

# **48 Volt, 2000 Watt Rectifier**

## **Installation / Operation Manual**

**Model:  
RM2048XE**

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# 1 Principles of Operation

## 1.1 Introduction


The RM2048 is a telecommunications grade rectifier with the following features:

- Hot pluggable
- Forced Air Cooled
- Thermally Protected
- Power Factor Corrected
- Wide input AC Voltage
- Constant Power Output Limit
- Input/Output Voltage and Current Protected
- Active Load Sharing
- Serial alarm and control interface
- Microprocessor controlled


## 1.2 Indicators

There are 3 LED indicators on the front panel indicate the operational state of the rectifier.

**AC:** This green LED indicates that mains power is connected to the unit and that the primary stages of the rectifier are operating.

: This yellow LED indicates a Non-Urgent alarm state within the rectifier. This could be caused by the following:

- Rectifier in output power/current limit
- Rectifier over temperature
- Fan failed
- Rectifier soft starting

: This red LED indicates an Urgent alarm state within the rectifier. This could be caused by the following:

- Rectifier Failed
- The AC input voltage is outside the operating range.
- Rectifier shut down due to output over voltage or over temperature.

### **1.3 Power and Current Limit**

The rectifier automatically limits its output as load demand reaches its maximum capacity.

### **1.4 Output Over-Voltage Shut Down**

The rectifier will automatically shutdown if the output voltage exceeds the preset value. The Over Voltage Shut Down point reduces by about 1V at full load to ensure the rectifier producing the Over Voltage Shut Down turns off first. The Over Voltage Shutdown voltage is preset in the factory but may be adjusted.

### **1.5 Input Over/Under Voltage Shut Down**

If the input voltage is outside the specified range, the rectifier may shut down until the voltage returns within the specified range.

### **1.6 Rectifier Soft Start and Inrush Current**

On start-up, the peak mains inrush current is limited to twice the maximum operating current. The output voltage and current will rise slowly from zero during start-up. This means that the AC input power slowly increases over a 2 second period, providing a gentle load characteristic for any standby generators.

### **1.7 Over Temperature Turn Down/Shutdown**

When the rectifier reaches its maximum operating temperature (internal), the rectifier will progressively reduce the output current to attempt to reduce the heat within the unit. In extreme circumstances, the rectifier internal temperature may continue to rise even with reduced output current. In this case the rectifier will totally shutdown and will restart when the internal temperature returns within limits.

The maximum ambient operating temperature range at full power is: -10 to 70 °C.

The rectifier will operate in ambient temperatures up to 70°C but the rectifier will de-rate its output power to keep internal temperatures within the allowable range.

### **1.8 Reverse Polarity Protection**

The rectifier has an internal reverse polarity protection fuse and crowbar diode fitted. These parts are not user serviceable, and the rectifier will require returning for servicing if incorrect polarity is applied to the output.

### **1.9 Active Load Share**

The rectifier will actively current share with other rectifiers in the same DC system. The rectifiers are interconnected through pin 11 of their connector. The hardware in each rectifier looks at this current share bus and adjusts its output current to align with other rectifiers. In addition to this control, the monitor can compare rectifier output currents and adjust individual rectifiers to achieve current share. The rectifier current share bus is generally used within one rack of rectifiers and the monitor control is used to make separate racks share with each other.

### **1.10 Fan Cooling**

The rectifier constantly monitors its internal temperature, ambient temperature and output current, then adjusts fan speed to ensure continued operation. This control of fan speed ensures that rectifier acoustic noise and dust accumulation are minimized.

If the fan fails and cannot be restarted then the current limit will further reduce to 10A. The rectifier will continue to operate as long as the internal temperature stays within allowable limits.

### **1.11 Serial Alarm and Control Interface**

The rectifier, when installed in a Newmar CENTURION II OR COMMANDER rectifier shelf, is controlled via the serial interface by the system monitor. The system monitor can set up control parameters and receive alarm information via this interface.

If this interface is disconnected or fails for some reason the rectifier will operate with the parameters last sent from the monitor. Current share will revert to the rectifier current share bus.

#### **1.11.1 Voltage Control**

The rectifier voltages are set by the system monitor via the serial communications bus. The rectifier voltage can be set to any value between 43V and 60V. The monitor operates in a number of modes that will affect the rectifier voltage setting.

### **Float Voltage Mode (AVC Off)**

The monitor sets the float voltage to its target level at start up, and then resends this same level at regular intervals thereafter. The voltage control is open loop.

### **Float Voltage Mode (AVC On)**

The monitor sets the system voltage to its target float voltage, then monitors the system voltage and adjusts rectifier voltages to maintain the system voltage at the desired float voltage.

### **Equalise Voltage Mode**

The monitor sets the system voltage to an elevated level (e.g. 56V) for a fixed period, and then resets the system voltage to the float voltage setting.

### **Fast Charge Mode**

The monitor sets the system voltage to an elevated level after a battery discharge. This keeps the rectifiers in current limit for a longer period, leading to a faster battery recharge. When the battery is recharge the monitor resets the system voltage to the float voltage level.

## **1.11.2 Rectifier Alarm states**

The rectifier will report the following states to the monitor via the serial communications:

<b>AC Fail</b>	The AC supply is not present at the rectifier.
<b>Rectifier Fail</b>	The rectifier is not functioning. This could be due to high output voltage, AC failure or a fault with the rectifier internally.
<b>Over Temperature</b>	The internal temperature of the rectifier is too high and the rectifier has begun to limit its output to control this temperature.
<b>Fan Fail</b>	The fan has ceased to work.
<b>Current Limit</b>	The rectifier output has reached maximum and the output current is being limited.
<b>Shutdown</b>	The rectifier has been shutdown by the monitor. It will restart again in 5 minutes unless the shutdown instruction is repeated.
<b>EEPROM Fault</b>	The rectifier microprocessor has encountered an error while reading from EEPROM.
<b>Soft Start</b>	The rectifier has just turned on and is slowly increasing its output.

## **1.11.3 Rectifier Shutdown**

The rectifier can be remotely forced to shutdown, via the serial communications, by the system monitor and/or remote supervisory software. The rectifier will shut down for 5 minutes then restart. If a further shutdown signal is received by the rectifier before the 5 minutes is up, the timer will reset to 5 minutes. Hence, if a rectifier is to be kept shutdown a shutdown signal must be sent to it at regular intervals.

## **1.12 Post-mate Connection**

The rectifier is "hot plug" capable. This is achieved by having one pin on the rear connector that mates after the other pins. This pin must be connected to negative bus volts and the rectifier will not start until this pin engages. If a rectifier will not start, ensure the rectifier is fully engaged in the Goldfish connector in the rectifier shelf.

## **1.13 Interface - Rear Connector**

The rear connector on the rectifiers is a Positronix Goldfish GFSH109 series.

**Pin descriptions**

Pin #	Description
Pin 1,2,3	Positive Output
Pin 4,5,6	Negative Output
Pin 7	Serial Communication Bus
Pin 8	Rack Position - horizontal
Pin 9	Rack Position - vertical
Pin 10	Post-mate – connected to negative output
Pin 11	Load Share
Pin 12	Not Assigned
Pin 17	AC protective Earth
Pin 18	AC live (phase) conductor
Pin 19	AC neutral conductor
Note: Unassigned pins should not be connected to anything and should be left isolated and voltage free.	

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 General Warnings

This rectifier contains no user serviceable components. Do not disassemble the rectifier.

To isolate the rectifier from the mains power, simply unplug from the rack or switch off at the distribution panel.

### **DANGER**

**Do not operate the rectifier if the covers are damaged or removed in any way**

- **The rectifier contains voltages that may be lethal even after the input supply has been removed**
- **The rectifier contains components at High Temperatures that may burn if touched**

### 2.2 Rectifier Shelf

The RM2048 rectifier must only be used in conjunction with an appropriate Newmar designed or Newmar approved system or rectifier shelf.

### 2.3 AC Supply Surge Protection

The AC supply that feeds the rectifiers should have surge protection installed to meet levels defined for terminal equipment. Newmar recommend that IEC 62305-4(Protection against lightning - Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures) be used to give guidance on the design of surge suppression systems.

### 2.4 Ventilation

The performance of the rectifier can be limited if the ventilation is restricted. The rectifier is cooled by drawing air into the front of the unit with a single fan. This air passes through the rectifier cooling the electronics and exiting the rectifier at the rear. To ensure this happens as efficiently as possible ensure the following:

- The air at the front of the rack is at ambient temperature and not being heated by other equipment.
- Ensure the rectifier shelf has at least 75mm clear horizontal space behind it. This space must be clear of cables and any other components that may restrict air movement.  
(Note: if multiple rectifier shelves are installed then there should be at least 75mm clear horizontal space **per shelf**.)
- The free space in the rack should continue vertically to the exhaust point at the top of the rack, without impediment.
- The hot exhaust air should not be allowed to re-circulate to the front of the rack as this will be drawn into the rectifiers again, in effect raising the apparent ambient temperature.

The rectifier should be operated in a low dust environment. If this cannot be guaranteed, then the rack should be fitted with air filters to prevent dust passing into the rectifier units. These filters need to be designed for adequate air volume and regularly maintained.

**Note:** If you are designing your own rectifier shelf, then particular care must be taken to ensure that any metalwork, cable or printed circuit boards are placed to maximise the flow of cooling air. To assist in this a drawing of the rear area of the rectifier, show air flow areas, has been included in appendix 5.

### 2.5 Rectifier Addressing

Each rectifier in the system has a unique address which identifies it to the monitor. This address is set by the position in the rectifier shelf and the number of the shelf. It is read by the rectifier from the backplane

PCB and will change if the rectifier is moved to a new location. This address structure is set up when the system is built by the system manufacturer.

## **2.6 Commissioning the Rectifier**

- 1) Ensure the polarity of the load and battery cables to the backplane is correct.
- 2) Plug the rectifier into the rectifier shelf using the following steps:
  - Locate the metal tag (at the bottom/rear of the rectifier) into the chosen slot in the backplane.
  - Engage the plastic front panel into the slot at the front of the rectifier shelf.
  - Push the rectifier into the rectifier shelf until the connector is fully engaged.
  - Lock the rectifier in position using the plastic retainers in the front panel.
- 3) Once the rectifier is installed into the rectifier shelf, the AC power can be turned on. After the initial start up period the rectifier will be set to the desired system parameters by the monitor module via the serial communications.

### 3 Specifications

#### 3.1 AC Input

<b>Nominal</b>	230V
<b>Voltage Range</b>	90 – 300V AC (reduced power below 175V)
<b>Frequency Range</b>	45 – 65Hz
<b>Power Factor</b>	> 0.99
<b>Efficiency</b>	> 94% (from 30-95% output power)
<b>Input Fuses</b>	HRC Fuses in phase and neutral
<b>Maximum Input Current</b>	12A
<b>Protection</b>	
<b>Input Voltage</b>	Automatic shutdown, restarts when correct voltage restored.
<b>Input Inrush</b>	< 2x maximum input current

#### 3.2 DC Output

<b>Nominal</b>	48V
<b>Rated Voltage</b>	58V
<b>Adjustable Voltage Range</b>	43V – 58V
<b>Maximum Rated Current</b>	41.7A
<b>Maximum Rated Power</b>	2.0kW
<b>Regulation</b>	
<b>Line</b>	±0.1%
<b>Load</b>	±0.5% no load to full load
<b>Hold-up time</b>	>15ms for 20% output voltage drop
<b>Start-up time</b>	Start-up delay 1 second. (varies with AC supply voltage) Walk-in delay 6 seconds at full output. (varies with DC output voltage)
<b>Protection</b>	
<b>Power Limit</b>	Adjustable to 50 – 100% of maximum rated current
<b>Over Temperature</b>	Automatic current turndown, backup shutdown protection
<b>Polarity Reversal</b>	Output Fuse with Crowbar diode
<b>Over Voltage</b>	Adjustable limit

#### Noise

<b>Ripple</b>	Below 100Hz	<1mV <sub>RMS</sub> Unweighted
<b>Voice band</b>	100Hz to 5 kHz	<1mV <sub>RMS</sub> Psophometric
<b>Wide band</b>	5 kHz to 1MHz	<5mV <sub>RMS</sub> Unweighted
<b>Peak to Peak</b>	0 to 20MHz	<100mV Peak to peak

#### Isolation

<b>Input to Input</b>	4000V DC
<b>Input to Chassis</b>	3500V DC (VDR to chassis removed)
<b>Output to Chassis</b>	2100CV DC

### 3.3 Environmental

#### Operating Ambient Temperature

<b>Rated</b>	25± 5 °C
<b>Range</b>	-30°C to 70°C

**Humidity** 5 – 98% RH (non-condensing)

**Altitude** <2500m above sea level  
De-rate maximum ambient temperature  
by 4°C per 1000m above sea level.

### 3.4 Mechanical

Dimensions (W, H, D) 4.4", 1.75" (1U), 11.1" overall (10.25 shelf)

Weight 3.1 Lbs.

### 3.5 Compliances

Safety	EN60950
Electrostatic Discharge	CISPR 24
Radiated Radio Frequency	CISPR 22
AC Harmonics	EN 61000-3-2
AC Flicker and Fluctuation	EN 61000-3-3
Other	CE & RoHS compliant

Due to ongoing product development specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

## 4 Servicing

If the rectifier develops an operational fault, or is damaged in any way, an Authorised Service Centre should service it immediately.

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### 4.2 Troubleshooting

If the red  LED is alight:

- Unplug the rectifier and re-engage.
- Check AC power to the rectifier.
- Check for rectifier alarms in the monitor Urgent Alarm list.
- If symptoms persist, contact a service agent.

If the yellow  LED is alight:

- Check the monitor Non-Urgent Alarm list.

### 4.3 Fuses

Although there are fuses inside the rectifier, these are rated such that their failure indicates a fault requiring qualified service. **Do not attempt to repair these fuses.**

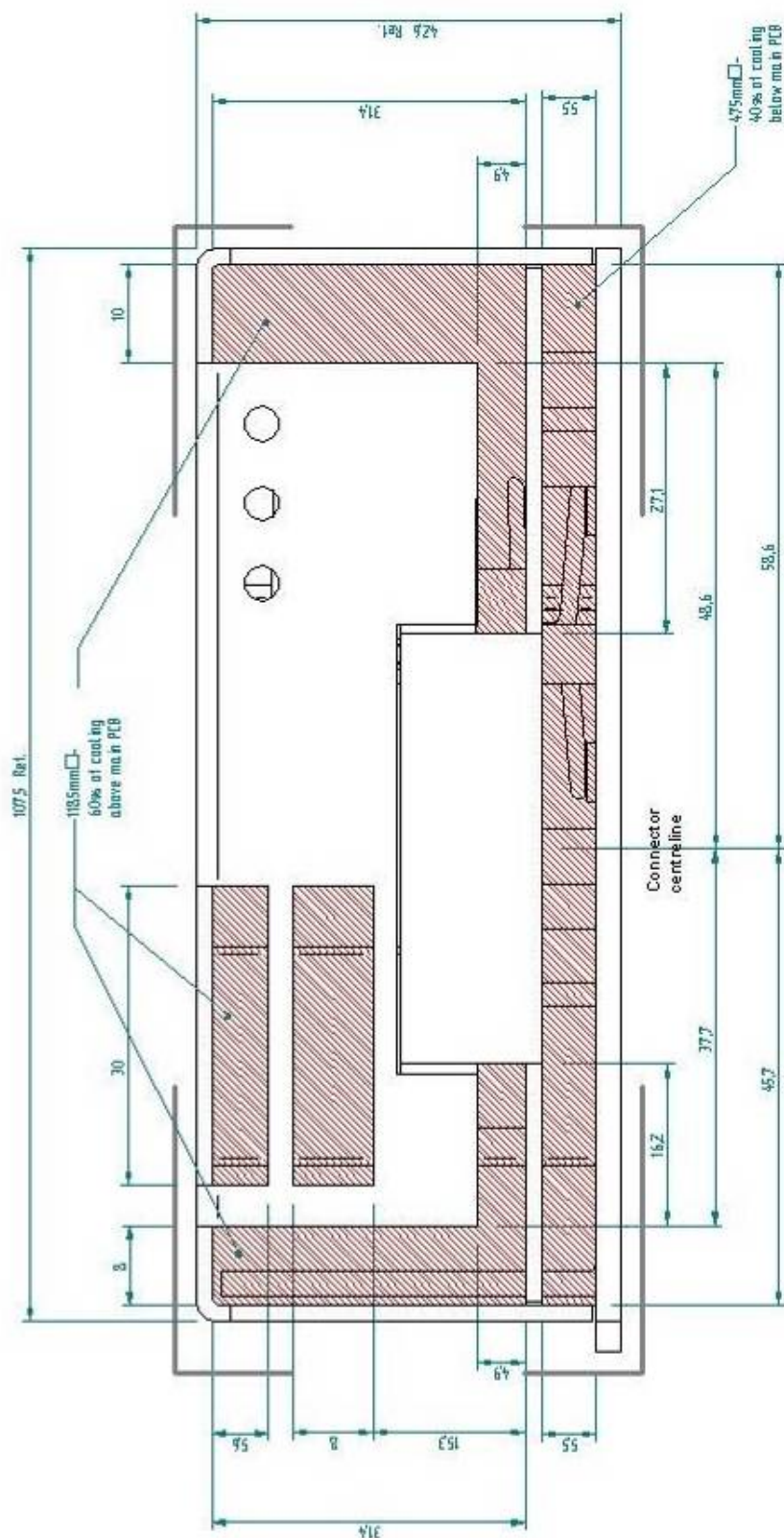
However for IEC 60950 the fuse ratings are required to be specified. The following fuses are soldered to the PCB:

**FH183** FST 250mA 250V EFT/MET PCB Fuse

**FH100** 15A 250V ceramic slow blow wire end Fuse

**FH101** 15A 250V ceramic slow blow wire end Fuse

## 5 Ventilation Details



NOTE: Total air exit area of 1660 square mm minimum required.  
Up to 120 % (2000 square mm recommended) distributed as indicated above.

## 6 Warranty

Newmar warrants that this product is free from defects in material and workmanship and agrees to remedy any defect (or at its option replace the product) for a period of one year from the date of purchase. This warranty covers both parts and labour. Parts may be replaced under this warranty with new or remanufactured parts.

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