



APPLICATION NOTE

Testing Motorola P25 Phase 2
Radios Using Astronics
Communications System Analyzers

Scope

This application note is focused on testing the P25 Phase 2 digital capabilities of the radio. For additional information on analog and Phase 1 conventional mode testing, please refer to the appropriate app note. For information on our AutoTune option for the R8000, please reference the Operator's Manual and radio-specific User's Guide available on our website (www.freedomcte.com).

This procedure is to be performed after the radio has been aligned and tested in analog mode according to the procedures in the radio's service manual.

Motorola CPS and Tuner Software

Motorola provides a CD containing software programming facilities for the radio's channels and functions (CPS). The Tuner software is intended to provide adjustment and realignment of several of the radio's parameters, such as RX front end and RF Power.

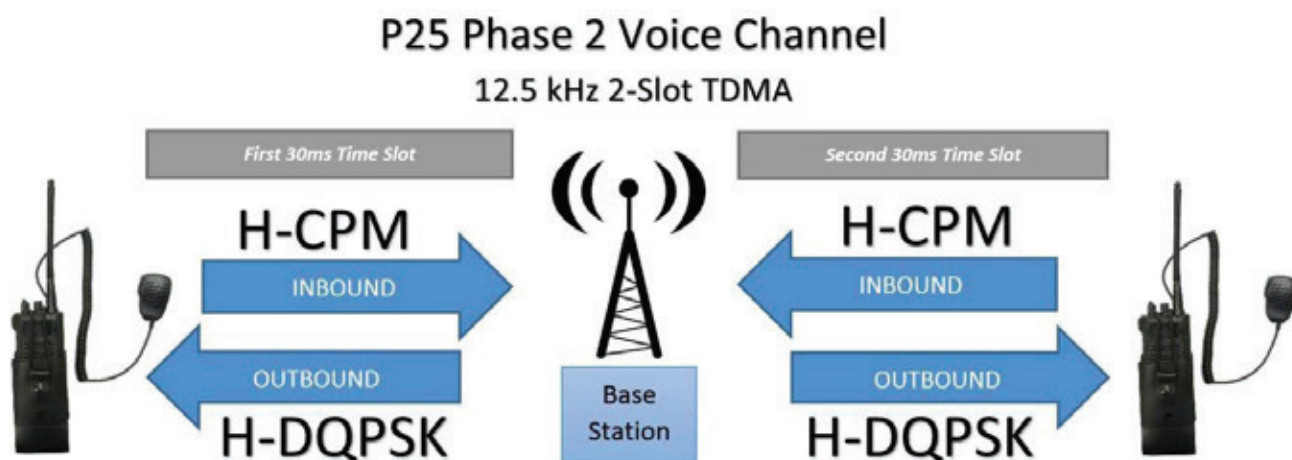
Radio Configuration

No custom channels are required to test the Phase 2 capabilities of the radio.

Note: All tests MUST BE conducted in test mode using Motorola's Tuner software.

Conducting P25 Phase 2 Tests with the R8000

It is important to note that Phase 2 makes use of two separate digital modulation schemes for uplink/downlink. For inbound transmissions, the portable/mobile radios transmit using H-CPM. For outbound transmissions, the base station transmits using H-DQPSK.



P25 Phase 2 voice channels are 12.5 kHz wide and contain two time slots. Each slot carries a separate channel of traffic. This means the portable/mobile radio is only transmitting 50% of the time.

Transmitter Tests

The following tests are performed to verify the Phase 2 functionality of the transmitter:

- Modulation Fidelity
- Symbol Deviation
- Bit Error Rate Calculation

RADIO SETUP

- Connect radio's Programming cable to USB on PC
- Setup Tuner Software
 - » Open APX Tuner software on PC
 - » **"Read Device"** > wait... > Record radio serial number
 - » **"Performance Testing"** > **"Transmitter Test Pattern"**
 - » **"Test Pattern Type"** > **"Phase 2 Digital – 1031 Hz Test Pattern"**
 - » **"TX Power"** > **"Low"**
 - » Record displayed Test Frequency

R8000 SETUP

- Connect Radio RF antenna connector to R8000 RF In/Out port
- Return Analyzer to factory default settings
 - » **"Test"**
 - » **"Presets"**
 - » **"Load Factory Configuration"**
- Set Test Mode to P25 Phase 2
 - » **"Test"** (if presets are shown, press ESC)
 - » **"Test Mode"** > **"More (1 of 2)"** > **"P25 II"**
 - » **"ESC"** to main screen
- Configure Display to Eye Diagram
 - » **"Display Zone"** or **"4"** shortcut key
 - » **"Select Display"** > **"Eye Diagram"** on horizontal soft key
 - » **"ESC"**
 - » METER Zone or **"7"** shortcut key
 - » **"Select Meter"** > **"Constellation"**
 - » **"ESC"**
- Configure Modulation Type and Test Pattern
 - » **"P25 II"** Zone or **"2"** shortcut key
 - » **"Modulation Type"**
 - » If testing portable/mobile: **"H-CPM"**; if testing base station: **"H-DQPSK"**
 - » **"Test Pattern"** > **"1031 Hz Tone"**
- Configure R8000 monitor frequency
 - » **"RF zone"** or **"1"** shortcut key
 - » **"Monitor Frequency"** > Enter Tuner test frequency > **"Enter"**

BEGIN TEST

- Verify RF cable present from Radio to R8000
- In Tuner, select **"PTT Toggle"** to key the radio
- If R8000 and Radio configured properly, Eye Diagram and Constellation Meter will update.
- In **"P25 II"** Zone, record readings:
 - » **"Mod Fidelity"** (standard limit < 5%)
 - » **"Symbol Deviation"** (standard limits 2995 Hz to 3310 Hz)
- Perform Bit Error Rate (BER) test
 - » **"P25 II"** zone
 - » **"BER Test"** > **"Start"**
 - » Record BER (standard limit < 0.01%)
 - » **"BER Test"** > **"Stop"**

Receiver Test

The following tests are performed to verify the Phase 2 functionality of the receiver:

- Digital Sensitivity (BER)

RADIO SETUP

- Setup Tuner Software
 - » **"Performance Testing"** > **"Bit Error Rate"**
 - » **"Test Pattern"** > **"Phase 2 Digital – 1031 Hz Test Pattern"**
 - » Record displayed Test Frequency

R8000 SETUP

- Configure Generate Mode
 - » **"Generate"**
- Configure Modulation Type and Test Pattern
 - » **"P25 II"** Zone or **"2"** shortcut key
 - » **"Modulation Type"**
 - » If testing portable/mobile: **"H-DQPSK"**; if testing base station: **"H-CPM"**
 - » **"Test Pattern"** > **"1031 Hz Tone"**
 - » **"Modulation Mode"** > **"Continuous"**
- Configure R8000 generate frequency
 - » **"RF zone"** or **"1"** shortcut key
 - » **"Generate Frequency"** > Enter Tuner test frequency > **"Enter"**
- Configure R8000 output level
 - » **"Output Level"** > **"-100 dBm"**

BEGIN TEST

- Verify RF cable present from Radio to R8000
- In Tuner, select **"Start/Stop"** to start reporting BER
- At -100 dBm, the BER should read **"0.0000%"**
- Decrease R8000 output power in 1dB increments until BER reads above 5%
- Increase R8000 output power in 0.1dB increments until the BER is below 5%
- Record output power as Digital Sensitivity of the radio. (Should be < -116 dBm)