Technical Data



May 1996

Digital HF Receiver WJ-8711A



The WJ-8711A is a fully synthesized, general-purpose HF receiver for surveillance and monitoring of RF communications from 5 kHz to 30 MHz with 1-Hz tuning resolution. By combining analog and digital signal processing (DSP), the WJ-8711A achieves high performance at low cost.

Functions such as noise blanking, IF filtering, AGC, demodulation, Beat Frequency Oscillator (BFO) and passband tuning are accomplished through the use of DSP techniques. Filters with superior amplitude and group delay characteristics are achieved with digital stability and repeatability. Standard selectable IF bandwidths (66 in all) are shown in Table 1. Available detection modes are AM, SAM, FM, CW, USB, LSB and ISB. A tunable BFO is adjustable in 10-Hz steps over a +8000 Hz range, and passband tuning is available to further enhance the reception of CW signals. Gain control is accomplished manually or automatically, with fast, medium, and slow AGC modes available. The squelch threshold is adjustable from 0 to -135 dBm, or it can be disabled. Enabling the noise blanking feature effectively eliminates the adverse effects of impulsive noise.

In addition to fixed-frequency tuning, the WJ-8711A provides fast, flexible scanning. Three scan modes are available: channel scan, F1-F2 scan and F1-F2 scan with lockouts. For all scan modes, the dwell time can be set from 0.5 to 20 seconds or infinite. In channel scan mode, 100 programmable memory channels are available. Sectors of memory can be specified for individual channel scans,

700 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878-1794

FAX: +(301) 921-9479 Email: wj.helps@wj.com Website: www.wj.com

Features

- □ Frequency coverage from 5 kHz to 30 MHz in 1-Hz steps
- □ High dynamic range: +30 dBm 3rd-order intercept typical
- Digital filtering provides 66 IF bandwidths up to 16 kHz with exceptional shape factors
- □ AM, SAM, FM, CW, USB, LSB & ISB Detection Modes Standard
- □ Fast, flexible scanning with 100 memory channels
- □ Large readable LED displays & user-friendly controls
- □ 3 variable AGC decay settings
- □ Noise blanking & passband tuning
- Tunable IF Notch Filter
- □ Internal switchable preamplifier & attenuator
- □ Standard remote interface (optional Multidrop RS-232, RS-485, RS-422, CSMA, or IEEE-488)
- D Built-in self test
- Optional Suboctave Preselector
- Optional Digital Data Output

HEIGHT	5.25 in (13.36 cm)	DEPTH	20.0 in (50.80 cm)
WIDTH	19.0 in (48.26 cm)	WEIGHT	15 lbs (6.78 kg)

All International sales of WJ equipment are subject to USA export license approval. This material provides up-to-date general information on product performance and use. It is not contractual in nature, nor does it provide warranty of any kind.

WATKINS-JOHNSON COMPANY

Phone: (800) WJHELPS or +(301) 948-7550

allowing the subdivision of available memory into multiple search scenarios. The operator can specify certain channels to be skipped without having to delete them from memory. Memory channels can also be single-stepped manually. In both F1-F2 scan modes, the step size is user-selectable from 1 Hz to 25 kHz. Up to 100 independent frequency lockouts can be stored.

An operator can control the WJ-8711A locally via the front panel or remotely via the serial interface. Measuring 5.25 x 19 inches, (13.34 x 48.26 cm), the microprocessor-controlled front panel provides a userfriendly operator interface with dedicated, logically arranged controls and large, easy-to-read LED displays. Figure 1 illustrates the organization of the front panel and highlights some of the features available to the local operator.

A majority of the WJ-8711A operator-selectable parameters are controllable and accessible via an RS-232 remote interface. RS-485, RS-422, and IEEE-488 interfaces are optional.

All receiver inputs and outputs are available on the rear panel of the unit with the exception of the frontpanel-mounted headphone jack. The antenna and external reference inputs, as well as the signal monitor and predetected IF outputs, are available on BNC connectors. Speaker and dual-balanced line audio outputs are available on a terminal strip along with dc-coupled audio, RSSI and squelch outputs, and a mute control input. The RS-232 interface is available on a 25-pin D-shell connector.

An operator can use the WJ-8711A as a tabletop receiver or mounted in a standard 19-inch (48.26 cm) equipment rack occupying 5.25 inches (13.34 cm) of vertical rack space. The internal power supply accepts 97 to 253 Vac (47 to 63 Hz) line power and automatically adjusts to the input line voltage. Total power consumption of the unit is less than 35 watts.

A tunable IF notch allows an operator to tune a Digital Notch Filter through the selected IF Bandwidth (IFBW), in order to eliminate undesired signals within the IF Passband. Typical notch 3-dB bandwidth is 10 to 20 percent of the selected IFBW and provides 50-dB of rejection (typical). The notch filter is a nonlinear phase IIR Filter and should not be used when flat group-delay response is required. Not available in CW detection mode.

Options

The standard Digital HF Receiver is available in a varity of mechanical configurations. Continuous product improvements have also produced significant enhancements and a wide array of options. See separate WJ-871Y Options Matrix data sheet for details.

56	113	225	450	900	1800	3600	7200	14400
63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	16000
69	138	275	550	1100	2200	4400	8800	
75	150	300	600	1200	2400	4800	9600	
81	163	325	650	1300	2600	5200	10400	
88	175	350	700	1400	2800	5600	11200	
94	188	375	750	1500	3000	6000	12000	
100	200	400	800	1600	3200	6400	12800	

IF Filters (Nominal 3 dB Bandwidth in Hz)

The 900 through 3200 Hz bandwidths are available in SSB detection mode.



WJ-8711A Front Panel Features

Input/Output Connectors

I/O	Function	Туре
Input	Antenna External Reference Power Mute	BNC BNC IEC 3-pin Terminal Block
Output	Signal Monitor IF Line Audio Output A & B Speaker DC-coupled Audio Squelch Headphone Received Signal Strength Indicator	BNC BNC Terminal Blocks Terminal Block Terminal Block Terminal Block Standard 0.25-in (0.63 cm) stereo jack Terminal Block
Bidirectional	CSMA Remote Interface RS-232 Remote Interface	0.12-in (0.30 cm) miniature stereo jack 25-pin female D-shell



WJ-8711A Functional Block Diagram

Functional Description

Figure 2 illustrates how the WJ-8711A is divided into four functional subsystems: RF, DSP, IF/Audio Output and Control. Figure 3 provides a functional block diagram of the RF Subsystem. The 5 kHz to 30 MHz RF signal is applied to the receiver's antenna input, lowpass filtered, and then amplified, attenuated or routed to the normal through-path based on user selection. The signal is then mixed with the first local oscillator (LO), which tunes from 40.455 MHz to 70.455 MHz in 1-kHz steps, to produce a first IF of 40.455 MHz. The first IF filter limits the bandwidths of the signal to approximately 30 kHz before mixing it with the 40-MHz second LO to produce a second IF at 455 kHz. A sample of this second IF is provided on a rear panel for connection to a signal display unit. After passing through the second IF filter, the signal is mixed with the 430-kHz third LO to produce the third IF centered at 25 kHz.

All LOs are derived from an internal 10-MHz oscillator that can be locked to an external reference input of 1, 2, 5 or 10 MHz. The WJ-8711A automatically senses and switches to the external reference upon application of signal. All critical timing signals used in the DSP and IF/Audio Output Subsystems are also derived from this reference.

The DSP Subsystem performs the majority of the receiver's signal processing functions. The third IF signal from the RF Subsystem is digitized to 16 bits of resolution at a sampling rate of 100 kHz. This digitized IF signal is applied to a programmable DSP chip that performs the following functions



WJ-8711A RF Subsystem Functional

based on operator selection of the receiver's parameters:

- Noise blanking
- Fine tuning to 1-Hz resolution
- IF filtering
- Gain control (AGC Fast, AGC Medium, AGC Slow, or Manual)
- Signal strength and squelch functions
- Signal demodulation and BFO
- Generation of a multiplexed digital data stream containing 1 or 2 demodulated audio channels and a post-filtered IF signal

The IF/audio output subsystem performs the analog reconstruction of the IF and audio signals provided by the DSP subsystem in digital form. The analog audio signals are routed through two distinct signal paths to accommodate ISB detection mode. In all other

detection modes, both paths contain identical audio signals. These two audio paths are processed to provide a 2-channel headphone output, two balanced 600-ohm line audio outputs and an 8-ohm speaker output containing one or both audio channels in ISB mode. After analog reconstruction, the IF signal is upconverted to 455 kHz, passed through a bandpass roofing filter to remove mixer products, buffered and routed to the rear panel IF output connector.

The microprocessor-based control subsystem performs the receiver's internal control, acts as an interface with the front panel, and provides a remote control function through either the RS-232 or the optional RS-485, RS-422, or IEEE-488 interfaces. The control subsystem also monitors hardware status within the receiver and, when commanded, performs a built-in test sequence that isolates circuit faults to the module level.

Specifications					
Frequency Range	5 kHz to 30 MH below 500 kHz)		legraded performance		
Tuning Resolution	1 Hz				
Internal Reference Stability		Better than 0.7 PPM (0 to 50°C) Better than 0.2 PPM (0 to 50°C) with REF option			
External Reference Frequency	into high imped	Accepts 1, 2, 5 or 10 MHz (<u>+</u> 1 PPM or better, 200 mV rms into high impedance load); automatically switches to extern reference upon application of signal			
Synthesizer Lock Time	<10 msec, typic	al			
Antenna Input					
Impedance VSWR Maximum Input Signal Connector	2:1, max at rece +30 dBm		ncy		
3rd-Order Intercept Point					
2nd-Order Intercept Point					
Noise Figure 14 dB, max (11 dB, max with preamplifier engaged)					
Detection Modes Sensitivity 500 kHz to 30 MHz					
Modulation	IFBW (kHz)	(Minimum) S+N/N (dB)	Without Preamp Min dBm/(mV)		
AM (50% mod. at 400 Hz)	6.0	10	-103/(1.58)		
FM (4.8 kHz dev. 400 Hz mod)	16.0	17	-99/(2.50)		
USB/LSB/ISB	3.2	10	-112/(0.56)		
CW CW	0.3	16	-116/(0.35)		
CW Sensitivity 5 to 500 kHz, without Pream	חף (0.3 kHz IFBW)				
50 to 500 kHz	-113 dBm/0.5 m	NV typical for 16 dB s	S+N/N		
20 to 50 kHz		mV typical for 16 dB			
5 to 20 kHz		typical for 16 dB S			
IF Output	·				
Center Frequency	455 kHz, nomin	al (see factory for a	dditional frequencies)		
	12.5 kHz w/IFD				
Output Level					
Output Impedance		nal			
Connector Type	BNC, female				
Signal Monitor Output					
Center Frequency					
Bandwidth		,			
Output Level	30 dB above BI	E input nominal	30 dB above BE input nominal		

Output Impedance 50 ohms, nominal

Gain Control Modes		
AGC Range		
AGC Threshold	Approximately -108 dBm (0.9 mV) in 16-kHz BW	
	Approximately -125 dBm (0.12 mV) in 300-Hz BW	
	(Threshold matched with IFBW, typically 10 dB above	
	noise floor)	
AGC Attack Time		
AGC Decay Time		
	Medium: 100 msec to 1 second, variable	
	Slow: 1 to 5 seconds, variable	
Selectable Front End Gain/Attenuation		
Preamplifier Gain	10 dB (+2 dB)	
Attenuation		
BFO		
Tuning Range	+8000 Hz	
Tuning Resolution		
First Image Rejection		
IF Rejection		
LO Phase Noise		
Reciprocal Mixing		
	desired signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is >20 dB, when an	
	undesired signal 70-dB higher in amplitude and 35-kHz	
	removed in frequency is present.	
Cross Modulation		
	higher, 30% AM modulated produces <10% cross modulation	
	for frequency separation of >50 kHz in the 1-kHz IFBW.	
Internal Spurious		
Blocking		
	signal of 1 mV will not cause the IF output to fall by more than 3 dB.	
Line Audio Outputs	J UD,	
Line Audio Outputs Number of Outputs	2 contar tannad balancad autouts	
	ISB mode, USB & LSB on separate outputs	
	All other modes, audio signal common to both outputs	
Output Level		
Connector Type		
Speaker Output		
Number of Outputs	One output For ISB mode USB & ISB can be selected	
	individually or combined. (Internal speaker optional).	
Bandwidth		
Output Level		
Total Harmonic Distortion	· ·	
Connector Type		
Headphone Output		
Number of Outputs	2 unhalanced	
	ISB mode: 1 output contains USB (left channel), 1 output	
	contains LSB (right channel)	
	All other modes, audio signal common to both outputs	
Output Level		
Connector Type		
	RS-232 or CSMA; selectable by internal switch or front panel	
	entry	
RS-232	Full duplex, 3-wire serial interface; rear-panel 25-pin female	
	D-shell connector	
Baud Rates (Both Interfaces)	75, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800 & 9600; selectable by	
	internal switches or front panel entry	
	r	

Environmental Specifications

MIL-S	STD-810D Test Method	
Α.		. Test Method 502.2
	High Temperature	
	Humidity	
	Altitude	
	Vibration	
	Shock	
	nperature	
	perature	
Humidity		. 10 cyclic days (240 hours); Procedure III for continuous exposure to 95% RH
Altitude		. 50,000 ft (15,240 meters) non-operating 24,000 ft (7,315 meters) operating
Vibration ⁽¹⁾		
Α.	Basic Transporation (secure cargo)	
		. Random vibration 1.04Gs non-operating (2 hours)
B.	Ground mobile (wheeled or	
		. Random vibration 6.0Gs operating (15 minutes)
L C.	Marine (shipboard vessel not specified) Category 9	Pandom vibration 1 (Gs operating (2 hours)
П	Environmental stress	Random vibration 1.005 operating (2 notis)
		. Random vibration 6.0Gs operating (15 minutes for design
		qualifications) 3.06Gs nonoperating [10 minutes for production screening (ESS)]
Shock ⁽¹⁾		. Bench handling (field service) 8 drops total onto a horizon- tal hard wooden surface, operating
		. In excess of 10,000 hours; estimated in accordance with MIL-HDBK 217E for Ground Fixed; +40°C environment
ЕМС		. EN50081-1 (radiated & conducted emissions to EN55022, Class B)
		EN50082-1 (including IEC 801-2:1984, IEC 801-3:1984 & IEC 801-4:1988)
		EN55020 (Immunity for Receivers)
Safety		. IEC 1010-1:1990+A1/EN61010:1993
Power Requir	ements	. 97 to 253 Vac (47 to 440 Hz)
Power Consu	mption	. 35 W, typical with options

IF Filter Specifications

3-dB BW (kHz)	(Maximum) Shape Factor (3/60 dB)	(Typical) Group Delay Variation (100% of 3-dB BW)
0.3	1.35:1	50 μS
1.0	1.40:1	30 µS
3.2	1.25:1	30 µS
6.0	1.25:1	40 µS
16.0	1.25:1	60 μS
USB/LSB/ISB (3.2)	1.25:1	30 μS

Technical Update

ωŪ

December 1996

Digital HF Receiver WJ-8711A

WJ-8711A-3 Configuration

Specifications

The WJ-8711A-3 configuration is the same as the standard WJ-8711A with the following exceptions:

Options	REF & PRE standard
Detection Modes	includes FSK
IF Rejection	-90 dBm
Operating Temperature Range	-5 to +50°C

In addition, an operator may use the RS-232 remote interface to output the string message AXXXXXXX + BXXXXXX + CR (where XXXXXXX is the receiver frequency) upon activation of the A or B front-panel button. These push-button functions become especially useful when the WJ-8711A-3 acts as an RF front end for certain DF applications.

WATKINS-JOHNSON COMPANY 700 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878-1794 Phone: (800) WJHELPS or +(301) 948-7550 EAX: +(301) 921-9479 Email: wijbelps@wijcom Website: www.wijcom	All International sales of WJ equipment are subject to USA export license approval. This material provides up-to-date general information on product performance and use. It is not contractual in nature, nor does it provide warranty of any kind.
Printed in the U.S.A.	Specification subject to change without notice.