

Highlights

- ➔ 140W Power Distribution Unit
- ➔ 3 service equipment power outputs
- ➔ 28V power input
- ➔ 28V and 12V power output
- ➔ 9+9 event driven and/or timeline-aligned high energy pulse outputs
- ➔ Double fault tolerant architecture
- ➔ Safe/Arm control design with continuity check by safe energy mode
- ➔ Fully solid state construction
- ➔ Direct connection to battery packs
- ➔ Battery charging without disconnection from PDSU
- ➔ Optoisolated control I/F
- ➔ Optoisolated diagnostics and monitoring connections
- ➔ 2xRS232 lines
- ➔ Compact and ruggedized rack
- ➔ Slot-in modular architecture
- ➔ Conduction cooled subsystem
- ➔ From sea level up to vacuum space functionality
- ➔ Deep-level diagnostics for all function and I/Fs
- ➔ ITAR free



Overview

The PDSU is a complete modular power distribution and separation control unit. It is developed to handle all the high power lines in an avionic installation: PDSU is the right way to connect a battery pack from one side and the power loads to the other.

The PDSU has 3 major function:

1. distribution of main battery power to 3 electronically controlled outputs;
2. perform event-driven, timeline-aligned high energy pulses to control pyrotechnics or other separation devices;
3. monitor all the internal functions to give information to an OBDH unit about power and separation status.

In the basic option of the PDSU a compact, ruggedized, 6 slots rack is populated with a Power Distribution Unit *PDU* board and two Separation Control Unit *SCU* boards.

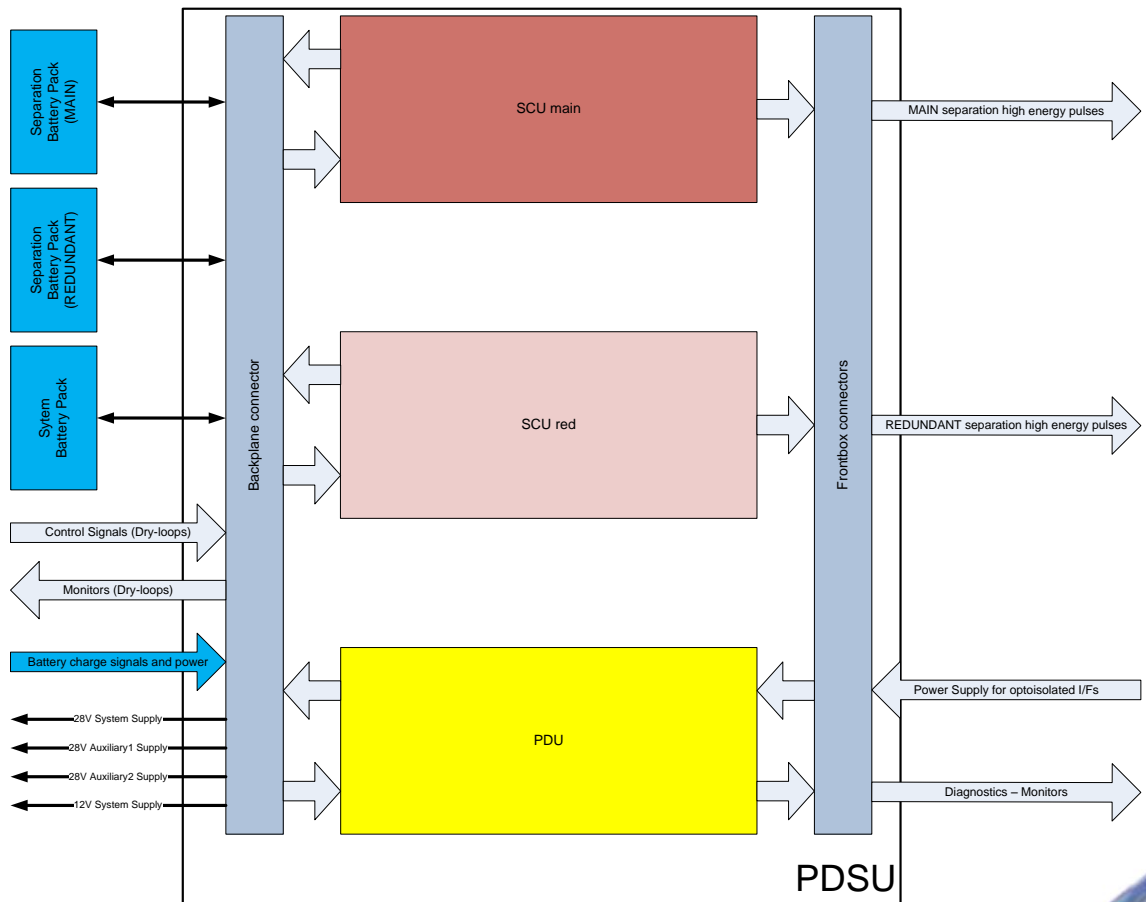
This small unit is able to handle up to 140W continuous power to service equipments and also up to 9+9 (main and redundant) pyrotechnics with 6J energy devices¹.

The PDSU is primarily controlled with dry-loop I/Fs and give major status information with output dry-loops too.

The diagnostic information is carried by two independent optoisolated RS232 lines: due to the safety critical operation of the PDSU the RS232 lines are used only in TX mode while the RX is inhibited².

Special Safe/Arm circuitry with double fault tolerance reaches the safety goal during integration, test and mission operation.

Typical PDSU application.

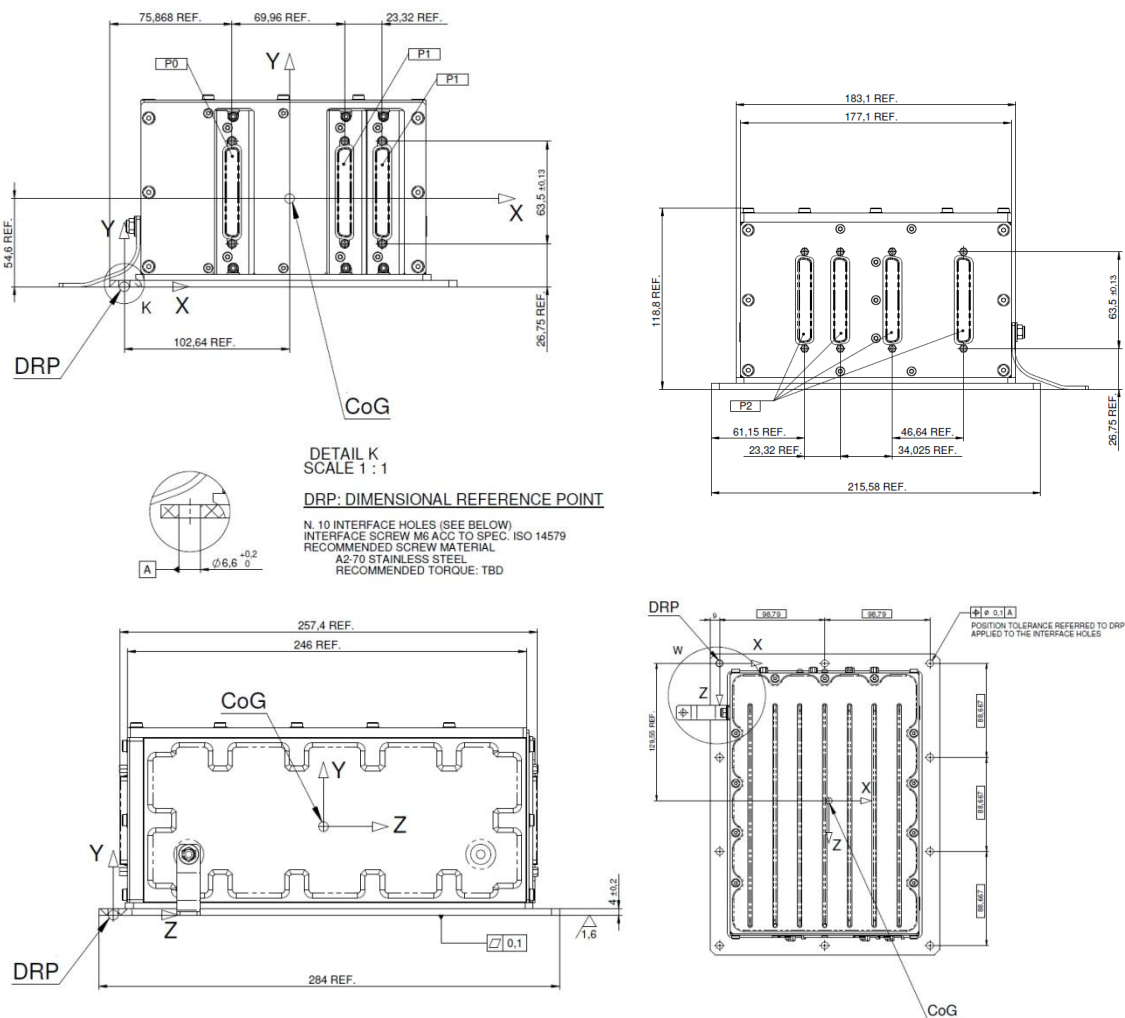


¹ 16 independent devices upon request

² Customizable FW could access to full-duplex RS232 line

Environmental specifications

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| Unit dimension | 284x215x119 mm |
| Board dimensions | standard single-size Eurocard |
| Backplane connectors..... | 4xMIL standard DIN 96pin |
| Frontbox connector | MIL standard 37pin SUBD connector |
| Thermal exchange | conduction cooled construction |
| Thermal range..... | Operative: -20÷+60°C |
| | Storage: -55÷+85°C |
| Max depressurization rate | 5kPa/s |
| Shock..... | 0.5ms 200g |
| Vibration..... | 15gRMS random profile 20Hz÷2KHz |
| Acoustic..... | 138dB OASPL 20Hz÷3KHz |
| Weight | 3.5Kg (Typ. with 2xSCU 1xPDU) |
| EMI/EMC..... | MIL-STD-461E RE-102 (10KHz to 18GHz) |
| | MIL-STD-461E RS-103 (10KHz to 480MHz, 35dBuV/m) |
| | MIL-STD-461E RS-103 (480MHz to 18GHz, 70dBuV/m) |

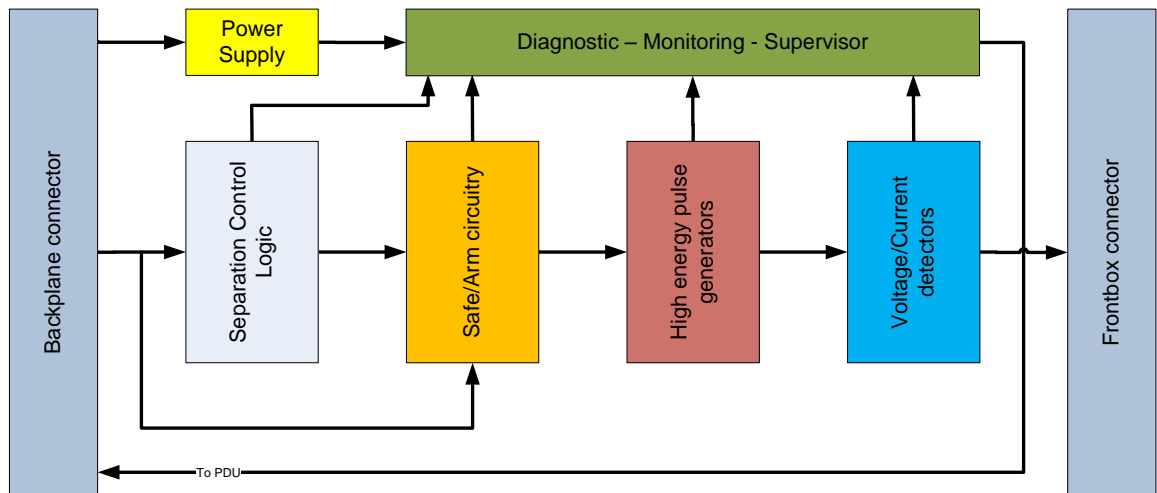


PSU drawings



Separation Control Unit

Simplified block scheme.



Electrical characteristics

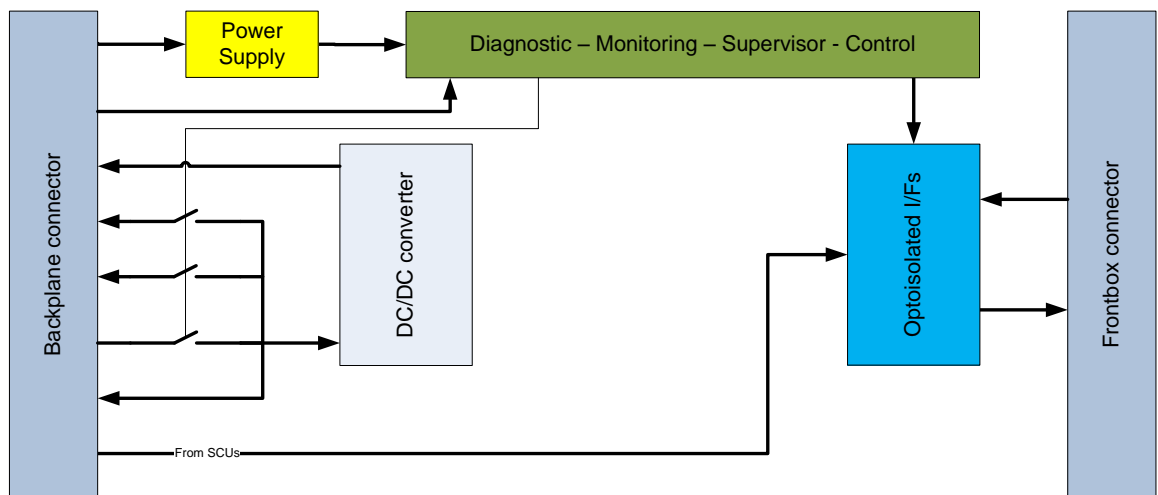
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| Total high energy pulse outputs | 9 (5 groups) |
| Number of outputs per group | group1, 4 outputs |
| | group2, 1 outputs |
| | group3, 1 outputs |
| | group4, 1 outputs |
| | group5, 2 outputs |
| Maximum energy | 6J (6V, 5A, 200ms pulse) |
| Nominal power input | 7.2V (6.0÷8.4V) |
| Maximum simultaneous current | 20A |
| Fault tolerance | double fault tolerant architecture |
| Timeline precision | <100ms |
| Maximum timeline duration | >5000s |
| Separation chain diagnostics | full chain test with safe no-separation current (<100mA) |
| Separation detection | voltage and threshold current |
| Enable signals I/F | optoisolated dry-loops |
| Direct monitor signals I/F | optoisolated dry-loops |
| High datarate diagnostics..... | to backplane RS232 |

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Power Distribution Unit

Simplified block scheme.



Electrical characteristics

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| Power input range..... | 24V÷34V, 5A max |
| Main supply output | 28V ³ typ, 3A max |
| Auxiliary1 output | 28V ⁴ typ, 1A max |
| Auxiliary2 output | 28V ⁴ typ, 1A max |
| 12V output..... | 12V, 2A max |
| Enable signals I/F | optoisolated dry-loops |
| Direct monitor signals I/F | optoisolated dry-loops |
| Status information | galvanic isolated TTL signals |
| High datarate diagnostics..... | 2xRS232 galvanic isolated I/F |
| Protection | short circuit, polarity inversion |

³ This is the nominal value, the output is non regulated and follow battery behaviour



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Options and customization

The PDSU could be modified upon request.

Some predefined modifications are:

- 8 totally independent high energy pulses outputs (16 with 2 SCUs)
- Timeline timings
- Safe/Arm and safety logic
- Different power input ranges for SCUs
- Bidirectional RS232 for serial control of SCUs
- Different power input ranges for PDU
- Different power output ranges for PDU
- Up to 6 boards in the rack (minimum 1 PDU and 2 SCUs)
- Customizable separation logic
- Other: please contact us

