configure parameters, control and monitor a recording, and play back a recorded stream.
- The SystemFlow API provides a set of C-callable libraries that allow engineers to develop their own user interface to configure and control their Talon recorder.
- The SystemFlow Telnet interface provides a simple set of commands to configure and control the recorder. This eliminates the need for any software development and is most suitable for unmanned operation.

SystemFlow software allows the recorder to be set up to run autonomously by implementing scripts using the API or telnet interface. All three interfaces can be run from a remote connection over Gigabit Ethernet.

A simple header that holds the recording parameters is added to the beginning of the file. An optional GPS receiver allows the user to precisely timestamp files and optionally track the recorder's position throughout a mission. The system records all data to the native NTFS file system, allowing for quick and easy access to the data from any computer.

Click below to view a video about SystemFlow.

SystemFlow Simulator

To learn more about the SystemFlow Software, you can download and install the free SystemFlow Simulator to your desktop or laptop PC. The SystemFlow Simulator allows you to learn how to use the Talon recording system's SystemFlow software interface before you acquire a recorder or while you are waiting for delivery of a Talon recording system.

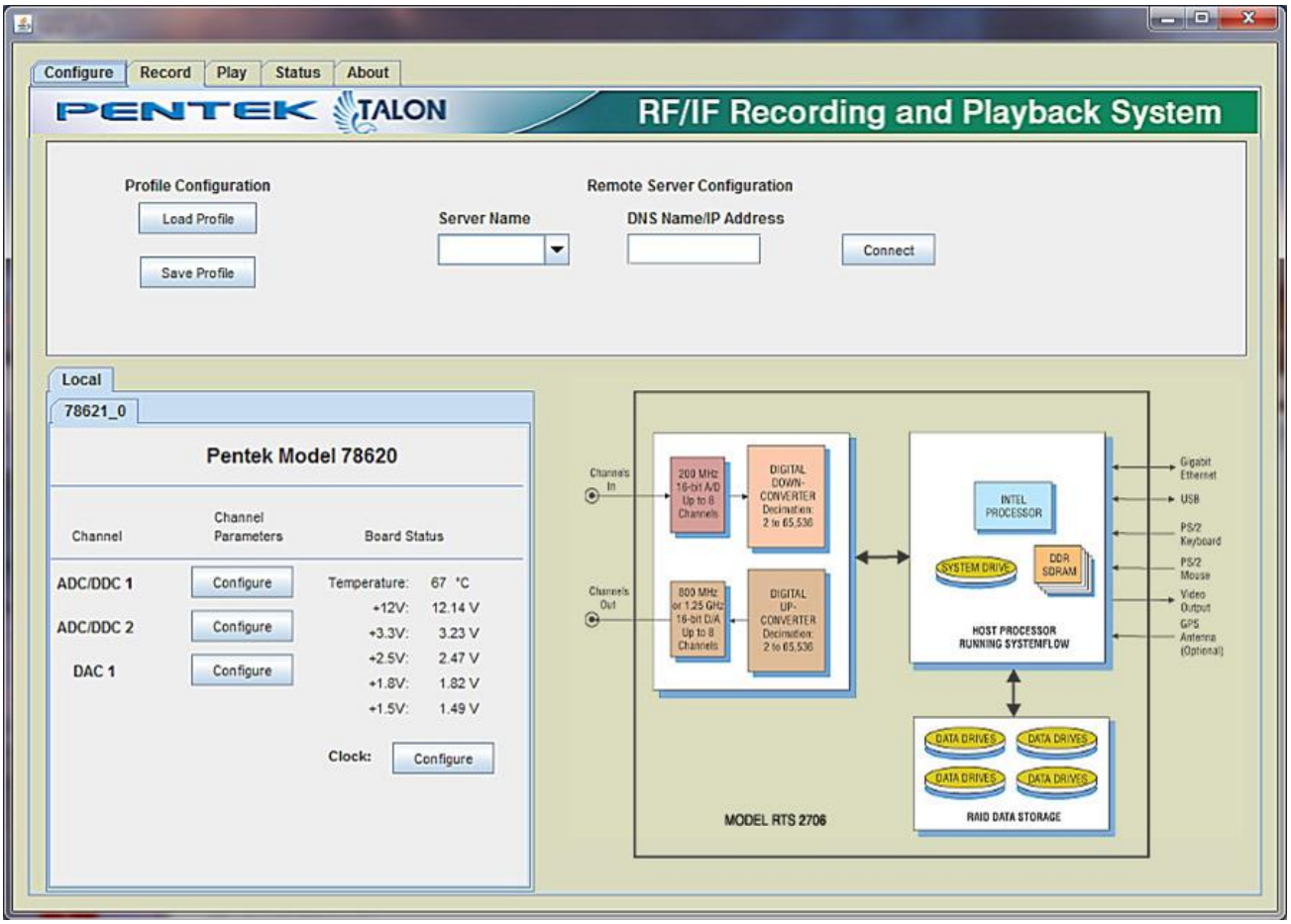
The Simulator can simulate the operating environment of all the different Talon recorder models. The Simulator also demonstrates the SystemFlow Signal Viewer by playing recorded signals to simulate the appearance of live signals being digitized and recorded by a Pentek analog signal recorder.

Features

- Provides real-time recording system simulation
- Demonstrates SystemFlow signal & file viewer tools
- Capable of simulating all Talon analog and digital recording systems
- Full Talon SystemFlow GUI
- Simulator can be used to develop Talon system profiles for use in the final system
- Can be used with the SystemFlow API to develop and test custom user interface

SystemFlow GUI

The RTS 2706 GUI shows a block diagram of the system and provides the user with a control interface for the recording system. It includes Configure, Record, Playback, and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to configure parameters, control and monitor a recording, and play back a recorded stream.

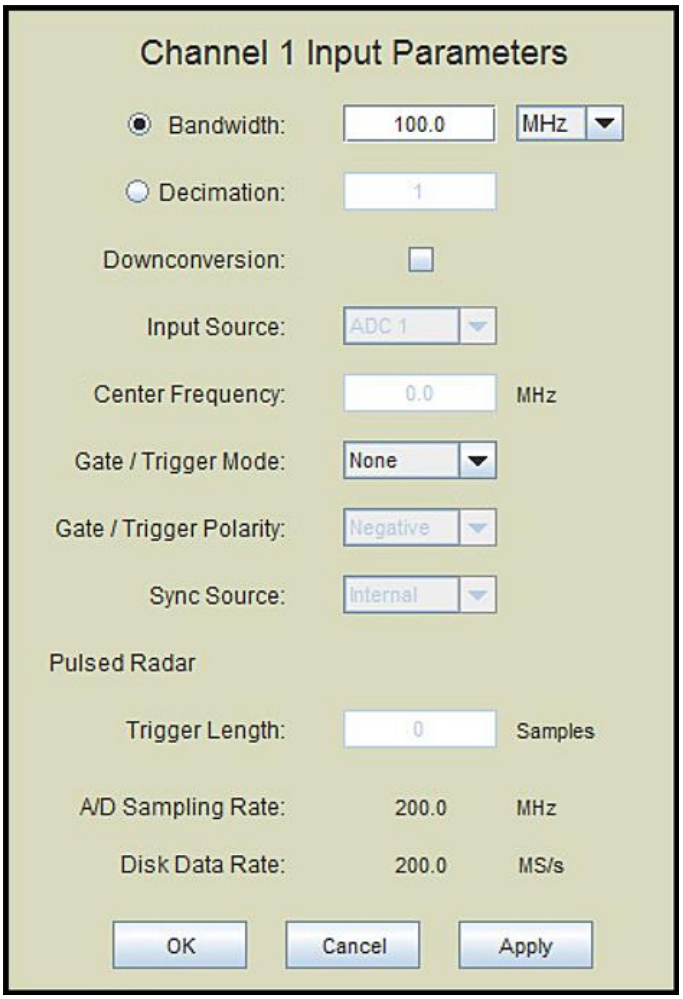


Setting System Parameters

The RTS 2706 configuration GUI provides a simple and intuitive means for setting up the system parameters:

- Pull–down selections are implemented with an arrow next to the parameter window.
- User entry fields allow numeric data entry.
- Grayed–out fields are unavailable for change or data entry because of other configuration selections.

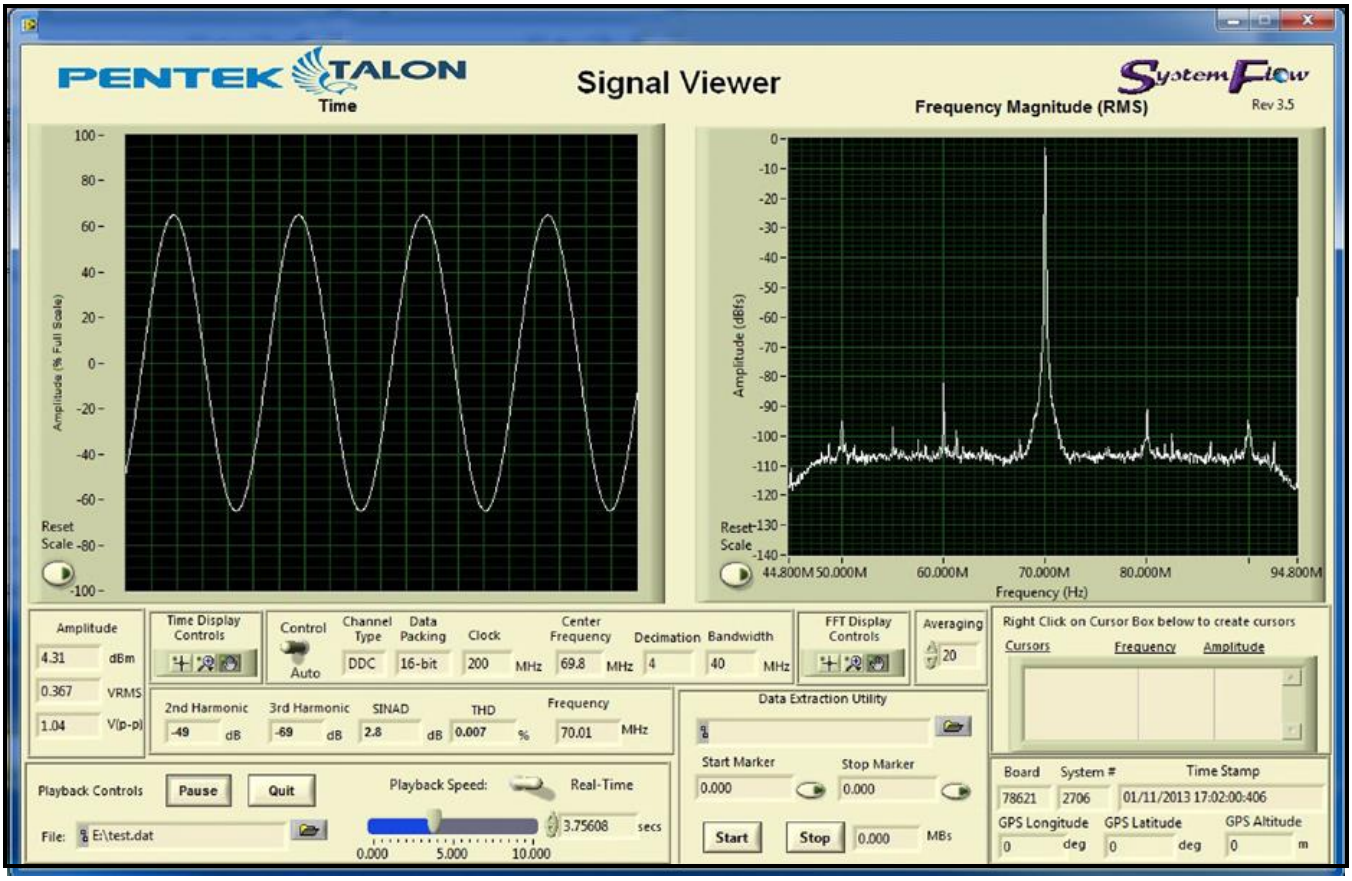
All parameters contain limit-checking and integrated help to provide an easier-to-use out-of-the-box experience. Details about each field on the configuration screens are provided in the RTS 2706 user manual.



Signal Viewer

The SystemFlow Signal Viewer includes a virtual oscilloscope and spectrum analyzer for signal monitoring in both the time and frequency domains. It is extremely useful for previewing live inputs prior to recording, and for monitoring signals as they are being recorded to help ensure successful recording sessions. The viewer can also be used to inspect and analyze the recorded files after the recording is complete.

Advanced signal analysis capabilities include automatic calculators for signal amplitude and frequency, second and third harmonic components, THD (total harmonic distortion), and SINAD (signal to noise and distortion). With time and frequency zoom, panning modes, and dual, annotated cursors to mark and measure points of interest, the SystemFlow Signal Viewer can often eliminate the need for a separate oscilloscope or spectrum analyzer in the field.



SystemFlow API

SystemFlow includes a complete API (Application Programming Interface) supporting control and status queries of all operations of the Talon recorder from a custom application.

High-level C-language function calls and the supporting device drivers allow users to incorporate the RTS 2706 as a high-performance server front end to a larger system. This is supported using a socket interface through the Ethernet port, either to a local host or through an internet link for remote, stand-alone acquisition. Recorded NTFS files can be easily retrieved through the same connection.

Below is an example of controlling recording via the SystemFlow API.

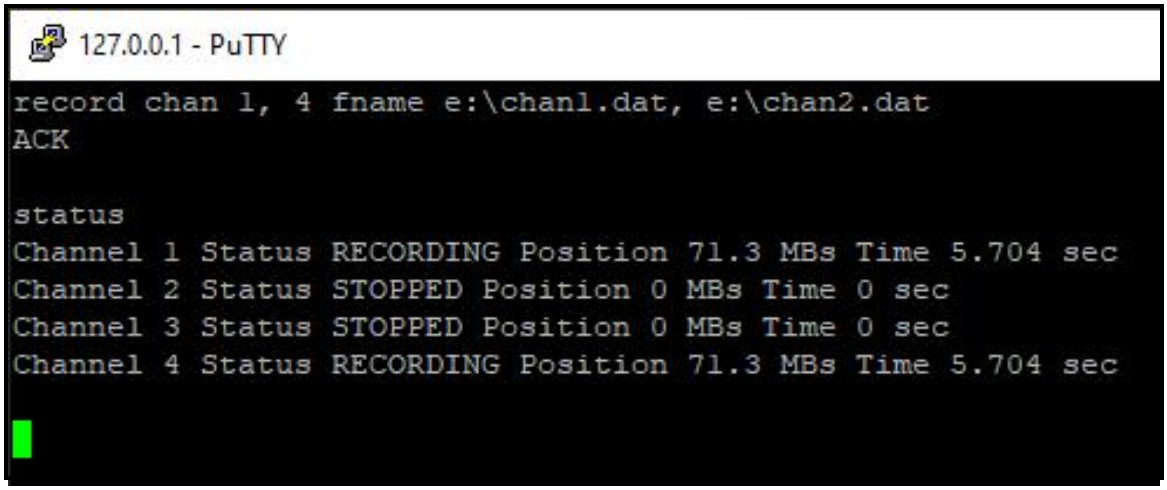
```
728         }
729         //transfer until end of disk
730         else if (transferType == TRANSFER_END_OF_DISK)
731         {
732             recordParams->transferTime    = 0;                    // must set to 0
733             recordParams->transferLength  = 0;                    // must set to 0
734         }
735
736         ////////////////////// Start the record //////////////////////
737         SetConsoleTextAttribute (hConsole, FOREGROUND_GREEN | FOREGROUND_INTENSITY );
738         printf("\nCase 6: RTS_Record\n");
739         SetConsoleTextAttribute (hConsole, wOldColorAttrs);
740
741         //trigger immediately
742         if(recordParams->trigger == RTS_TRIGGER_IMMEDIATELY)
743         {
744             //send record command
745             if ((error = RTS_Record(++msgNum,
746                                     serverInfo,
747                                     recordParams,
748                                     recordChanId,
749                                     fileName[0])) != RTS_SUCCESS)
750             {
751                 printf("Record Error # 0x%lx.\n", error);
752                 exitHandler(error);
753                 goto freeMem;
754             }
755
756             Sleep(500);
757         }
758
759         //wait for SW trigger
760         else if(recordParams->trigger == RTS_WAIT_FOR_SW_TRIGGER)
761         {
762             //send record command which set up record and start DMA
763             if ((error = RTS_Record(++msgNum,
764                                     serverInfo,
765                                     recordParams,
766                                     recordChanId,
767                                     fileName[0])) != RTS_SUCCESS)
```

SystemFlow Telnet

The Talon telnet facility is an optional feature that can be requested when ordering one of Pentek's Talon recording systems. The Talon telnet facility allows you to control a Talon recorder from a remote computer. You also can use the Talon recorder's SystemFlow Signal Viewer to remotely monitor real−time data.

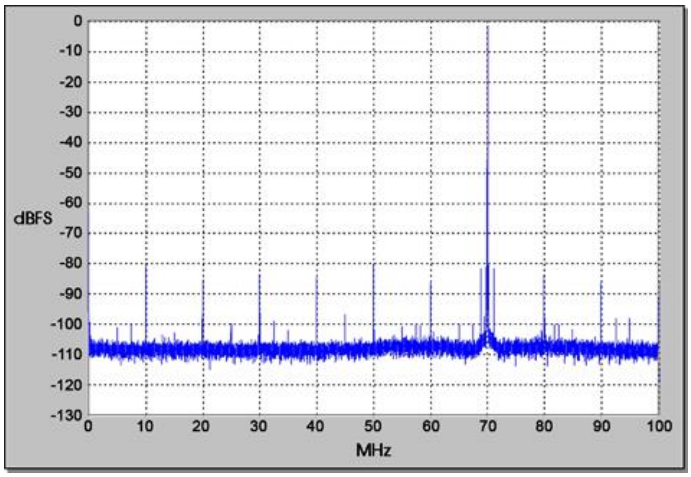
Pentek's *Telnet Facility for Talon Recording Systems User's Guide* provides instructions for setting up telnet access and describes all the supported commands.

Below is an example of use of the "record" command:



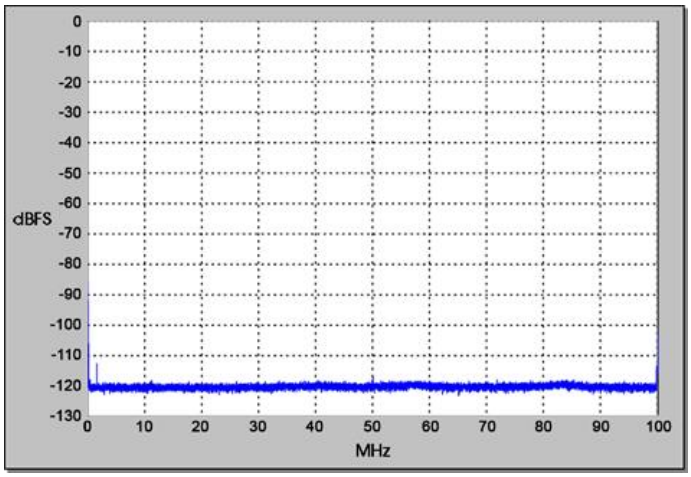
A/D Performance

Spurious Free Dynamic Range



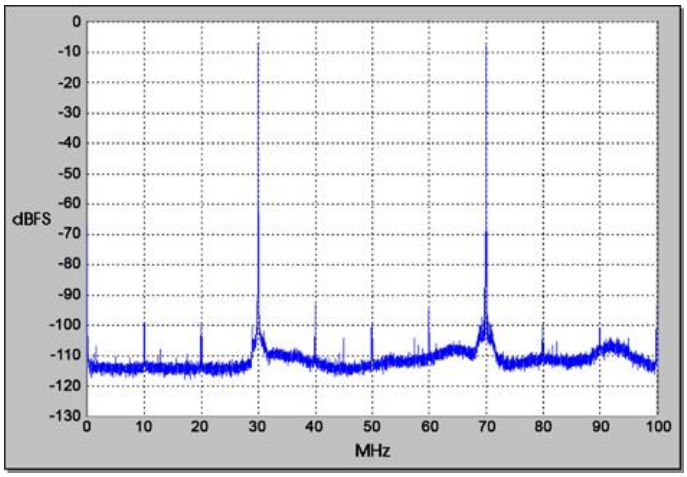
f_{in} = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

Spurious Pick-up



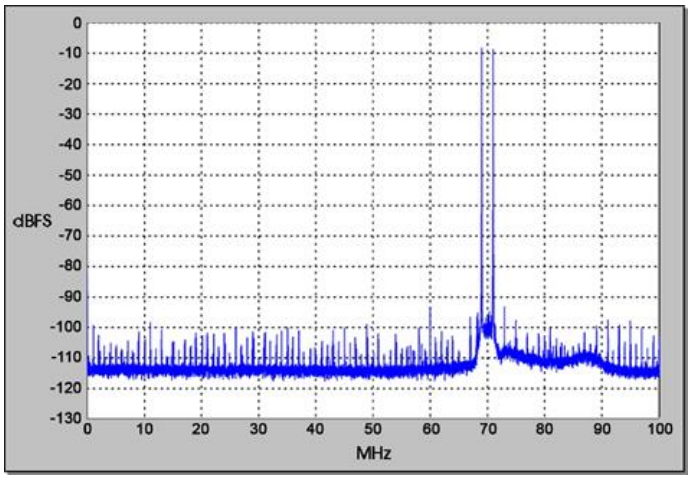
f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

Two-Tone SFDR



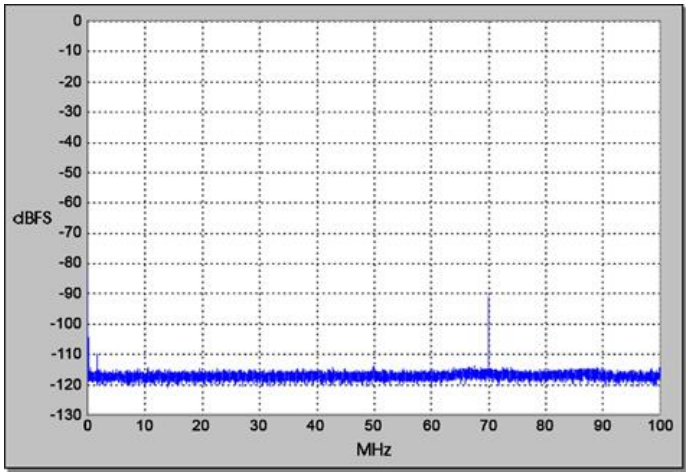
f_1 = 30 MHz, f_2 = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz

Two-Tone SFDR



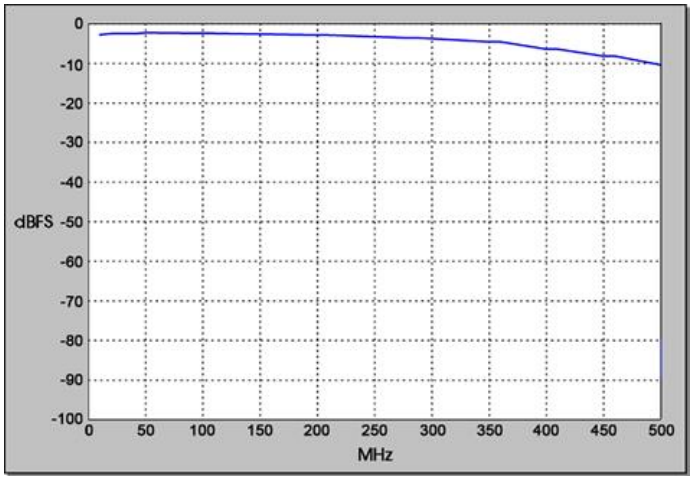
f_1 = 69 MHz, f_2 = 71 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz

Adjacent Channel Crosstalk



f_{in} Ch2 = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz, Ch1 shown

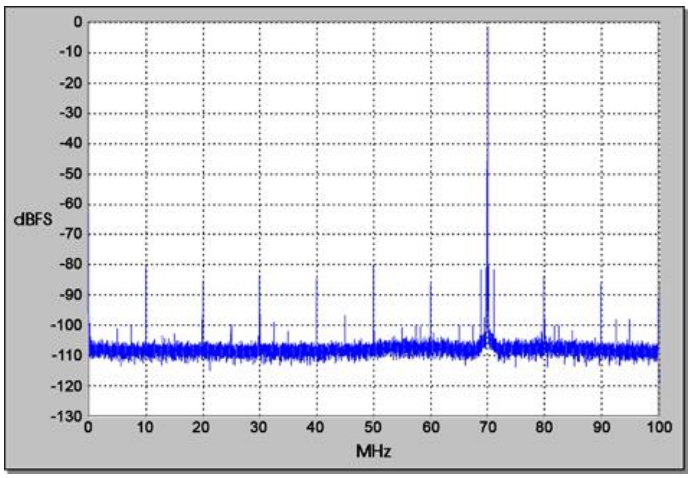
Input Frequency Response



f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

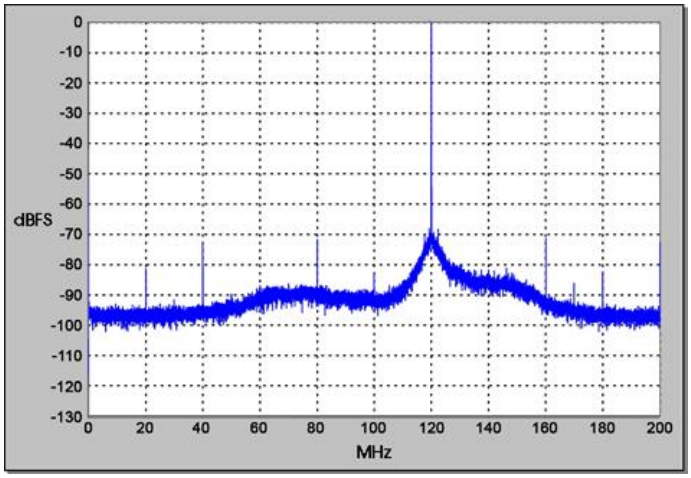
D/A Performance

Spurious Free Dynamic Range



f_{out} = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

Spurious Free Dynamic Range



f_{out} = 120 MHz, f_s = 400 MHz, External Clock

Specifications

PC Workstation (standard configuration)

Operating System: Windows
Processor: Intel Core i7 processor
SDRAM: 8 GB
RAID
Storage: 2-100 TB
Supported RAID Levels: 0, 1, 5, 6, 10 and 50

Analog Signal Inputs

Input Type: Transformer-coupled, female SSMC connectors
Transformer Type: Coil Craft WBC4-6TLB
Full Scale Input: +8 dBm into 50 ohms
3 dB Passband: 300 kHz to 700 MHz

A/D Converters

Type: Texas Instruments ADS5485
Sampling Rate (f_S):10 MHz to 200 MHz
Resolution: 16 bits
A/D Record Bandwidth: $f_S/2$ = Nyquist bandwidth
Anti-Aliasing Filters: External, user-supplied

Digital Downconverter

Type: Virtex-6 FPGA, Pentek DDC IP Core
Decimation (D): 2 to 65,536
IF Center Frequency Tuning: DC to f_S, 32 bits
DDC Usable Bandwidth: 0.4*f_S /D (80 MHz max)

Analog Signal Outputs

Output Type: Transformer-coupled, front panel female SSMC connectors
Full Scale Output: +4 dBm into 50 ohms
3 dB Passband: 300 kHz to 700 MHz

Digital Upconverter and D/As

Type: Texas Instruments DAC5688 and Pentek-installed interpolation IP core
Interpolation: 2 to 65,536
Input Data Rate: 250 MHx max.
Output IF: DC to 400 MHz
Output Signal: Analog, real or quadrature
Output Sampling Rate: 800 MHz max. with 2, 4 or 8 interpolation
Resolution: 16 bits

Clock Sources

Selectable from onboard programmable VCXO, external or LVDS clocks

External Clocks

Type: Female SSMC connector, sine wave, 0 to +10 dBm, AC-coupled, 50 ohms, 10 to 200 MHz
Multi-Recorder Sync/Gate Bus: 26-pin connector, dual clock/ sync/gate input/output LVDS buses; one sync/gate input TTL signal

Physical and Environmental

Size: 19" W x 26" D x 7" H
Weight: 60-85 lbs
Operating Temp: +5° to +45° C
Storage Temp: –40° to +85° C
Relative Humidity: 5 to 95%, non-condensing
Power Requirements: 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 500 W max.

Ordering Information

Format: Model RTS 2706-xxx-yyy..., where xxx and yyy are options shown below.

Click here for more information.

Channel Configurations	
Option -201	1-channel recording
Option -202	2-channel recording
Option -203	3-channel recording
Option -204	4-channel recording
Option -208	8-channel recording
Option -221	1-channel playback
Option -222	2-channel playback
Option -224	4-channel playback
Option -228	8-channel playback
Storage Options	
Option -406	2.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 400 MB/sec
Option -411	4.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 400 MB/sec
Option -416	8.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 800 MB/sec
Option -421	16.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Option -423	20.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Option -439	30.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Option -450	45.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Option -460	60.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Option -480	100.0 TB HDD storage capacity; Max. Data Rate: 1.6 GB/sec
Note: Options -450 and -460 requires a 5U Chassis; Option -480 requires a 6U chassis	
General Options	
Option -261	GPS time & position stamping
Option -264	IRIG-B time stamping
Contact Pentek for compatible Option combinations. Storage and General Options may change, contact Pentek for latest information.	

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