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Acterna HST-3000

Option for the T-BERD DS3

Continued explosive growth in demand for bandwidth hungry applications and services is driving increased deployment of DS3 in today's network – both as a transport technology and as a service offering. This growth has led to an increased need for test solutions that ensure the proper installation and maintenance of DS3 service. Technicians who formerly were only responsible for T1 and lower speed service installation and maintenance are now being tasked to take on DS3 testing responsibilities. This, coupled with today's smaller workforces and reduced budgets for equipment and training, presents a real challenge to service providers who must ensure that the service provisioning and trouble correction is done right the first time out.

The combo DS1/DS3 Services Interface Module (SIM) Option adds DS3 testing capability to the wide array of test applications supported by the HST-3000 and provides a powerful and versatile solution for testing DS3. Hand-held, rugged and easy-to-use, the HST-3000 is ideal for field use. Its modular design provides a scalable, all-in-one solution for testing multiple technologies.

The HST-3000 ensures optimal DS3 network performance by performing end-to-end BER testing and measuring frequency and signal levels on the circuit under test. Technicians can quickly qualify networks for accurate multiplexed operation by performing BER testing on one or all DS1 channels transmitted by a DS3 multiplexer.

The HST-3000 DS3 option comes standard with dual DS3 receivers for bi-directional monitoring. Additionally, the option includes dual transmit and receive DS1 interfaces to provide an all-in-one application based approach to testing both the DS3 interface as well as the T1 tributary.

The HST-3000 boasts automated setups and advanced features that ensure consistent adherence to service provider methods and procedures. Each HST-3000 is built to order and can easily be field-upgraded with new modules and software as application and technology needs change.

Highlights

- Reduce DS3 circuit testing time by using dual receivers for bi-directional monitoring, allowing for timely trouble isolation and correction.
- Seamlessly transition from testing the DS3 interface to testing at the T1 tributary without swapping modules or test sets via the standard dual transmit and receive DS1 interface.
- Verify multiplexed operation by performing BER testing on one or all 28 DS1 channels within the DS3.
- Accurately measure frequency and signal level to ensure optimal DS3 circuit performance.
- Compact, lightweight and scalable tool ideal for the needs of the field technician today

Service Installation

The HST-3000 provides comprehensive DS3 testing capability to ensure the circuit is functioning properly before hand-off to the customer. Evaluation of BER test results, frequency and signal level helps identify potential sources of problems such as faulty or loose cable crimps, improper line build out, excessive coaxial cable length and mis-optioned or faulty network equipment.

The HST-3000 enables simplified testing with the full range of T-BERD test patterns and capabilities for both multiplexed and unchannelized DS3 circuits with M13 or C-Bit framing. Testing can be performed to a loop at the far-end cross-connect panel or straightaway with another test set located at the far-end to sectionalize potential problems. For circuits with C-Bit framing, the HST-3000 can send DS3 FEAC loop commands and report FEAC alarms. For multiplexed DS3 testing, BERT patterns can be inserted on a single channel or all 28 DS1 channels within the DS3. Other standard features include error insertion, to verify continuity, and alarm generation, to verify proper network provisioning.

Easy-to-read results menus allow technicians to view physical layer measurements, BERT results, parity errors, FEBEs and alarm conditions. Additionally, the summary screen provides a rapid assessment of overall test performance.

T1 Testing

During DS3 installation or maintenance, it is often necessary to test at the T1 tributary level. The HST-3000 DS3 Option comes standard with dual transmit and receive DS1 interfaces. This enables the user to switch from DS3 to DS1 physical layer testing without changing instruments or swapping modules – enabling timely and thorough testing of the T1 circuit to verify proper multiplexed operation.

Service Maintenance

It is often necessary to perform in-service monitoring of a DS3 circuit during routine maintenance or troubleshooting operations. The HST-3000 DS3 Option comes standard with dual DS3 receivers for bi-directional monitoring. This allows the user quick and non-intrusive identification and sectionalization of potential problems. Results from both receivers (primary and secondary) are easily viewable on the same screen.

The HST-3000 also provides the capability to drop out a single DS1 from the DS3 for analysis. If it becomes necessary to conduct intrusive testing to isolate and correct a problem, the full range of out-of-service testing, described earlier, is available.

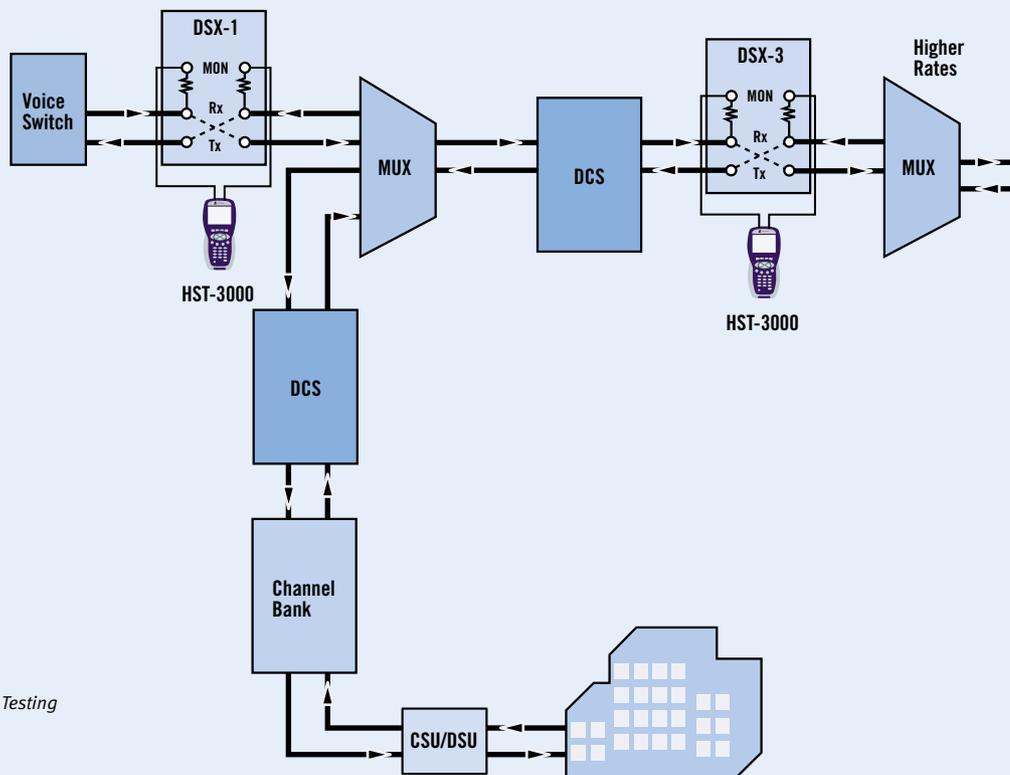


Figure 1: DS1/DS3 Testing

Test the Copper, Test the Service, Improve the Process

As an optional capability, the HST-3000 can be configured to include a robust suite of testing features for verification and troubleshooting of the copper facilities. Equipped with this option, the HST-3000 can quickly troubleshoot the local loop for line impairments that degrade or impair DS1 performance. The user can quickly identify and correct cable impairments including: shorts, grounds, opens, crosses, bridged taps, wet sections and other high resistive faults. These impairments are easy to locate with the HST-3000's advanced time domain reflectometer (TDR), precision digital volt/ohm meter (DVOM) and an accurate resistive fault locator (RFL) to pinpoint troubles prior to circuit installation. The HST-3000 can also transmit the full range wideband tones to confirm that noise and loss meet acceptable criteria. Copper test features are optimized for use anywhere on the local loop – at the NID, crossbox, pedestal, main distribution frame or anywhere a technician might gain access to the local loop to locate the source of trouble.

As previously mentioned, the HST-3000 DS3 Option provides the complete range of both DS1 and DS3 physical layer circuit testing. Building on these capabilities, the HST-3000 can also be equipped with options that support ISDN Primary Rate (PRI) testing as well as PCM Signaling and TMS testing for verification of digital voice service on a T1 line. With all these features, the HST-3000 can easily scale to address the full breadth and depth of testing requirements from qualification of the copper pair through voice and data service verification.

The HST-3000 offers pre-programmed tests and customized scripts that simplify testing and ensure consistent adherence to standard test procedures. These customizations help eliminate mistakes caused by improper test configurations or incorrect methodologies.

Acterna's TechComplete™ software (optional customized) allows the HST-3000 to improve turn-up and maintenance processes. This is done by operating with service provider's dispatch and closeout report systems to offload stored test results for later trend analysis and coaching reports. With these features, the HST-3000 can reduce repeat rates and failures and improve overall process efficiency.

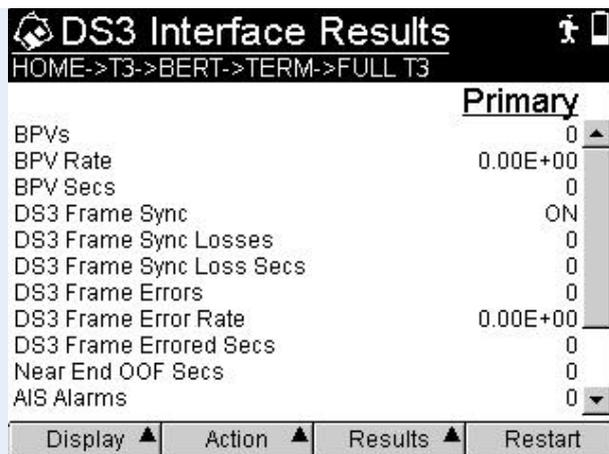


Figure 2. DS3 Interface Results

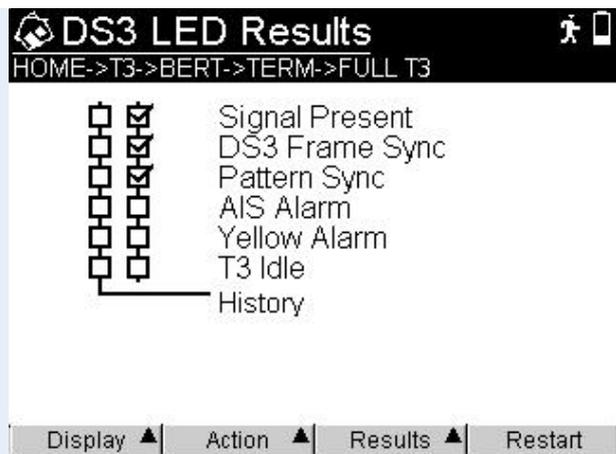
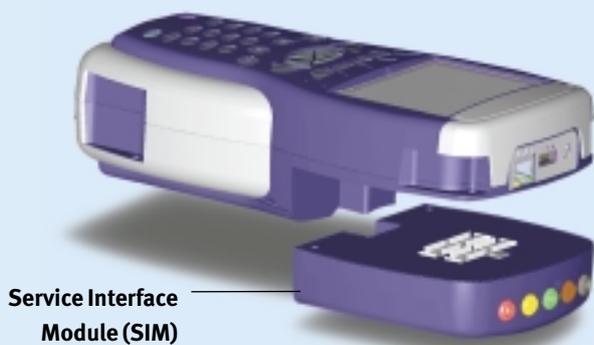


Figure 3. DS3 LED results

Flexible and Rugged Design

The HST's rugged, weather resistant design and long battery life are ideally suited for use in the field. Its modularity allows for field upgrades to support new testing requirements. Standard Ethernet, USB and serial connections offer flexibility to easily download software and offload captured test data.

Easily configurable, the HST-3000 can be used by different technicians with different responsibilities to perform a wide number of tests. The HST-3000 is easily upgradeable with technologies and advanced options that support the changing needs of service installers.



*Flexible, modular platform
makes technology upgrades
or hardware changes easy*



*HST-3000 Handheld Services Tester
Actual Size: 9.5 x 4.5 x 2.75 in
Weight: 2.7 lb with battery*

Technical Specifications

Interfaces

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| DS3 (Single Tx/Dual Rx) | BNC |
| DS1 (Dual Tx/Rx) | Bantam Jacks |
| 10/100 BT Ethernet jack | 8-pin modular |
| Serial port | DB9 female via cable (DCE) |
| USB Host | |
| USB Device | |

DS3 Specifications

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| Operating Modes | Terminate and Monitor |
| Receiver (Input) Specifications | |
| Frequency | 44,736Mbps + 300 ppm |
| Impedance | Nominal 75 Ohms at 22MHz (unbalanced to ground) |

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| Range | |
| TERM: | 0 to 12 dB cable loss at 22 MHz |
| DSXMON: | -20dB loss plus 0 to 9 dB of cable loss from high signal of 22 MHz |

Jitter Tolerance

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| Transmitter (Output) Specifications | |
| Frequency | 44,736 Mbps + 50 ppm |
| Impedance | Nominal 75 Ohms unbalanced to ground |
| Timing | Internal Clock Recovered (from network) Clock |
| Pulse (High) | Nominal 1.2Vp |
| Pulse (DSX) | Nominal 0.6 Vp |
| Pulse (Low) | Nominal 0.3 Vp with 75 Ohms |
| Pulse Shape | Per T1.102 (1993) & ITU-T G.703 |
| Output Jitter | Per T1.102 (1993) |
| Tests | BERT, Monitor |
| Framing | Auto, Unframed, M13, C-bit |
| Line Coding | B3ZS |
| Error/Alarm Types | Logic, BPV, Parity, Frame, AIS, RAI |
| Loopback Codes | NIU, CSU, HDSL, MSS, user defined and repeater |
| FEAC Loop Codes | NIU, DS3 line, DS1 line |

Frequency & Level Measurements

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| Frequency | Range: 44,736 + 350 ppm Accuracy: + 3ppm, + 1ppm/year Resolution: 4 Hz |
| Level Vp | Range: 0.0 V to 1.99 V Accuracy: (+ .02V/+ 10%) Resolution: 0.01 V |

DS1 Specifications

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| Operating Modes | Terminate, Monitor, Drop & Insert, Loopback, (Full T1 and Fractional) |
| Framing | Unframed, D4/SF, ESF |
| Line Coding | AMI, B8ZS |
| Input Impedance | BRIDGE > 1000 Ohms TERM 100 Ohms + 5% DSX-MON 100 Ohms + 5% |
| Receive Level | BRIDGE 0 to -20.0 dBdsx TERM + 6 to -35.0 dBdsx DSX-MON +6 to -24.0 dBdsx |
| Timing Sources | Internal Clock Recovered (from network) Clock |
| Line Build Out Level | 0, 7.5, 15.0, and 22.5 dB of cable loss at 722 kHz |
| Error Insertion | Logic, BPV, Frame |

Physical specifications

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| Size (H x W x D) | 9.5 x 4.5 x 2.75 in |
| Weight | 2.7 lb with battery |
| Operating temperature | 22°F to 122°F |
| Storage temperature | -40°F to 150°F |
| Battery life | 10 hrs. typical usage |
| Charging time | 7 hours from full discharge to full charge |
| Operating humidity | 10% to 80% relative humidity |
| Storage humidity | 10% to 95% relative humidity |
| Display | 1/4 VGA monochrome transreflective, 3.8-in diagonal (readable in direct sunlight) |

General

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| Ruggedness | Survives 3-ft drop to concrete on all sides |
| Water-resistance | Splashproof: may be used in heavy rain |
| Language | English |
| Keypad | Typical 12-button keyboard |

Ordering information

Base units

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| HST-3000C | HST-3000C base with copper testing Requires the purchase of a SIM – see separate listing for HST3000-CAR or HST3000-CU (Ethernet and serial ports included) |
| HST-3000 | HST-3000 base without copper testing Requires the purchase of a SIM – see separate listing for HST-3000-CAR or HST-3000-AR (Ethernet and serial ports included) |

SIMS (Modules)

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| DDS SIM | |
| HST-3000-4WLL | Dual T/R/G interface for copper testing and 4 wire local loop interface and T1 DDS software option |
| HST-3000-T1 | Dual Tx/Rx bantam T1 interface and T1 software option |
| HST-3000-CT1 | Dual T/R/G interface for copper Testing and Dual Tx/Rx bantam T1 Interface and T1 software option |
| HST-3000-T3 | Dual Tx/Rx bantam T1 interface, and dual Rx, single Tx BNC DS3 interface and DS3 software option |
| HST-3000-BRI | U-MON and U Interface with To LT and To NT and ISDN BRI software option |

Software options

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| HST3000-TDR | TDR software option |
| HST3000-RFA | RFA/RFL software option |
| HST3000-WBTones | WB tones/TIMS software option |
| HST3000-VT100 | VT100 option (Includes cable and software option) |
| HST3000-Script | Scripted testing software option |
| HST3000S-Web | Web browser software option |
| HST3000-PCMSIG | VF (PCM) signaling soft- ware option |
| HST3000-PCMTIMS | VF (PCM) TIMS software option |
| HST3000-T1DDS | T1 DDS software option |
| HST3000-PRI | ISDN PRI software option |

Accessories

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| Test leads | POTS - 5 ft. banana plugs to alligator clips, T1 - bantam to bantam, bantam to 310 Weco |
| Charger Adapter | AC/DC battery charger/adaptor 120 VAC (50/60 Hz) input; 12 VDC (1 A) output |
| Soft Cover | Form fitting nylon glove for test set and leads |
| Carrying Case | Heavy duty, nylon case for test set, extra SIMs, accessories and cables |
| Battery | Lithium ion |
| 41084 | T1 repeater power supply |
| 43141 | repeater power supply multiplexer |
| 44116 | HDSL doubler power supply |
| 44527 | HDSL remote access shelf Repeater extender |

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