



Installation Manual RM2048HE 48V Rectifier

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1 Principles of Operation

1.1 Introduction

The RM2048HE is a telecommunications grade rectifier with the following features:

- High Efficiency
- 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.



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

This LED flashes during power save mode.



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
- No communications address (LED is flashing in this state)
- Brownout
- Postmate open



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 shut down 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 7 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 45°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 self-protect the rectifier. The rectifier will continue to operate if the internal temperature stays within allowable limits.

1.11 Serial Alarm and Control Interface

The rectifier, when installed in an Newmar rectifier shelf or system, 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 and current share will revert to the rectifier current share bus. The voltage set point reverts to the default setting after 8 minutes of no monitor communications.

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 several 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.

Equalize 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 recharged, 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:

AC Fail The AC supply is not present at the rectifier.

Rectifier Fail The rectifier is not functioning. This could be due to high output voltage, AC failure or a fault with the rectifier internally.

Over Temperature The internal temperature of the rectifier is too high and the rectifier has begun to limit its output to control this temperature.

Fan Fail The fan has ceased to work.

Current Limit The rectifier output has reached maximum capacity and the output current is being limited.

Shutdown The rectifier has been shutdown by the monitor. It will restart again in 5 minutes unless the shutdown instruction is repeated.

EEPROM Fault The rectifier microprocessor has encountered an error while writing to EEPROM.

Soft Start The rectifier has just turned on and is slowly increasing its output.

1.11.3 Rectifier Shutdown

The rectifier can be remotely forced to shut down, 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 Positronic® 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 RM2048HE 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 must 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. Rectifiers that exhibit transient surge damage are not covered under warranty.

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 must be operated in a low dust environment.

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.
 - Push the rectifier into the rectifier shelf until the connector is fully engaged.
 - There will be an audible click as the rectifier locks itself in position using the plastic spring retainer on the right side of the front panel.
 - Rectifier removal is achieved by pressing and holding the unlock button then gently pulling on the front panel.
- 3) Once the rectifier is installed into the rectifier shelf, the AC power can be turned on. After the initial startup 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

Nominal	230 V
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Voltage Range	85 – 300 V AC (reduced power below 190 V)	
Frequency Range	45 – 65 Hz	
Power Factor	> 0.99	
Efficiency	> 96.3% (peak)	
Input Fuses	HRC Fuses in phase and neutral	
Maximum Input Current	12 A	
Protection		
Input Voltage	Automatic shutdown, restarts when correct voltage restored.	
Input Inrush	< 2x maximum input current	
3.2 DC Output		
Nominal	48 V	
Rated Voltage	54 V	
Adjustable Voltage Range	43 V – 60 V	
Maximum Rated Current	41.7 A	
Maximum Rated Power	2.0 kW	
Regulation		
Line	±0.1%	
Load	±0.5% no load to full load	
Hold-up time	>15ms for 20% output voltage drop	
Start-up time	Start-up delay 1 second (varies with AC supply voltage) Walk-in delay 6 seconds at full output (varies with DC output voltage)	
Protection		
Power Limit	Adjustable to 50 – 100% of maximum rated current	
Over Temperature	Automatic current turndown, backup shutdown protection	
Polarity Reversal	Output Fuse with Crowbar diode	
Over Voltage	Adjustable limit	
Noise		
Ripple	Below 100 Hz	<10 mV _{RMS} Unweighted
Voice band	100 Hz to 5 kHz	<2 mV _{RMS} Psophometric
Wide band	5 kHz to 1MHz	<10 mV _{RMS} Unweighted
Peak to Peak	0 to 20 MHz	<100 mV Peak to peak
Isolation		

Input to Output	4000 V DC
Input to Chassis	3500 V DC (VDR to chassis removed)
Output to Chassis	2100 V DC

3.3 Environmental

Operating Ambient Temperature

Rated	25 ± 5 °C
Range	-20 °C to 70 °C (maximum power derates above 45 °C)

Humidity 5 – 98% RH (non-condensing)

Altitude < 2000 m above sea level

3.4 Mechanical

Dimensions (W, H, D) 111.5 mm, 44 mm (1U), 282 mm overall (260 mm shelf)

Weight 1.5 kg

Shipping Dimensions (W, H, D) 120 mm, 52 mm, 325 mm

Shipping Weight 1.6 kg

3.5 Compliances

Safety	EN 60950
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 continual 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 Authorized Service Center should service it immediately.

4.1 Warnings

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4.2 Troubleshooting

If the red  LED is illuminated:

- 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 illuminated:

- 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:
FH101 15 A 250 V ceramic slow blow wire end Fuse **FH102** 15 A 250 V ceramic slow blow wire end Fuse

5 Ventilation Details

The rectifier has an outlet area of 3.26 in²/2100 mm². Any custom mounting tray shall not obstruct these openings and requires a minimum opening area of 3.26 in²/2100 mm².

Refer to additional information in section 2.4 Ventilation 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 two years from the date of purchase. This warranty covers both parts and labor. Parts may be replaced under this warranty with new or remanufactured parts.

This warranty will not apply to any product that has been improperly installed (as described in the installation manual), misused, abused, used in ways the product was not designed, altered, or repaired in any way which may affect the performance or reliability of operation, sustained damage by power surges or electrical storms, or sustained shipping damage, or repaired by any unauthorized repair center.

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