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## OPERATING MANUAL

# MERIDIAN (RMH, RMP SERIES) RECTIFIERS AND SHELVES

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This operating manual should be read through carefully before installing and operating the Meridian rectifiers.

The Meridian (RMH, RMP Series) rectifier modules and shelves operate as a complete hot-swap power system for charging a 48V or 24V lead-acid battery or directly powering a load. See Figure 1. Each rectifier module produces up to 25 amperes at 54.4VDC (48V version) or 50 amperes at 27.2VDC (24V version). The 48V version is factory set to 54.4VDC output and the 24V version is factory set to 27.2VDC. Three rectifiers in a 19-inch shelf produce up to 75A at 54.4VDC or 150A at 27.2VDC; four rectifiers in a 23-inch shelf produce up to 100A at 54.4VDC or 200A at 27.2VDC. The rectifiers have single-wire active load sharing for automatic paralleling, and output ORing diodes which permit hot-swap addition or replacement of modules while the power system is operating. A shelf with rectifier modules can also be operated as an N+1 redundant power system with hot-swap, no-downtime replacement of a faulty module.

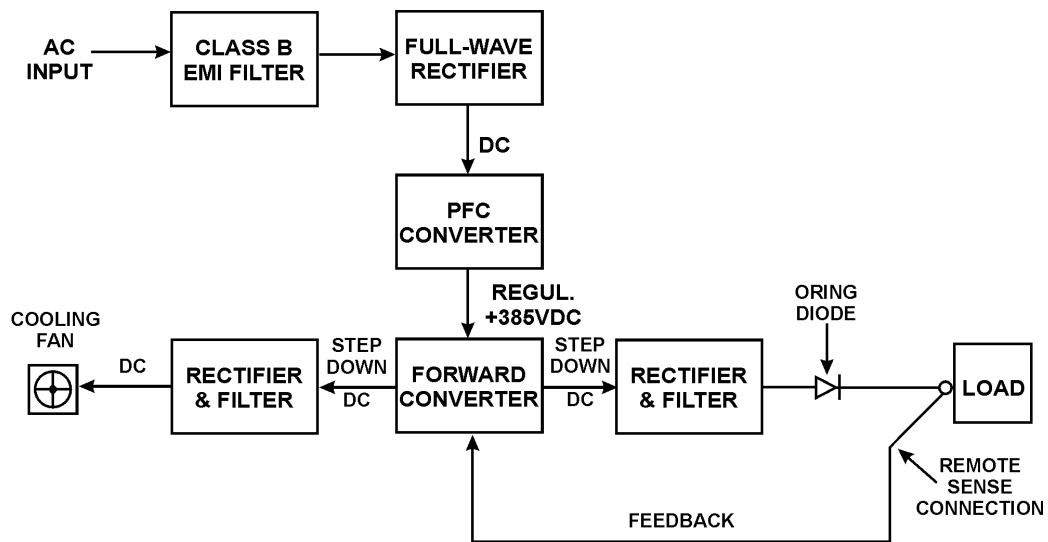
These power systems operate worldwide with an 85 to 264VAC (RMH) or 170 to 264VAC (RMP) input range at 47 to 63Hz and a separate AC input connection to each rectifier module. The modules have input power factor correction and Class B EMI input filters. The output voltage is tightly regulated and precisely adjustable over a range of 45 to 58VDC or 22.5 to 29VDC by means of a front panel, 12-turn potentiometer. Each module also has a remote analog input which can be used to adjust the output voltage over the same range. Using an external power controller in conjunction with this input permits automatic battery voltage control of equalize and float voltages together with temperature-compensated charging. The rectifiers can operate into a zero-voltage (dead) battery or short circuit without harm to the system. The output overload characteristic is a constant current output at 105% of rated output current. The output is floating with respect to frame or AC grounds.

A 25-pin interface subminiature D connector on the backplane of the shelf furnishes control and monitoring inputs and outputs. An enable input turns the entire shelf output off or on. Remote sensing connections provide precise regulation at the battery or other point of load. Other control signals are AC good and DC good logic outputs, and analog voltage remote adjust inputs - - all for each individual rectifier module.

Front-panel green LEDs indicate AC power good and DC power good for each



**Figure 1. Meridian Rectifier Modules and Shelves.**



**Figure 2. Meridian Rectifier Block Diagram.**

rectifier module. The rectifier modules and shelves are safety agency certified and CE marked.

## 2.0 FEATURES

The following is a summary of the important features of the Meridian rectifier modules and shelves:

- ◆ Charges Batteries or Powers Loads Directly
- ◆ Constant Output Voltage
- ◆ Front Panel Output Adjustment
- ◆ Remote Output Voltage Adjustment
- ◆ Wide Range Output Voltage Adjustment
- ◆ Output Overload Protected
- ◆ 48VDC and 24VDC Versions
- ◆ Low Profile: 2 Mounting Positions (3.5 inches or 89mm) High
- ◆ 19 or 23-Inch Shelves
- ◆ Shelf Capacity Up to 4 Rectifier Modules
- ◆ High Power Density: 6.4 Watts/Cubic Inch
- ◆ 85% Efficiency
- ◆ 0.99 Power Factor
- ◆ Class B EMI Input Filter
- ◆ AC Input: 85-264VAC (RMH) & 170-264 VAC (RMP)
- ◆ Battery Temp. Compensated Charge Regulation\*
- ◆ Remote Sensing
- ◆ Active, Single-Wire Load Sharing
- ◆ Integral ORing Diodes
- ◆ Hot-Swappable Rectifier Modules
- ◆ Redundant or Non-Redundant Operation
- ◆ LED Operating Indicators
- ◆ Control and Monitoring Interface Signals

\* With external power controller

## 3.0 PRODUCT LINE

### 3.1 Rectifier Modules

MODEL	NOMINAL OUTPUT	FACTORY SET OUTPUT	MAX. OUTPUT CURRENT
RMH48/12.5	48VDC	54.4V	12.5A
RMP48/25	48VDC	54.4V	25A
RMP24/50	24VDC	27.2V	50A

### 3.2 Shelves

MODEL	WIDTH	HEIGHT	NUMBER OF MODULES
RRS2U-19	19" (483MM)	3.5" (89MM)	3
RRS2U-23	23" (584MM)	3.5" (89MM)	4

## 4.0 SAFETY WARNINGS

- 4.1 These rectifier modules and shelves have hazardous external and internal voltages. They should be handled, tested and installed only by qualified technical persons who are trained in the use of power systems and are well aware of the hazards involved.
- 4.2 The input terminals are at hazardous voltage potentials. Do not touch this area when power is applied.
- 4.3 When operating this rectifier system, the frame ground terminal must be connected to safety ground by means of a three-wire AC power line to minimize electrical shock hazard and to ensure low EMI (electromagnetic interference).
- 4.4 The internal voltages are at hazardous potentials. The rectifier module covers should not be removed. There are no user-serviceable components in these units. Removing the covers of the rectifier modules will void the warranty.

## 5.0 WARRANTY

All products of UNIPOWER Telecom, a division of UNIPOWER Corporation, are warranted for two (2) years from date of shipment against defects in material and workmanship. This warranty does not extend to products which have been opened, altered or repaired by persons other than persons authorized by the manufacturer or to products which become defective due to acts of God, negligence or the failure of customer to fully follow instructions with respect to installation, application or maintenance. This warranty is extended directly by the manufacturer to the buyer and is the sole warranty applicable. EXCEPT FOR THE FOREGOING EXPRESS WARRANTY, THE MANUFACTURER MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. As the sole and exclusive remedy under this warranty, the manufacturer, at its option, may repair or replace the non-conforming product or issue credit, provided the manufacturer's inspection establishes the existence of a defect. To exercise this remedy, the buyer must contact the manufacturer's Customer Service Department to obtain a Return Material Authorization number and shipping instructions. Products returned without prior authorization will be returned to buyer. All products returned for repair must be shipped freight prepaid to UNIPOWER. If the buyer fails to fully comply with the foregoing, the buyer agrees that no other remedy (including, but not limited to, incidental or consequential damages for lost profits, lost

sales, injury to person or property or any other incidental or consequential losses) shall be available to the buyer.

## 6.0 UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

- 6.1 This Meridian Series Rectifier System was carefully tested, inspected and packaged for shipment from our factory. Upon receipt of the unit it should be carefully unpacked and inspected for any damage in shipment.
- 6.2 If there is evidence of damage, do not attempt to test the unit. The freight carrier should be notified immediately and a claim for the cost of the rectifier system should be filed with the carrier for direct reimbursement. Be sure to include the model and serial number of the damaged unit in all correspondence with the freight carrier. Also save the shipping carton and packing material as evidence of damage for the freight carrier's inspection.
- 6.3 UNIPOWER Telecom will cooperate fully in case of any shipping damage investigation.
- 6.4 Always save the packing materials for later use in shipping the unit. Never ship the rectifier system without proper packing.

## 7.0 DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION

- 7.1 **Block Diagram.** A simplified diagram of a Meridian Rectifier Module is shown in Figure 2. The AC input first goes through a Class B EMI filter then to a full-wave rectifier and high-frequency (45kHz) power factor correction (PFC) converter. The output of the PFC converter is a regulated DC voltage at approximately +385V. This voltage is converted down to either 48VDC or 24VDC nominal, depending on the model. This is done by a forward converter operating at 150 kHz. The output of this converter goes through a rectifier, filter and ORing diode to the module output. Feedback from the remote sense terminals goes back to the converter's pulse-width modulator which regulates the output voltage and keeps it constant.
- 7.2 **Power Factor Correction.** This high-frequency converter circuit achieves a power factor of 0.99 by forcing the AC input current into a sinusoidal waveform, in phase with the input voltage. The input current is a smooth sine wave of much lower amplitude than the normal series of high-amplitude, input current pulses that are present in a unit without power factor correction. The result is lower RMS input current for a given output power level.



- 7.3 Cooling Fan.** Another output from the forward converter is rectified, filtered and used to power the DC ball bearing cooling fan on the rectifier module.
- 7.4 Interface Signals.** The rectifier incorporates a number of interface control and supervisory signals which operate off internal circuits and are brought to the outside. These include remote enable, which enables or inhibits the entire shelf, and a current share connection which permits operating the shelf in parallel with other shelves for increased power. Other signals brought out of the shelf for each rectifier module include AC good, DC good and a remote adjust which permits adjustment of each rectifier output voltage by means of an external analog control voltage.

## 8.0 FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION

The front panel of a Meridian rectifier module is shown in Figure 3. From top to bottom are: output voltage adjustment potentiometer (12-turn), AC Good LED (green) and DC Good LED (green). A single 80 mm fan cools the module.

## 9.0 RECTIFIER MODULE SPECIFICATIONS

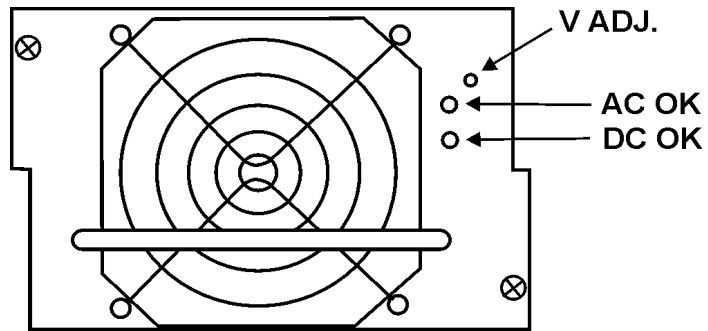
Specifications for a Single Rectifier Module. Typical at 120 or 230VAC Line, Full Load and 25°C Unless Otherwise Noted.

### INPUT

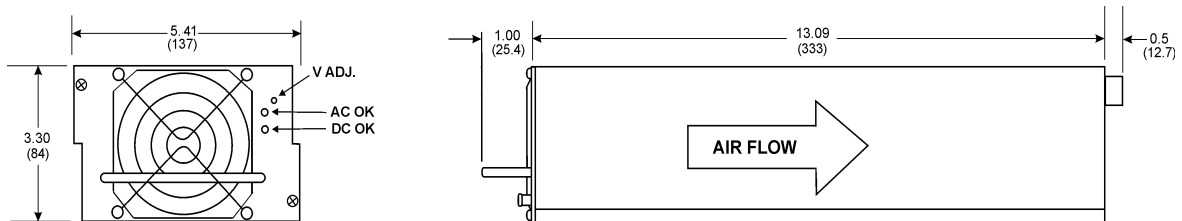
Voltage Range, RMH .....	85-264VAC
RMP .....	170-264VAC
Power Factor .....	0.99
Total Harmonic Distortion, Max. ....	5%
Frequency .....	47-63Hz
Inrush Current Limiting .....	50A Peak
Input Current, Full Load, RMH .....	6.7A@120VAC
RMP .....	7.0A@230VAC
EMI Filter, Conducted .....	FCC20780 pt. 15J Curve B
.....	EN55022 Curve B
Fast Transients, Line-Line .....	EN61000-4-4, Level 3
Surges .....	EN61000-4-5
Analog Voltage Adjust .....	0 to +5V

### OUTPUT

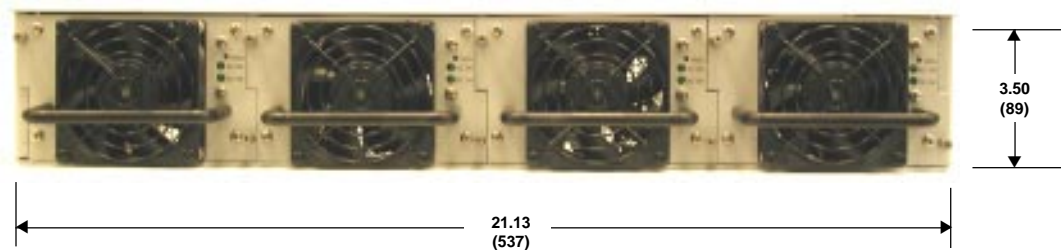
Current & Voltage <sup>1</sup> .....	12.5 or 25A@54.4VDC
.....	50A@27.2VDC
Voltage Adjustment Range, 48V Nominal .....	45-58VDC
24V Nominal .....	22.5-29VDC



**Figure 3. Front Panel of Ranger Rectifier Module**



**ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES (mm).**



**Figure 4. Meridian Series Mechanical Dimensions**



## 10.0 DESCRIPTION OF FEATURES & OPTIONS

FEATURE / OPTION	DESCRIPTION
<b>Power Factor Correction</b>	The input current is a sine wave in-phase with the input voltage to give a power factor of 0.99. Input current total harmonic distortion is less than 5%.
<b>Wide Range AC Input</b>	The AC input range is continuous from 85 to 264VAC (RMH) or 170 to 264VAC (RMP), 47-63Hz.
<b>EMI Input Filter</b>	This filter suppresses conducted noise from the rectifier back onto the AC line. The filter meets FCC20780 part 15J Curve B and EN55022 Curve B.
<b>Inrush Current Limiting</b>	When the rectifier is turned on, the initial input current is limited to a peak value of 50 amperes.
<b>Output Voltage Adjustment Range</b>	For a 48V unit the adjustment range is 45V to 58V. Factory voltage setting is 54.4VDC. For a 24V model the adjustment range is 22.5V to 29V. Factory voltage setting is 27.2VDC. The adjustment is made from the front panel by means of a 12-turn potentiometer or from the input to the remote adjust terminal.
<b>Remote Output Adjust</b>	This input is used to remotely adjust each rectifier output voltage. An analog voltage from 0 to +5V controls approximately 45-58V output for a 48V rectifier or 22.5-29V output for a 24V rectifier. This input can be controlled externally by a power control system to precisely control battery charging. The analog inputs can also be connected together so that the external control voltage adjusts all the module outputs simultaneously.
<b>Thermal Protection</b>	If the rectifier module overheats internally, it will automatically shut down. The DC Good LED also turns off.
<b>Current Sharing</b>	The Meridian rectifier modules are automatically connected to current share with each other when they are inserted into the shelf. A single-wire connection provides this. The modules current share with an accuracy of 10% of their full load output current for total loads of 50% to 100%. The shelf current share pin can be used to current share with another shelf of the same output voltage.

FEATURE / OPTION	DESCRIPTION
<b>ORing Diodes</b>	This diode in series with each module output protects the parallel-connected modules. If the output of one module fails to a short or to a lower than normal output voltage, the other modules are not affected. Also when hot-swapping modules, the diode prevents a glitch in the output voltage while the output is still rising on the inserted module.
<b>Overvoltage Protection</b>	The output is protected from overvoltage due to fault conditions in the module. Overvoltage protection is set at approximately 59V for the 48V version and 29V for the 24V version. The result is a latched shutdown of the rectifier module. It is reset by cycling the AC input off for 20 seconds, and then on.
<b>No Load Operation</b>	The module output can be operated down to zero load while maintaining output regulation.
<b>Hot Swap Operation</b>	Hot swap operation means that the rectifier modules can be removed and replaced while the shelf is powering the load. If the shelf is operated in an N+1 redundant mode, hot-swap replacement will not affect the output voltage.
<b>Output Protection</b>	Output current limiting protects the output of each rectifier module from damage due to a dead battery or other short circuit condition. This protection is continuous, without damage, and recovery is automatic when the overload is removed. The current limit characteristic is essentially a constant current above 40V or 20V (depending on model). Current limiting begins at about 105% of rated output current.
<b>LED Indicators</b>	The AC Good indicator is a green LED, showing that input AC is present and that the PFC converter and internal control supply are operating. The DC Good indicator is a green LED showing that the output voltage is present and within operating range.
<b>Control and Monitoring Signals</b>	For detailed description of Enable, Current Share, Remote Sense, Remote Adjust, AC Good and DC Good signals see Section 16, Description of Control and Supervisory Signals.

## 11.0 MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The mechanical dimensions of the Meridian Series rectifier modules and shelves are shown in Fig. 4. Both 19-inch and 23-inch shelves are shown.

## 12.0 SAFETY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS

12.1 The Meridian rectifiers and shelves meet the following safety certifications:

STANDARD	AGENCY
UL1950	UL
CSA22.2-950	CUL
EN60-950	DEMKO

12.2 The Meridian rectifier and shelves are CE marked to indicate conformance to the European Union's Low Voltage Directive.

12.3 Input conducted EMI meets FCC20780 part 15J Curve B and EN55022 Curve B.

12.4 Input fast transient specifications meet EN61000-4-4 Level 3; input surges, line-to-line, meet EN61000-4-5 Level 2; and input surges, line-to-ground, meet EN61000-4-5 Level 3.

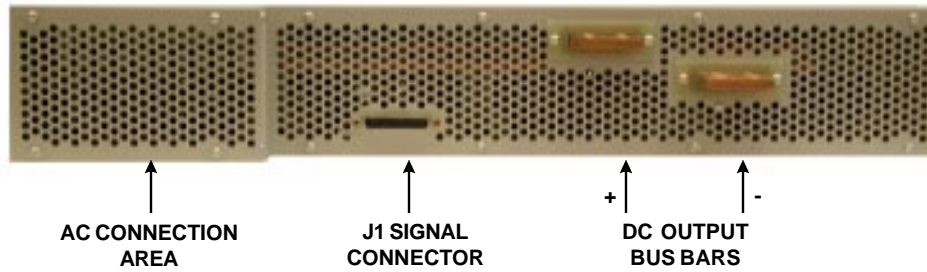
## 13.0 OPERATING INFORMATION

13.1 **Input Voltage.** The Meridian Series rectifiers operate off AC input voltages within the range of 85 to 264VAC (RMH) or 170 to 264 VAC (RMP) at 47 to 63 Hz. There is a separate input connection for each rectifier module to a terminal block at the rear of the shelf. For complete details see Section 17.2 and Figure 5.

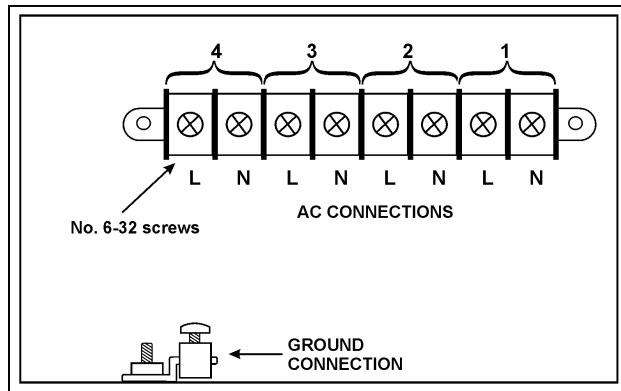
13.2 **Output Connection.** The 24V or 48V output is provided on two ¼-inch thick copper bus bars. Each bus bar has four ¼-inch holes for bolting the output connections. For complete details see Section 17.3 and Figure 5(c). Both positive and negative outputs are floating and isolated from the chassis.

13.3 **Output Voltage.** The output voltage of each rectifier module is factory set to 54.4V for the 48V rectifier and 27.2V for the 24V rectifier. If a different output voltage is required it should be accurately set for each module by means of the front panel, high resolution, 12-turn output adjustment potentiometer. The output voltage can also be adjusted by means of the remote adjust input connected to an external voltage source. In both cases the adjustment range is 45-58V or 22.5-29V.

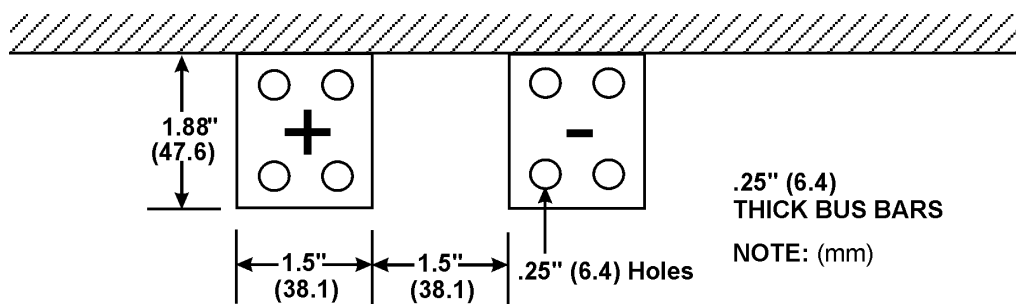
13.4 **Output Power.** Maximum output power for the RMPs is 25A at 54.4 VDC or



**(a) Rear Connections to Meridian Shelf**



**(b) Uncovered AC Input Connection Area**



**(c) Top View of DC Output Bus Bars**

**Figure 5. AC Input and DC Output Connections**

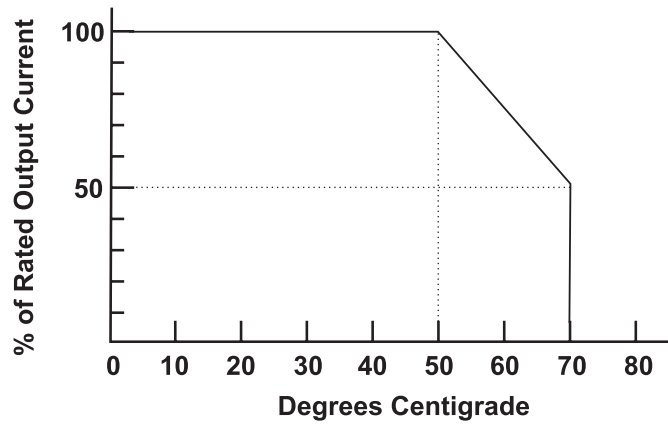
50A at 27.2 VDC, both giving a total maximum output of 1,360 volt-amperes. For the RMH it is 12.5A at 54.5VDC giving a total maximum output of 680 volt-amperes. The maximum output power of a module may be drawn at up to 50°C ambient temperature. Above 50°C the output current must be derated by 2.5%/°C. See Fig. 6. The maximum operating temperature is 70°C, at which the output current must be derated by 50%.

- 13.5 Output Overload Protection.** Each rectifier module output is protected from damage due to overload, a dead battery or another short circuit condition. This protection is continuous and without damage; recovery is automatic when the load is removed. The current limit characteristic is a constant current above 40V or 20V (depending on model). Current limiting takes place at approximately 105% of the rated output current.
- 13.6 Remote Sensing.** Remote sensing connections are made to pins 11 (+Sense) and 23 (-Sense) of the rectifier shelf J1 connector. Remote sensing is used to regulate the output voltage at the point of load, i.e., a battery or other load, by compensating for the voltage drop in the wires to the load. The +Sense lead must be connected to the + side of the load and the -Sense to the - side of the load. The sense leads should be a color-coded, twisted pair of AWG no. 22 or 24 copper wire. See Fig. 7.

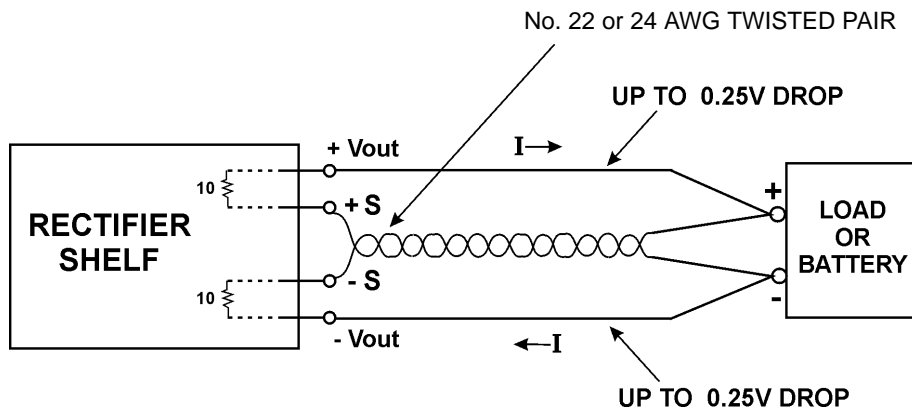
Remote sensing can compensate for a total voltage drop of 0.5V, or 0.25V per load wire. The sense leads should not exceed 10 feet (3 meters) in length. If remote sensing is not required, the sense leads may be left open; there is an internal 10-ohm resistor connected from each output to its remote sense lead. **Be careful not to reverse the sense lead connections**, as this will blow the 10-ohm resistors.

- 13.7 Control and Supervisory Signals.** All control and supervisory signals are accessible at J1, a 25-pin subminiature D connector on the back of the rectifier shelf. See Section 16 for a complete description of these input and output signals.
- 13.8 Alarm Signals.** Among the control and supervisory signals are two sets of logic alarms: AC good and DC good. They are TTL-compatible signals referenced to Signal Common, J1 Pin 22. There are two logic alarms for each rectifier module. The first alarm is **AC Good**. A logic HI or open indicates that there is no AC input or that the PFC converter stage has failed. The second alarm is **DC Good**. A logic HI or open indicates a DC output failure.





**Figure 6. Rated Output Current vs. Ambient Temperature**



**Figure 7. Remote Sensing Connection**

## 14.0 PARALLEL OPERATION

The rectifier modules in the shelf are all connected in the parallel, current sharing mode by means of a single-wire current share connection among them. A shelf can be operated in either an N+1 redundant mode or non-redundant mode.

**14.1 Redundant Operation.** From Table 14-1, the 19-inch shelf can be operated in a 2+1 redundant mode and the 23-inch shelf can be operated in a 3+1 redundant mode. This means in the former case, for example, that the full load current must be carried by two rectifier modules. While operating normally, the current is shared approximately equally among the three modules. If one module fails, however, the output current is then maintained by the two operating modules. The failed unit can be replaced without affecting the output current to the load. N+1 redundancy with quick replacement of a failed module results in virtually infinite MTBF.

**Table 14-1 Redundant and Non-Redundant Operation, RMP Versions**

MODE	SHELF WIDTH	NUMBER OF RMP MODULES	NOM. VOLTS	AMPS MAX.
Redundant, 2+1	19-inch	3	48	50
Non-Redundant	19-inch	3	48	75
Redundant, 3+1	23-inch	4	48	75
Non-Redundant	23-inch	4	48	100
Redundant, 2+1	19-inch	3	24	100
Non-Redundant	19-inch	3	24	150
Redundant, 3+1	23-inch	4	24	150
Non-Redundant	23-inch	4	24	200

**NOTE:** For RMH model, AMPS MAX is half the values shown in the upper part of the table.

**14.2 Non-Redundant Operation.** Higher output current can be achieved by operating the shelf in a non-redundant mode as seen in Table 14-1. However, in this case if a rectifier module fails, the load will lose power since only part of the required current can be supplied by the remaining modules, and they will go into current limit. The failed rectifier module, however, can be quickly replaced to restore the load current.

**14.3 Multiple Parallel Shelf Operation.** Multiple shelves can also be operated in parallel by interconnecting their current share terminals (J1 Pin 10). The total power can be expanded by several times. In this case N+1 redundant operation is achieved by reserving one module of the total for redundancy. For

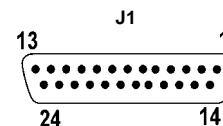
example, if two full 19-inch shelves are employed with a total of six rectifier modules, then for 5+1 redundancy the full load must be able to be carried by the output of five modules. In such applications each set of remote sense wires must be separately connected to the battery or point of load. See Figure 8 for a simplified illustration of two rectifier shelves connected in parallel.

## 15.0 CONTROL & SUPERVISORY SIGNAL CONNECTIONS

- 15.1** Connections for control and supervisory signals are made at the shelf rear to connector J1, a standard 25-pin subminiature D connector (Positronics No. SD25F0S500X with FC7520D pins). The mating connector is Positronics SD25M0000Z with MC7520D pins.
- 15.2** The pin connections to J1 are shown in the table. Note that three of the pins (asterisked) are for connection to the fourth rectifier module in a 23-inch wide shelf.

**J1 SIGNAL CONNECTOR**

PIN	FUNCTION	PIN	FUNCTION
1	Remote Enable	14	AC Good-1
2	N.C.	15	DC Good-1
3	N.C.	16	AC Good-2
4	N.C.	17	DC Good-2
5	N.C.	18	AC Good-3
6	N.C.	19	DC Good-3
7	N.C.	20	AC Good-4*
8	N.C.	21	DC Good-4*
9	N.C.	22	Signal Common
10	Current Share	23	-Sense
11	+ Sense	24	Remote Adjust-1
12	Remote Adjust-2	25	Remote Adjust-3
13	Remote Adjust-4*		



Standard subminiature  
D Connector  
(Positronic  
SD25F0S500X  
with FC7520D pins)

\* These pins are used only on the 23-inch shelf. On the 19-inch shelf they are No Connection.

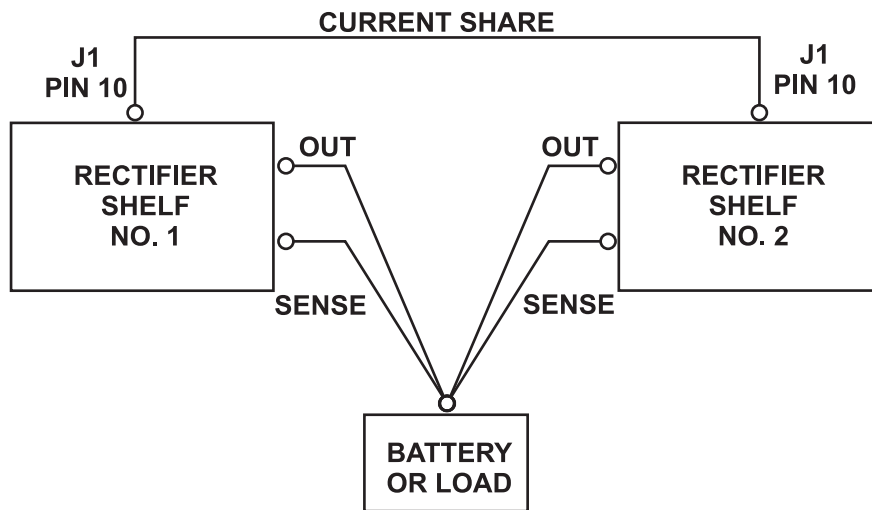


Figure 8. Parallel Connection of Meridian Shelves.

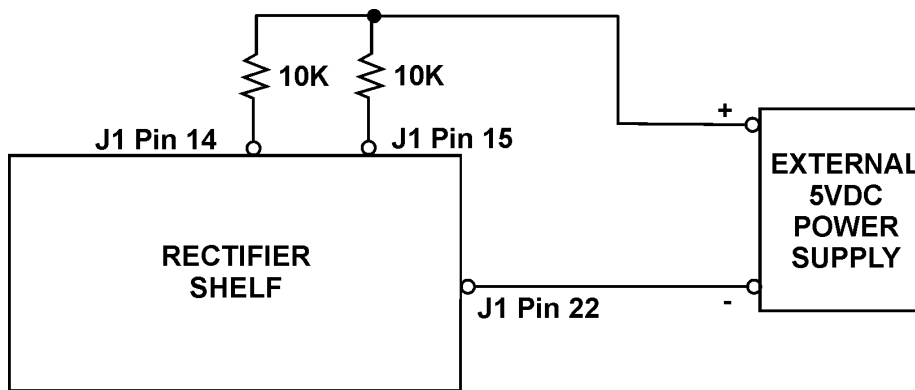


Figure 9. Checking AC Good and DC Good Outputs

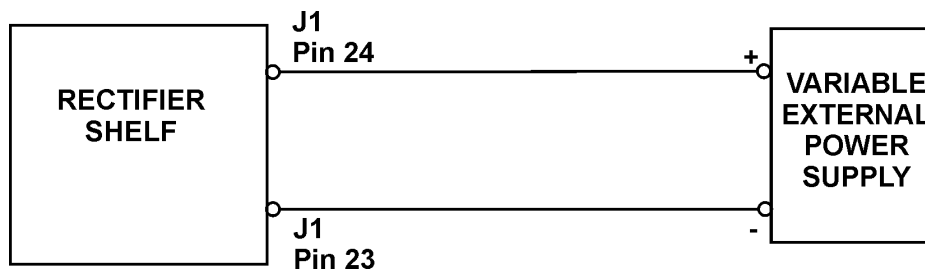


Figure 10. Checking Remote Adjust Input

## 16.0 DESCRIPTION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISORY SIGNALS

SIGNAL	PIN	DESCRIPTION
Remote Enable	1	A TTL LO (sinking 5mA) or short to Pin 22 enables (turns on) all rectifier modules in the shelf. This input is referenced to Signal Common, Pin 22.
Current Share	10	This is an analog control signal made up of the current share signals of all rectifier modules connected together. This pin is used to connect to Pin 10 of another identical rectifier shelf to share output currents. Output currents between shelves are shared within an accuracy of 10% of full load current over a 50% to 100% load range. This signal is referenced to -Sense, Pin 23.
+ Sense - Sense	11 23	These remote sense leads should be connected as a twisted pair to the respective + and - load points to provide regulation at the point of load. Removal of the sense leads transfers regulation control to the output terminals of the rectifier shelf via internal 10-ohm sense resistors.
Remote Adjust - 1 Remote Adjust - 2 Remote Adjust - 3 Remote Adjust - 4	24 12 25 13	These are analog voltage inputs to the designated rectifier modules by which the output voltage is adjusted. A zero to + 5V input represents approximately 45 to 58V output for a 48V rectifier module or 22.5 to 29V for a 24V module. This input should be driven from a source impedance less than 100 ohms and is referenced to -Sense, Pin 23.
AC Good - 1 AC Good - 2 AC Good - 3 AC Good - 4	14 16 18 20	A TTL LO (sinks 2mA) indicates the AC input is present and the PFC converter stage has output. A TTL HI, or open, indicates AC input or PFC converter failure. This signal is referenced to Signal Common, Pin 22.
DC Good - 1 DC Good - 2 DC Good - 3 DC Good - 4	15 17 19 21	A TTL LO (sinks 2mA) indicates that the unit is operating properly with output voltage in its controllable range. A TTL HI, or open, indicates the output is outside the 45-58V range for a 48V rectifier or outside the 22.5-29V range for a 24V rectifier, the unit has failed or is in current limit. This signal is referenced to Signal Common, Pin 22.
Signal Common	22	This is the reference common for the above logic signals.

## 17.0 INSTALLATION

- 17.1 Mounting.** The Meridian Series rectifier shelves are mounted in a rack by means of mounting brackets on each side of the shelves. One set of standard brackets is supplied with each shelf. There are seven different bracket positions on the side of the shelf, from front position to 6 inches from the front. When mounting, the shelf should first be securely mounted to the rack, then the rectifier modules inserted into the shelf. The rectifier modules should be secured by tightening the two captive panel screws on each module.
- 17.2 AC Input Connections.** The AC input connections to the rectifier shelf are shown in Figure 5(b). As shown, there are separate connections for each rectifier module on the eight-terminal strip. All connections must be AC three-wire with the safety ground wires going to the ground connection terminal at the bottom of the chassis. The connections are labeled by rectifier module number.
- 17.3 DC Output Connections.** The DC output connections are shown in Figure 5(a) and (c). The positive and negative output connections are made to the copper bus bars as shown. The upper left bar is positive and the lower right one negative. Each bus bar has four ¼ - inch holes. Connection to the bus bars should be made by means of four bolts with nuts. The output wires or bus bars should be sized in accordance with the load current and length of conductor. Table 17-1 shows minimum permissible copper wire sizes up to 50°C ambient temperature.
- 17.4 Contact Resistance.** Connection to the bus bars should be clean and tight to minimize contact resistance.
- 17.5 Control and Supervisory Signal Connections.** These connections are made to J1, a subminiature D 25-pin connector (Positronics No. SD25F0S5OOX) by means of the mating connector. Details for these connections are given in Section 15.

- 17.6 Cooling.** Each rectifier module is cooled by an 80 mm DC ball bearing fan. For proper cooling the area in front of the fan and around the air exits should be kept clear for unimpeded air flow.

**Table 17-1 Minimum Output Copper Wire Sizes**

SHELF NOM. VOLTAGE	NO. OF MODULES	MAX. OUTPUT CURRENT	MINIMUM WIRE SIZE	WIRE CIRCULAR MILS
48V	1	25	# 10 AWG	10,380
	2	50	# 8 AWG	16,510
	3	75	# 6 AWG	26,250
	4	100	# 4 AWG	41,740
24V	1	50	# 8 AWG	16,510
	2	100	# 4 AWG	41,740
	3	150	# 1/0 AWG	105,600
	4	200	# 2/0 AWG	133,100

## 18.0 MAINTENANCE

No routine maintenance is required on the Meridian Series except for periodic cleaning of dust and dirt around the fans and the ventilation holes. A small vacuum nozzle should be used for this.

## 19.0 RECTIFIER AND SHELF SETUP AND TESTING

- 19.1** The rectifier modules and shelf can be initially tested mounted in a rack or on a test bench. The rectifier system is initially tested one rectifier module at a time in the shelf.
- 19.2** Connect a three-wire AC power line to rectifier module no. 1 on the back of the shelf. Be sure to connect the AC safety ground wire to the shelf ground terminal. Do not plug the AC line into the 230VAC source yet.
- 19.3** Connect a resistive power load across the DC output terminals. This load can be a DC electronic load that is set to the resistive mode or a high-power resistor that has the proper power capacity and cooling. For this test the load should be between 10% and 50% of the full load rating of the rectifier. For RMH 48V rectifier (54.4V out), the resistor should be between 8.7 and 43.5 ohms; for the RMP 48V rectifier (54.4V out), the resistor should be between 4.4 and 21.8 ohms; for the RMP 24V rectifier (27.2V out), it should be between 1.1 and 5.4 ohms.

- 19.4** Connect a color-coded, twisted pair (no. 22 or 24 AWG) from the remote sense pins to the load. The +Sense lead (J1 Pin 11) **must go** to the positive side of the load and the - Sense lead (J1 Pin 23) must go to the negative side of the load. **Connect a wire from Remote Enable (J1 Pin 1) to Signal Common (Pin 22). This connection must be made for the module to operate.**
- 19.5** Insert one of the rectifier modules into slot 1 of the shelf (leftmost slot.) Plug the AC power line into a 230VAC source and measure the voltage across the load at the remote sense points with a digital voltmeter. The voltage should be approximately 54.4V for a 48V rectifier or 27.2V for a 24V rectifier. If a different output voltage is desired, it should be set by means of the voltage adjustment potentiometer on the front panel.
- 19.6** **Checking the Front Panel LEDs.** The AC Good and DC Good LEDs should both be green.
- 19.7** **Checking the Remote Enable Input.** Next, disconnect the Remote Enable wire going from J1 Pin 1 to Pin 22. The rectifier output should turn off, giving zero volts across the load. The DC Good LED should go off.
- 19.8** **Checking the AC Good and DC Good Outputs.** Connect the - lead of an external 5V power supply to Signal Common (J1 Pin 22). Connect one end of a 10K resistor to the + lead of the 5V supply and the other end to the AC Good output (J1 Pin 14). Connect one end of another 10K resistor to the + lead of the 5V supply and the other end to the DC Good output (J1 Pin 15). See Figure 10. Reconnect the Remote Enable wire. Measure the output voltage at both J1 Pins 14 and 15 with respect to Signal Common (Pin 22) with a digital voltmeter. Both voltages should be less than 0.5VDC, indicating a TTL LO.
- 19.9** **Checking the Remote Adjust Input.** Connect a variable external power supply as shown in Figure 10. With the output voltage set to zero, check the output voltage of the rectifier module with a digital voltmeter. For a 48V unit it should be approximately 45V and for a 24V unit it should be approximately 22.5V. Next, adjust the supply output to +5V and check the output voltage of the rectifier module. For a 48V unit it should be approximately 58V and for a 24V unit it should be approximately 29V. Unplug the external 5V supply and unplug the AC input to the rectifier shelf.



**19.10 Checking the Other Rectifier Modules.** Each rectifier module should be tested in the above manner to verify its operation. Go back to Section 19.5 and proceed through the tests one by one until all rectifier modules have been verified.

**19.11 Checking the Complete Rectifier Shelf.** Confirm that the output voltages of the individual rectifier modules are all accurately set to 54.4 or 27.2 volts (for 48V or 24V rectifier modules respectively) or to another required voltage. The voltages between modules should be set to within 50mV of each other for best performance of the current sharing circuitry. Insert all rectifier modules into the shelf. Connect a power load -- high-power resistor or electronic load in resistive mode -- in accordance with the table, to the output of the shelf. Connect the + and - Sense leads to + and - sides of the load, respectively, as in Section 19.4.

**Table 19-1 Rectifier Shelf Loads For Test, RMP Models**

SHELF	NO. RECT. MODULES	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	LOAD CURRENT	LOAD RESISTOR
19"	3	54.4	37.5-50A	1.10-1.45Ω
19"	3	27.2	75-100A	0.27-0.36Ω
23"	4	54.4	62.5-75A	0.73-0.87Ω
23"	4	27.2	125-150A	0.18-0.22Ω

**NOTE:** For RMH model, double the resistor values shown on lines 1 and 3 of the table.

Note that on the back of the shelf each rectifier module has its own AC power connection. For this test each rectifier should be connected to a separate 15A, 230VAC circuit. Plug the rectifier shelf into the AC power source.

Check the load voltage with a digital voltmeter. It should be very close to 54.4 or 27.2VDC, depending on the model tested. The AC Good and DC Good LEDs should both be green on each rectifier module.

**19.12** While the shelf is operating, pull Module no. 1 out while monitoring the output voltage with a digital voltmeter. It should remain the same. Insert the module back into the shelf. Repeat this for each of the other modules. This test determines that hot-swapping is functioning properly in the N+1 redundant mode.

**19.13** With all the modules inserted into the shelf, check the Enable input for the entire shelf. Disconnect the Remote Enable wire going from J1 Pin 1 to Pin 22. The shelf output should turn off and the output voltage should go to zero. Reconnect the Remote Enable wire. This completes the shelf setup and testing.

## 20.0 TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

**20.1** If you encounter difficulties in getting the rectifier modules or shelf to operate properly, go through the following troubleshooting guide.

### 20.2 Table 20-1. Ranger Rectifier Troubleshooting

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	ACTION TO TAKE
No output, AC Good and DC Good LEDs off.	No input power.	Check connection to AC source. Check AC source circuit breakers.
No output, DC Good LED off, AC Good LED on.	Remote Enable in OFF mode.	Make sure J1 Pin 1 (Remote Enable) is connected to Pin 22, Signal Common.
No output, DC Good LED off, AC Good LED on.	Shorted output.	Check for short and remove.
No output, DC Good LED off, AC Good LED on.	Overvoltage protection (OVP) has latched.	Reset output by cycling the AC input OFF for 20 seconds, and then back ON.
No output, DC Good LED off, AC Good LED on.	Overtemperature protection is activated on one or more rectifier modules.	Allow module to cool down for about 10 minutes. Check to see if the cooling fans are operating.
No output, DC Good LED off, AC Good LED on.	Output load is too great for the number of rectifier modules.	Reduce load to proper level.

**20.3** If none of the above actions solves the problem, call UNIPOWER Telecom 954-346-2442 Ext. 400 for help and try to resolve the problem over the telephone.