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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AIB	Analogue (Adaptable) Interface Board
APD	Avalanche Photodiode
DIB	Data Interface Board
ECL	Emitter Coupled Logic
EIA	Electronic Industries Association
EIB	Ethernet Interface Board
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
FORJ	Fiber Optic Rotary Joint
FMB	Fiber (Optic) Multiplexer Board
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
LED	Light Emitting Diode
NTSC	National Television System Committee (Composite Video Standard)
PAL	Phase Alternation Line (Composite Video Standard)
РСВА	Printed Circuit Board Assembly
PIN	P-Intrinsic-N (Standard Photodiode)
RGB	Red-Green-Blue (Component Video)
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
SERDES	Serializer-Deserializer (N:1, 1:N Multiplexer IC)
SMT	Surface Mount Technology
TDM	Time Division Multiplexing
TTL	Transistor-Transistor Logic
VIB-RX	Video Interface Board (Console Module)
VIB-TX	Video Interface Board (Remote Module)
WDM	Wavelength Division Multiplexer
Y/C	Luminance/Chrominance (Component Video)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Model 903 diagnostics software is a powerful, user-friendly PC program that monitors the operation of the Model 903 multiplexer system through a serial connection to the DB-9 jack on the console fiber multiplexer board (FMB-VRX) module. Displayed parameters include the power supply voltages at both the remote and console modules, the temperature inside each module, and the status of the optical uplink and downlink between the modules. The diagnostics program also checks for the presence of sync pulses on the video channels — four on each video board — at both the console and remote ends of the system. All key parameters may be logged to file for later inspection and monitoring of long term performance.

2.0 INSTALLATION AND SET-UP

The Model 903 diagnostics program runs under Windows 95, 98, NT, or 2000 from the file *VDM_0406X.exe* for software part number 903-0406-00, where the *X* is the revision, e.g., *VDM_0406D.exe* for revision D. Two floppy disks are provided with setup software to properly configure the VDM program to run on the target system. Each multiplexer system is provided with an RS-232 serial cable with a nine pin male connector on one end, connected to the console module, and a nine pin female connector at the other end, connected to one of the PC serial ports.

To install the VDM Diagnostics Program on a PC, run the *setup.exe* program on the first 3.5" floppy disk and follow the on-screen instructions. These instructions ask for a target directory for the program files and a target directory for installing the LabWindows Run-Time Engine, if it is not already installed. Once the directories are specified, the setup program places the required files in the program folder. To remove the program, run the *uninst.exe* file.

The software can also be installed from a hard drive by copying the three files from the diskettes (setup.exe, VDM.001, and VDM.002) to a clean directory and running the setup.exe program.

A configuration file, *VDM.cfg*, stores the calibration and configuration data for the specific telemetry system. During installation, a default copy is placed in the same directory as the executable file. Configuration file backups are automatically created immediately following any change in calibration or configuration, but the files themselves are not overwritten until the program is closed. Configuration files may also be backed up by copying them to a different directory. If any of the cards (FMBs) with optical transmitters or receivers are changed, the corresponding configuration file must be updated by recalibrating the software per section 3.5.

2.1 System Requirements

The recommended system for operating the VDM diagnostics software is as follows:

- Pentium 166 MHz or faster with at least one available COM: port
- Windows 95 or higher, or Windows NT version 4.0 or higher
- Video resolution set for 800 x 600 or higher

3.0 USING VDM DIAGNOSTICS

3.1 Start Up

An initial ID pop-up panel displays the version number of the software as well as contact information for Focal Technologies, as shown in Figure 1 below. Clicking on the "Continue" button causes the ID pop-up panel to disappear and the main program to begin. An RS-232 serial cable must be connected between the console module and the PC with both the console and remote modules powered.

When the main program begins, a master display screen opens corresponding to the diagnostics data streams from the remote and console modules. The following sections describe the displays and controls of the master display and associated pop-up windows.

X
VDM
Model 903 Diagnostics Software
(Version #903-0406-00D)
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Figure 1 - ID Pop-up Panel

3.2 Confirming Optical Links

The initial screen format is as shown in Figure 2. Most of the screen is broken into two halves, the left half readings corresponding to the remote module and the right half readings corresponding to the console module. A strip chart display of optical insertion loss applies to the entire system and thus spans both halves of the screen.

If the remote and console units are connected properly and are both powered up, the following controls and indicators should appear on the console and remote halves of the screen to indicate that the FMB uplink and downlink are functioning.

Remote Module:

- The Downlink RX Ready LED should be green.
- The Downlink RX Errors LED should be off and the display box should read 0.
- The remote Temperature reading should be between 0°C and +60°C.
- The LED to the right of the "Voltage Levels On/Off" button should be green.
- The LED to the right of the "Video Syncs On/Off" button should be green.
- The data activity LED in the upper right hand corner of the remote half screen should be flashing green, indicating diagnostics data transmission between the remote and console modules.
- Downlink RX Power and Uplink TX Power should be within specifications.

If there are no diagnostics readings received by the console module from the remote module, the remote side of the screen will be greyed out.

Console Module:

- The Uplink RX Ready LED should be green.
- The Uplink RX Errors LED should be off and the display box should read 0.
- The console Temperature reading should be between 0°C and +60°C.
- The LED to the right of the "Voltage Levels On/Off" button should be green.
- The LED to the right of the "Video Syncs On/Off" button should be green.
- The data activity LED in the upper left hand corner of the console half-screen should be flashing green, indicating presence of diagnostics data between the console module and PC.
- Uplink RX Power and Downlink TX Power should be within specifications.

If there are no diagnostics readings received by the PC from the console FMB, the data activity LED will be off.

3.3 Screen Description

The main program window is divided into separate halves for the remote (left side) and console (right side) modules, as shown below in Figure 2.

🚰 Focal Technologies Corp. Model 903 🛛 Transmitter / Receiver Diagnostics Program 📃 🗖 🗙						
<u>File Com S</u> etup <u>P</u> references						
Remote Module	Console Module					
Downlink RX (1550 nm) Ready	Uplink RX (1310 nm) Ready (131					
Downlink RX (1550 nm) Errors 0 0 60.0 40.0	Uplink RX (1310 nm) Errors 0 0 50.0 40.0					
30.0 = 20.0 = 20	30.0 20.0 (1550 nm) Power -8.20 dBm 10.0					
Uplink TX (1310 nm) Power -0.99 dBm -10.0	Uplink RX (1310 nm) Power -19.81 dBm -10.0					
Downlink Loss 19.08 dB Log File: c:\test1.	Downlink Loss 19.08 dB Log File: c:\test1.txt Time Elapsed: 0:01:31					
30.0-						
22.0-	Scale					
14.0-						
Time (sec)						
Voltage Levels On	Voltage Levels On					
Video Syncs On 🥥	Video Syncs On					

Figure 2 - Initial Display Screen

3.3.1 Remote Module

Temperature:

Temperature of the remote FMB-VTX card is monitored with a small IC sensor located near the high speed multiplexing ICs. The temperature reading for the remote FMB is displayed in a numerical output box and a graphical thermometer as degrees Celsius. The color of the thermometer is blue for temperatures below +5°C, green for temperatures between +5°C and +45°C, yellow for temperatures between +45°C and +50°C, and red for temperatures greater than +50°C. Typical accuracy is better than +/- 3.0°C. FMB modules are normally rated to +60°C ambient with on-board temperatures typically 10 to15°C higher than ambient. A red thermometer indicates the unit is running at the hot end of the scale, not necessarily in a failing or dangerous mode. Module cooling and air flow should be investigated and possibly corrected for diagnostics temperature readings that are consistently above +70°C.

Link Parameters:

- The Downlink RX Ready LED turns green to indicate that the optical FMB downlink is synchronized and that valid data frames are being received. This LED turns red if synchronization is lost.
- The Downlink RX Errors LED turns red when a frame of FMB downlink data was received which did not conform to proper frame encoding. The number of errors displayed is incremented by one or two for each half-second period in which one or more bad frames of data were received. This LED is clear when there are no frame errors.
- The Uplink TX Power is given in dBm and is calibrated to indicate the FMB uplink laser power present at the FMB-VTX front panel fiber bushing of the remote module. Calibration is accessible via the Setup pull-down menu. The uplink wavelength is typically 1310 nm.
- The FMB Downlink RX Power is given in dBm and is calibrated to indicate the FMB downlink laser power present at the FMB-VTX front panel fiber bushing of the remote module. Calibration is accessible via the Setup pull-down menu.

Voltage Levels:

- As long as the remote primary rail voltages are within 10% of their nominal values, the LED next to the "Voltage Levels On" button will be green. While any one of the rail voltages differs more than 10% from its nominal value, the LED turns red. Measured voltages are accurate to within +/-0.1 V.
- Pressing the "Voltage Levels On" command button produces a pop-up window as shown in Figure 3 with the measurements of the remote unit primary power supply voltages: +5V, -5V, +12V, and -12V. While the pop-up window is open, the "Voltage Levels On" button name changes to "Voltage Levels Off". Pressing the button again removes the power supply voltages pop-up window and restores the name of the button to "Voltage Levels On".

Remote	Voltages
+5V Supply	+ 12 V Supply
4.88 V	11.93 V
- 5 V Supply	- 12 V Supply
-5.04 V	-12.11 V
1-0.04	<u></u>

Figure 3 - *Remote Voltage Rails Pop-Up Window*

Video Sync Parameters:

- The diagnostics software monitors the remote video board channels for sync pulses, indicating the presence of composite video signals. If a video signal on any channel loses sync for the duration of a sampling interval (default 1 second), the LED next to the "Video Syncs On" button will turn red. Otherwise, the LED should remain green.
- Pressing the "Video Syncs On" button produces a pop-up window, as shown in Figure 4, listing the sync status on all 8 video channels and the number of syncs lost on each channel. The "Loss of Sync" counter for each channel is reset when the "START" button (top right portion of the diagnostics window) is pressed. The sync pulse check occurs for only 100 μs per channel per half-second sampling interval, and therefore it is possible that brief synchronization losses (less than 0.5 sec) associated with intermittent video signals will not be detected. The name of the "Video Syncs On" button changes to "Video Syncs Off" when the video syncs pop-up window is displayed. Pressing the button again restores its name to "Video Syncs On" and removes the pop-up window.



Figure 4 - Remote Video Syncs Pop-Up Window

3.3.2 Console Module

• Temperature of the console FMB-VRX card is monitored with a small IC sensor located near the high speed multiplexing ICs. The temperature reading for the console FMB is displayed as per the remote FMB with a numerical output box and a graphical thermometer in degrees Celsius. (See section 3.3.1.)

Link Parameters:

- The Uplink RX Ready LED turns green to indicate that the optical FMB uplink is synchronized and that valid data frames are being received. This LED turns red if synchronization is lost.
- The Uplink RX Errors LED turns red when a frame of FMB uplink data was received which did not conform to proper frame encoding. The number of errors displayed is incremented by one or two for each half-second period in which one or more bad frames of data were received. This LED is clear when there are no frame errors.
- The Downlink TX Power is given in dBm and is calibrated to indicate the FMB downlink laser power present at the FMB-VRX front panel fiber bushing of the console module. Calibration is accessible via the Setup pull-down menu.
- The Uplink RX Power is given in dBm and is calibrated to indicate the FMB uplink laser power present at the FMB-VRX front panel fiber bushing of the console module. Calibration is accessible via the Setup pull-down menu.

Voltage Levels:

- As per the remote module, but for the console primary rail voltages. The LED will be green as long as the rails are within 10% of their nominal values.
- Pressing the "Voltage Levels On" command button produces a pop-up window as shown in Figure 5 with the measurements of the console unit primary power supply voltages: +5V, +12V, and -12V. While the pop-up window is open, the "Voltage Levels On" button name changes to "Voltage Levels Off". Pressing the button again removes the power supply voltages pop-up window and restores the name of the button to "Voltage Levels On".



Figure 5 - Console Voltage Rails Pop-Up Window

Video Sync Parameters:

• Sync pulses on the console video board channels are monitored in the same manner as for the remote video boards. Operation of the console video sync button and indicators are identical to those described above for the remote unit.

3.4 Downlink Loss Display

- Insertion loss between the front panel bushings of the remote and console modules is displayed in the middle of the screen. The link monitored may be selected with the up/down arrows from Downlink (1550 nm), Uplink (1310 nm), or Average of Uplink and Downlink. Insertion loss is calculated as the FMB front panel transmit power at one end minus the FMB front panel receive power at the opposite end of the system. Insertion loss includes the loss of all external optical components, such as fiber cable, FORJs, and connectors. It does not include losses from internal connectors, WDMs, splitters, fiber switches, or other integrated optical components, hence the full optical power budget is available to the external cable system. Measured loss readings for a calibrated FMB are typically within +/- 1.0 dB when in the operational range of the system.
- Pressing the "Scale Chart" button produces pop-up windows for changing the minimum and maximum loss (dB) of the vertical axis. The horizontal axis is fixed at 100 sample periods, the default period being one second as configured in the Log Preferences window.
- If the diagnostics program is currently logging to a file, the file's name appears above the strip chart. Another reading at the right corner of the chart indicates elapsed time since the program was last started with valid data received from the console module. Pressing the "START" button resets the elapsed time.

3.5 Menus and Options

Pull-down menus are available from the main menu bar for functions under the headings of File, Com, Setup, and Preferences.

File

<u>Open Log File:</u> Displays a pop-up panel, shown below, which prompts entry of the name of a text log file for storing monitoring data. A file is then opened under the selected name and data is recorded into the log file in a text format as described in section 4.0. Only those parameters selected from the Log Preferences window, under the Preferences pull-down, are stored. For more information on setting up the format of a log file, see the Choose Log Preferences menu item below.

Select Log Fi	e						?	X
Directory <u>H</u> istory:	C:\VDM							-
Look jn:	🔁 Vdm			•	E	C		
uninst.dll uninst.dll uninst.lm UDM.cfg VDM_040) 16D.exe !4x768.uir	📓 VDM_640x 📓 VDM_800x	480.uir 600.uir					
File <u>n</u> ame: Files of <u>type</u> :	×.× All Files (×.×)			•		<u>D</u> K Cancel]

Figure 6 - Log File Selection Window

<u>Playback Log File:</u> Displays a pop-up panel, shown below, which prompts entry of the name of a previously recorded text log file. Once selected, the data in the file is replayed as if it were live data with the same main screen display as shown in Figure 2. Data missing from the recorded file, as set in the Log Preferences window, will not be displayed. An additional small window appearing during replay acts like a tape recorder control, indicated in Figure 8 below.

Select a LOG	File				? ×
Directory <u>H</u> istory:	C:\VDM				•
Look jn:	🔁 Vdm		•		
File name:	*.log			Load	
Files of type:	*.log		•	Cance	

Figure 7 - Playback File Selection Window

An additional small window, below, appears during replay, acting like a tape recorder control. The square button stops/pauses the file replay. The right arrow button plays the data. The double arrow buttons are fast forward and rewind controls. Using a mouse, the time marker may be dragged to the desired location in the file. Start and stop times in minutes are shown at the ends of the time.

🞇 r:\Model903\Job Documents\61000 🗙				
	0	Time (min)	100.00	
0.5	0	rime (min)	100.00	
	<<		>>	

Figure 8 - Playback Control Window

<u>Close Log File:</u> Closes the log file if one was previously opened.

<u>Exit:</u> Exits the program. Any open log file is automatically closed. Clicking on the close window button of the display window also exits the program for both telemetry systems.

Com

<u>Choose COM Ports</u>: Displays a dialog panel, as shown in Figure 6, which allows configuration of COM ports (1-32) for receiving data from the console FMB. All input COM ports are fixed at 9600 baud. An output COM port (1-32) and baud rate may also be set for copying the input data out to another PC if "Log to COM Port" is enabled.

🞇 Choose Which COM Ports to Use 🛛 🗖 🗙					
Input COM Port					
🗘 🚺 🛛 (Baud Ra	ate Fixed at 9600 Baud)				
Output COM Port	Output Baud Rate				
2	\$ 9600				
<u>o</u> k	Cancel				

Figure 9 - COM Port Select Window

<u>Log To COM Port:</u> Selecting this option copies the incoming raw data streams to another COM port, selected above, in the same ASCII format as logged data described in section 4.0.

Setup

Selecting any of the calibration options first triggers a window that warns the configuration file will be modified and asks for verification to continue. If confirmed, a calibration window appears with the currently measured optical power for the given transmitter or receiver. All powers are measured at the actual laser (back facet monitor) or receiver (photocurrent) but referenced to the power measured at the front panels of the FMB cards, where calibration measurements are typically made. Thus a laser with +6 dBm at its pigtail but +3 dBm at the FMB front panel should display as +3 dBm in the diagnostics software.

The current optical power reading may be corrected by entering the actual power measured with an optical power meter calibrated at the wavelength of interest. (Ensure only one wavelength is present during the measurement.) For a laser transmitter calibration, enter the actual measured transmitted power in the lower numeric box labeled "Enter Actual Power," shown in Figure 10.

💐 Transmitter Calibration	- 🗆 🗵
Tx Measured Power: -1.00	dBm
Enter Actual Power: 😂 1.50	dBm
<u>0</u> K <u>C</u> a	ncel

Figure 10 - Transmitter Calibration Window

For a receiver, two calibration points are required. The first calibration point window is as shown in Figure 11 A second calibration with an insertion loss at least 10-15 dB different than the first point is required, as indicated in Figure 12.

💐 1st Receiver Calibration Point 💶 🗙
Rx Measured Power: -26.91 dBm
Enter Actual Power: 27.50 dBm
<u>Q</u> K <u>C</u> ancel

Figure 11 - Receiver Calibration Window (1st Point)

The software uses a linear curve fit between the two calibration points. If one of the points is at too low a receive power level, the accuracy of the calibration may be poor over the full range or erratic fluctuations in optical power may appear.

💐 2nd Receiver Calibration Point 💶 🗙
Rx Measured Power: -14.15 dBm
Enter Actual Power: 🖨 14.30 dBm
QK Cancel

Figure 12 - Receiver Calibration Window (2nd Point)

<u>Calibrate Downlink Receiver:</u> A dialog window displays the currently measured FMB downlink receiver power at the front panel bushing of the remote FMB.

<u>Calibrate Downlink Transmitter:</u> A dialog window displays the currently measured FMB downlink transmitter power at the front panel bushing of the console FMB.

<u>Calibrate Uplink Receiver:</u> A dialog window displays the currently measured FMB uplink receiver power at the front panel bushing of the console FMB.

<u>Calibrate Uplink Transmitter:</u> A dialog window displays the currently measured FMB uplink transmitter power at the front panel bushing of the remote FMB.

<u>Fiber Select:</u> On units provided with automatic fiber switching, selecting this option generates a pop-up window, shown below, with two buttons for the two corresponding fibers, #1 and #2. (The window may be minimized when not in use.) If the console FMB is configured for manual switching, the two buttons will be greyed out and "MANUAL" will appear in the pop-up window. In this mode, the software cannot be used to control the switching.

If the console module FMB is configured for automatic switching, the button corresponding to the active fiber will be green. To force the switch to the other fiber, click on the other button with the mouse. This feature is primarily intended to allow periodic checking of the loss on both fibers — it does not disable the automatic switching algorithm in the FMB microcontroller. Customer software may be used to control the switching by sending an ASCII lowercase 's' with 9600-N-8-1 protocol. Such software may use a switching algorithm based on different conditions than the FMB microcontroller, such as received uplink power level.

🚆 Fibre Selection	- - ×
FIBRE #1	FIBRE #2
0	\odot
AUTO MODE	- Click on LED to select
	Close

Figure 13 - Fiber Selection Window

Preferences

<u>Choose Log Preferences:</u> Displays a dialog window, as shown in Figure 14, to select which parameters will be saved to the log file previously selected using the File menu. The dialog window includes options to include or exclude video sync information in the log file (by default video sync information is not included), whether or not to include a simple one-line message header at the top of the file (by default this is not included), whether to use space (default) or comma separated values, and the sampling rate in samples per minute, where the default is 60, but can be set between 0.1 and 60.

Choose Log Preferences								
Remote Module	Console Module							
+5 V Supply Downlink RX Power	+5 V Supply Temperature Save Save +12 V Supply Downlink TX Power							
+12 V Supply Link Errors Save Save	-12 V Supply Link Errors Save Save Downlink TX Current Downlink RX Power							
Uplink TX Power								
Include Video Syncs Include Video Syncs	Delimiting Samples per Minute							
Include Message in Header Macsaga Line	Include Fibre Number							
<u><u> </u></u>	Cancel							

Figure 14 - Log Preferences Window

Selecting "No Save" for unused parameters will reduce the size of log files.

Clicking on the Video Syncs button triggers two pop-up windows, one for the remote and one for the console, to set which video channels are active. By default, all video channels are assumed to be active. If a video channel is not used, it should be disabled here to avoid false triggering of loss of sync indicators.

CI	hoose Video Cl	annels 💶 🗙	📇 Cho	oose Video C	hannels 💶 🗆 🗙
	Remote	Module		Console	Module
	Video Board #1	Video Board #2		Video Board #1	Video Board #2
	Ch. 1	Ch. 1		Ch. 1	Ch. 1
	🛢 On	🛢 On		O n	🛢 On
	Ch. 2	Ch. 2		Ch. 2	Ch. 2
	🛢 On	🛢 On		🛢 On	🛢 On
	Ch. 3	Ch. 3		Ch. 3	Ch. 3
	🛢 On	🛢 On		🛢 On	🛢 On
	Ch. 4	Ch. 4		Ch. 4	Ch. 4
	🛢 On	🛢 On		🛢 On	🛢 On
	<u>Q</u> K	Cancel		<u>o</u> k	Cancel

Figure 15 - Video Enable Windows

4.0 RAW DATA FORMAT

All diagnostics data is transmitted in ASCII format from the console FMB. Each reading is separated by a comma and the full set of readings is terminated by a carriage return (ASCII code 13) followed by a line feed (ASCII code 10). Output sample rate is fixed at 2 Hz, though software may choose to subsample the readings. Details on the diagnostic port hardware are given in the console FMB section of the user guide. This section describes the format of the data for firmware part number 903-1023-00.

The format for the RS-232 connection is as follows:

Baud rate9600ParitynoneNumber of data bits8Number of stop bits1

The majority of the data is from the 12-bit ADC's used in the Model 903. For these data items, the valid range is '0000' to '4095'. An invalid reading is indicated by '5555'. The voltage reading is calculated as follows:

$$V = \frac{DDDD \times 5}{4095}$$

where DDDD is the decimal value of the ASCII data.

When first powered on, the diagnostics port outputs the following header string:

CLPow,CLCur,C5V,C12V,Cneg12V,CTemp,CAlrm,CLckd,CLnkRdy,CErrRx, CVidSync,RPowHG,RPowLG,R5V,Rneg5V,R12V,Rneg12V,RTemp,RTxPow, RAlrm,RLckd,RLnkRdy,RErrRx,RVidSync<CR><LF>

This header information is provided to give information on the data values in each field of the comma separated value (CSV) string. The actual data transmitted has the following sequence, where each reading is either a 4 digit integer (0-4095) or a single flag character (0 or 1):

CLPow,CLCur,C5V,C12V,Cneg12V,CTemp,CAlrm,CLckd,CLnkRdy,CErrRx, CVidSync,RPowHG,RTxPow,R5V,Rneg5V,R12V,Rneg12V,RTemp,RAlrm, RLckd,RLnkRdy,RErrRx,RVidSync<CR><LF>

Including commas and the carriage return/linefeed combination, the total length of the ASCII block is 92 bytes. If there is no remote data present, the values for the remote data are filled with 9999 (see below). This increases the block size to 102 bytes since RAIrm, RLckd, and RLnkRdy are normally only one ASCII character in length.

Item	Description	Valid Range	Configuration File Label	Units
CLPow	Console transmit power	0000 - 4095	console_power	mW
CLCur	Console transmit current	0000 – 4095	console_current	mA
C5V	Console 5 V rail	0000 - 4095	console_Voltage_5V	V
C12V	Console 12 V rail	0000 - 4095	console_Voltage_12V	V
Cneg12V	Console –12 V rail	0000 – 4095	console_Voltage_neg12V	V
CTemp	Console temperature	0000 - 4095	console_Temp	∘C
CAlrm	Reserved	0 or 1	NA	
CLckd	Console SERDES locked indicator	0 or 1	NA	
CLnkRdy	Console SERDES link ready indicator	0 or 1	NA	
CErrRx	Console SERDES error indicator	0 or 1	NA	
CVidSync	Console video sync indicator	0000 - 0867	NA	
RPowHG	Remote receive power	0000 - 4095	remote_output_hi	mW
RTxPow	Remote transmit power	0000 - 4095	remote_txpower	mW
R5V	Remote 5 V rail	0000 – 4095	remote_Voltage_5V	V
Rneg5V	Remote –5 V rail	0000 - 4095	remote_Voltage_neg5V	V
R12V	Remote 12 V rail	0000 - 4095	remote_Voltage_12V	V
Rneg12V	Remote –12 V rail	0000 - 4095	remote_Voltage_neg12V	V
RTemp	Remote temperature	0000 - 4095	remote_Temp	∘C
RAIrm	Reserved	0 or 1	NA	
RLckd	Remote SERDES locked indicator	0 or 1	NA	
RLnkRdy	Remote SERDES link ready indicator	0 or 1	NA	
RErrRx	Remote SERDES error indicator	0 or 1	NA	
RVidSync	Remote video sync indicator	0000 - 0255	NA	

Output format for the various readings are given in the table below:

The configuration file labels are provided to help locate the gain and offset coefficients used to convert the raw data. For example, to calculate the power output of the console laser transmitter, the following equation would be used:

Console Transmit Power = DDDD * console_power_gain + console_power_offset (mW)

Interpretation of Readings

Transmit Power - average power output of the laser. Measured using the back facet monitor photodiode current. This value should remain constant as the laser driver circuit utilizes automatic power control (APC) to keep the laser output at a constant level.

Transmit Current - average drive current for the laser. This value may change over time or with temperature as the APC circuit tries to maintain a constant power output.

Receive Power - average receive power level. This is an output from the receiver module itself and uses the assumption that the input signal has a 50% duty cycle. This is approximately true for SERDES chips that use optically compatible encoding methods, as is the case with the Model 903.

After an initial header with date and time, a row of column headers is written with the following items:

- 1. Transmitting optical power of console 1550 nm transmitter
- 2. Laser Current of console 1550 nm transmitter
- 3. +5V console supply voltage level
- 4. +12V console supply voltage level
- 5. -12V console supply voltage level
- 6. Console temperature
- 7. Console 1310 nm receiver alarm (1 alarm inactive, 0 alarm active)
- 8. Console 1550 nm transmitter locked (1 TX locked, 0 TX not locked)

9. Console Link Ready (1 - Link is OK at console end, 0 - Link is not established at console end) 10. Console Receiver Error (1 - at least one RX error occurred during sampling interval, 0 - no errors recorded during sampling interval)

- 11. Console video sync-info 2-byte word, CVS:
 - CVS.0 VIB-RX Slot 1, Channel 4 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.1 VIB-RX Slot 1, Channel 3 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.2 VIB-RX Slot 1, Channel 2 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.3 VIB-RX Slot 1, Channel 1 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.4 VIB-RX Slot 2, Channel 4 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync) CVS.5 - VIB-RX Slot 2, Channel 3 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.6 VIB-RX Slot 2, Channel 2 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.7 VIB-RX Slot 2, Channel 1 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)
 - CVS.8 Fiber Status bit 0
 - CVS.9 Fiber Status bit 0
 - If Fiber Status = '00' Model 903 fiber is switched in 'Manual Mode'.
 - If Fiber Status = '01' Model 903 fiber is switched in 'Autosense Mode' and is presently on channel 1.
 - If Fiber Status = '10' Model 903 fiber is switched in 'Autosense Mode' and is presently on channel 2.
 - CVS 10-15 Not Used
- 12. Remote 1550 nm receiver output power
- 13. Remote 1310 nm transmitter output power
- 14. +5V remote supply voltage level
- 15. -5V remote supply voltage level
- 16. +12V remote supply voltage level
- 17. -12V remote supply voltage level
- 18. Remote temperature
- 19. Remote 1310 nm transmitter alarm (1 alarm inactive, 0 alarm active)
- 20. Remote 1310 nm transmitter locked (1 TX locked, 0 TX not locked)
- 21. Remote Link Ready (1 Link is OK at remote end, 0 Link is not established at remote end)
- 22. Remote Receiver Error (1 at least one RX error occurred during sampling interval, 0 no errors recorded during sampling interval)
- 23. Remote video sync-info byte, RVS :
 - RVS.0 VIB-TX Slot 1, Channel 4 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync) RVS.1 - VIB-TX Slot 1, Channel 3 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync) RVS.2 - VIB-TX Slot 1, Channel 2 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync) RVS.3 - VIB-TX Slot 1, Channel 1 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync) RVS.4 - VIB-TX Slot 2, Channel 4 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync) RVS.5 - VIB-TX Slot 2, Channel 3 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync) RVS.6 - VIB-TX Slot 2, Channel 2 Sync (1 - Sync, 0 - Loss of Sync)
 - RVS.7 VIB-TX Slot 2, Channel 1 Sync (1 Sync, 0 Loss of Sync)

24. Receiving optical power of console 1310 nm receiver. (Note: If the remote unit is not responding, this value is output immediately following the CVS 2-byte word.)

5.0 LOGGED DATA FORMAT

The log file format consists of columns of data as selected in the Log Preferences windows, and is stored in space or comma-delimited ASCII strings. The VDM software outputs the data in engineering units based on the calibration information contained in the VDM configuration files. Only data readings selected in the Log Preferences window will be included in the log file. Rows of readings are stored at the time interval set in the Log Preferences window.

A typical output file is shown below, where optical powers are given in dBm, voltages in volts, and temperatures in degrees Celsius.

Time:	09:37:57
THILE.	09.37.37

Data:	03-06-2001
Date:	03-06-2001

Con_TXPow	Con_RXPow	Con_+5V	Con_+12V	Con12V	Con_Tmp	Con_Lnk_Err	Rem_RXPow	Rem_TXPow	Rem_+5V	Rem5V	Rem_+12V	Rem12V	Rem_Tmp	Rem_Lnk_Err	Link_Loss	Time_Elapsed_(min)
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.35	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.35	0	21.02	0.92
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.21	0.93
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.21	0.95
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.02	0.97
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.21	0.98
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.21	1.00
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.02
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	55.87	0	21.02	1.03
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.05
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	55.87	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.07
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.08
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.10
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.12
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.13
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.15
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.17
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.18
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.20
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.22
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.23
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.25
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.27
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.28
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.30
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.32
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.28	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.02	1.33
-7.26	-21.49	4.96	12.04	-11.86	56.13	0	-28.46	-4.33	4.93	-4.99	12.17	-12.00	56.13	0	21.21	1.35