

Q5 SIGNAL VHF/UHF TRANSVERTERS

Part Number **L432-28**_____

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Transverter Configuration

Power Out Maximum:	☐ 25W ☐ 50W ☐ 100W		
Noise Figure and Gain:	<1.0 dB maximum @ 20 dB conversion gain minimum		
DC Power Requirement:	13.8VDC @ ☐ 7A Max ☐ 15A Max ☐ 30A Max		
IF Option:	☐ Common ☐ Split (Separate TX/RX)		
RF Option:	☐ Common ☐ Split (Separate TX/RX)		
IF Drive Level:			
IF Drive Sense:	☐ Enabled		
Keying Option:	☐ PTT-L (To Ground) ☐ PTT-H (Positive Voltage)		
LO Stability:	☐ Standard (1ppm) ☐ High (0.28ppm)		
Sequencer / AUX Port Option:	☐ Enabled / Installed		
	Transmit	Receive	
AUX Pin 1 (Sequencer Step 1)	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	
AUX Pin 2 (Sequencer Step 2)	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	
AUX Pin 3 (Sequencer Step 3)	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	☐ High ☐ Low ☐ Open	
AUX Pin 4			
AUX Pin 5	PTT		
AUX Pins 6,7,8,9	Ground		

☐ *Additional Specified Options:*

Configuration Overview

This transverter is designed to interface and operate with most High Frequency transceivers that are available on the market today. Your assembled unit has been configured to your specifications to interface with your desired transceiver. Let's review your configuration and verify that your interface will be trouble free. Please refer to the front page.

Part Number Verification: All transverters contain the operating frequency within the part number. For example, L432-28 means that 432 MHz is converted to 28 MHz. If you ordered a special frequency conversion, it will be listed here. Also, please understand that the conversion is simple math. If you desire to operate on 432.100 MHz with your L432-28, it will require you to tune your transceiver to 28.100 MHz.

Power Out Maximum: The part number will identify the transverter as either a high power (HP) or a standard power unit. The output power will be indicated. This level is the **linear** output power level that should not be exceeded if linear operation is expected. The transverter may be capable of producing higher output power. But it is not recommended because of excessive heating that will interfere with its frequency stability while producing excessive distortion products

Noise Figure and Gain: The noise figure and gain listed are typical and most transverters exceed these specifications. In utilizing the latest PHEMPT technology, we have designed the complete receive section of the transverter with extra filtering and gain management in mind. There is also a RXIF gain control that is adjusted by the user to set the "S" meter level on the transceiver. External receive pre-amplification interfacing will be covered later in this document.

DC Power Requirement: The DC power requirement is listed and should be used as a guideline. The standard and high power transverters require different supply currents. Please include some "head room" in your power supply to eliminate voltage drop delivered to the transverter. We recommend a 10-Amp supply for the 25W model, a 20-Amp supply for 50W, and a 35-Amp supply for the 100W model.

RF Option: The RF option is either a single port (Common RF) for both TX and RX or there will be two separate ports, (Split RF) one RX and one TX. The HP unit will have an upgraded relay to accommodate the higher power and isolation requirements. This will be an additional cost option. The standard power and HP transverters may be changed from Common to Split if the user desires. The TR relays are controlled by the Push-To-Talk (PTT) circuit.

IF Option: The IF options are much like the RF options. The transverter may be set up as Split IF (separate TXIF and RXIF in/out lines) or can be configured as a Common IF

IF Drive Level: The IF Drive Level is adjustable over a 15-20dB range using the TXIF gain control. Proper adjustment of this level will allow your transverter to operate at its maximum linear output power. The overall drive level range is determined by different sets of attenuators and gain stage levels as required.

IF Drive Sense: This option is installed for Common IF drive levels above 200mW. It prevents excessive drive from damaging the RXIF and Mixer circuitry if the PTT circuit fails between the transverter and transceiver. This option should not be used to key the transverter as it will produce long delays between transmit and receive or chop off the beginning of a transmission.

Keying Option: The keying options are either PTT-L or PTT-H. PTT-L requires a connection to Ground to transmit. This is the most common keying option. PTT-H requires a voltage between 1.7 and 17VDC to transmit. This option can also be placed on the IF coax if desired.

LO Stability: The High Stability Option offers lower drift with temperature vs the Standard LO.

Sequencer / AUX Port Option: If the optional built-in sequencer was ordered, then its AUX Port will be installed and its pinout and configuration will be indicated here.

Customer Specified Options: All other customer specified options will be listed and identified. If for the reason of installing, other options were eliminated, it will be specified and detailed with any special instructions required for correct operation.

Installation

Theory of Operation: The basic principle of a VHF/UHF transverter is to convert a chosen band of operation to the 28 MHz band of a HF transceiver. Following the recommendations of the HF transceiver's operation manual for transverter use is the most important aspect of correct transverter operation. If configured correctly, the transverter will convert both transmit and receive signals to a new band of operation and seem "invisible" to your HF transceiver's operation.

Interfacing and Operation: The interfacing starts with a complete understanding of your HF transceiver and manual. The manual should cover the setup for transverter operation and the connections to be made to the HF transceiver. Some transceivers are simple and some are complex. Some transceivers may have more than one correct way of interfacing. Hopefully, you have decided on how this transverter is to be interfaced at the time of order so we were able to configure the transverter to fit your requirements. If you find that this transverter is not configured correctly please contact us.

Start with good quality 50 ohm cables for the IF (28 MHz.) and REF (10 MHz.) connections. These connections are low level (25 watts or less) and are BNC connectors on the transverter. We find that simple RG-58 type BNC cables work fine with or without adapters to your HF transceiver. All transverters will require a PTT Line to enable the transmit mode of the transverter. The PTT input to the transverter is a RCA connector. This cable does not need to be shielded, but extra protection in a QRO station is a good idea. Many transceivers have RCA connectors for PTT outputs. But be sure to have whatever cable that is required ready to go. The DC power cable is supplied with the transverter and needs to be prepped and fuse-protected on the power supply end.

Connect the Transceiver to the Transverter: Interfacing the transverter to the transceiver is easy. After reviewing the front-page configuration and verifying that it is configured correctly for your purpose, begin cabling. **An Important note:** It is recommended that during the initial setup of the transverter, that it is not connected to your complete system with a HPA or mast mount LNA. All aspects of the transverter's performance should be tested before a complete installation is made. Drive levels need to be established and proper switching needs to be verified before complete integration.

1. Connect the DC POWER to the transverter with the supplied cable. 13.8 volts is optimum but the transverter will operate from 11 to 15 volts. Verify the DC power consumption of the transverter and use a power supply with some headroom. Cycle the power switch on the transverter and verify the "ON" light. Leave the transverter powered off.
2. Connect an optional external 10MHz Reference to the 10MHz REF connector.
3. Connect the IF cable(s). The transverter may have a common IF port or two separate ports, TXIF and RXIF, for the IF connections. The connector labeled "IF" is either the common port or the TXIF port depending on your requested configuration. Verify on the first page. The IF cable is either connected to a transverter port connector or the main Antenna connection of your transceiver. Refer to your manual.
4. Connect the "Push-to-Talk" line out of your transceiver to the transverter. It is a RCA connector labeled PTT on the transverter. Refer to the configuration sheet for the type of keying required.
5. If separate TX and RX RF ports were ordered, then the internal transfer relay has not been installed. The separate ports are labeled RX and ANT/TX. If you have requested a common RF connection, the ANT/TX port has both TX and RX functions. Connect your antenna system or dummy load with a power meter to the appropriate RF connector on the transverter.
6. On the bottom of the transverter, verify the TXIF and RXIF gain controls in the transverter. Turn the RXIF control fully clockwise and the TXIF control counter-clockwise. This is maximum attenuation on Transmit and minimum attenuation on Receive.
7. Power your transceiver "ON". If your transceiver cycles during power up, it may key the transverter. This is indicated by the Red "XMIT" light and the sound of relays cycling. Verify that the HF transceiver is in "receive" and that the Red XMIT light is off on the transverter. If not, shut off your HF transceiver and check the PTT connection with the IF cables disconnected from the transverter. If both transceiver and transverter are in their receive modes, tune the transceiver to a frequency between 28.100 and 28.250 Mhz. Unless you ordered a "non-standard frequency" transverter and then depending on the conversion frequency, select an IF frequency in the middle of you operation range.
8. Observe the noise level in the transceiver on the "S" meter and by ear. If it is too high, adjust the RXIF gain control in the transverter counter-clockwise until a slight noise increase is heard in the transceiver or just a slight movement in the "S" meter is detected. Power the transverter on and off to verify the change. The RXIF gain may be increased beyond this point, but it will start to degrade the dynamic range of your transceiver. It is all user preference. If you plan to use an external or mast mount LNA, this level will need to be re-adjusted. Find a signal on the band or use a signal generator to determine correct frequency, or minimum signal level.
9. It is now recommended to test the transverter's transmit section in the CW mode because most transceivers have carrier level or power level controls in this mode only. Do not use full or semi break-in if possible. Do not use FM, SSB or AM because it may not be possible to obtain maximum output power with a transceiver in these modes. Set the carrier/output power control to minimum or "0" output power (if you can). Place the transceiver into transmit. If the PTT circuit is connected correctly, the red "XMIT" light on the transverter will switch on. While observing the built in relative power meter or an inline RF power meter, slowly increase the carrier control (with key down) or increase the power output control to the maximum desirable IF drive level obtainable by your transceiver (maximum of 25 watts!). If this level is not what is indicated on the front page of this document, do not exceed that level. If you find that the transverter is not set-up for your transceiver's range, please contact us.

10. If the transverter is configured correctly for your transceiver, minimal power may be detected on the power meter. With the transceiver's drive level at maximum specified for the transverter, slowly adjust the TXIF control in the transverter in a clockwise direction while observing the power meter. Set it to any desired level between 0 and the maximum specified output power. The relative power meter is set to show 9 bars lit for the specified maximum linear output power. This may vary with a bad VSWR but will be true into a 50 ohm dummy load. Switch the transceiver to USB and make a transmission. The power output and current drain should correlate to your speech pattern.
11. You may re-adjust both RXIF and TXIF again if desired. The internal reference frequency may also be adjusted if you wish.
12. Basically, the transverter is ready to use and may be integrated into your system.

General Operation: If everything is adjusted correctly, general operation of the transverter should be transparent to the transceiver and the user. Except for the frequency read out, (if your transceiver doesn't allow its display to be adjusted for transverter operation) it will be like operating on 10 Meters. All of the functions of the transceiver (filtering, DSP, split band operation, dual VFO) will be transposed to the frequency band of the transverter.

Some cautions should be taken when operating CW or VOX. Operating the transverter in a "Full Break-in" mode is not recommended. Because of the mechanical relays in the transverter, there will be too much delay to operate "Full Break-in" effectively. AND—the relays would be abused if "Full Break-in" is enabled. It is best to operate in "semi break-in" and adjust the delay of the PTT on your transceiver to match your comfortable CW operating speed in a way that the delay will hold the PTT until your transmission is complete.

The "ON" LED will be lit Green when the Frequency Synthesizer is locked to an optional external 10MHz Reference. This level should be between 0dBm to +13dBm. Otherwise, the synthesizer automatically switches to its on-board reference, and the "ON" LED will be Red.

Sequencer Option: The sequencer connections are indicated on the front page and wired to the AUX connector if installed. Here are some possible applications:

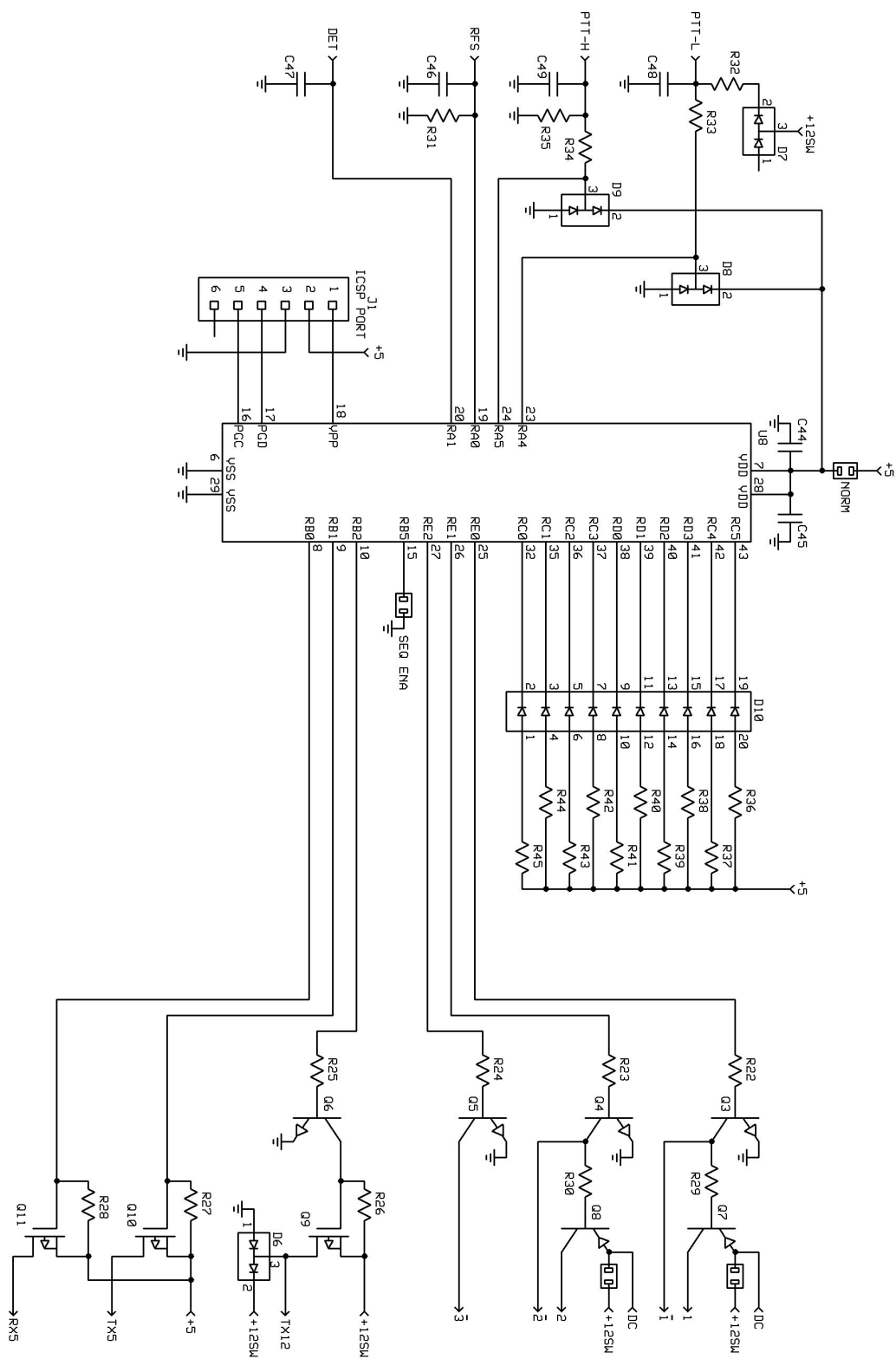
- Step 1 +12VDC on RX for a preamp @ 500 mA maximum
- Step 2 +12VDC on TX for a TR relay (around the preamp) @ 500 mA maximum
- Step 3 Ground on TX to key a power amplifier. Sinks 100 mA maximum
- Step 4 The transverter is keyed last.

Other sequencer configurations are possible including the ability to switch higher voltages. Please contact Q5 SIGNAL for assistance.

For mast mount LNA operation with the basic transverter or with an external high power amplifier, all tests should be done without RF applied. Verify that the switching is completed in your desired sequence and gradually add-in external components as verified.

C1	8.2pF 1206	D9	BAT54S	R7	50 OHM LOAD
C2	1nF 0805	D10	SSA-LXH1025ID	R8	220R 0805
C3	1nF 0805	D11	WP710A10ID	R9	1K POT
C4	1nF 0805	D12	WP115WEGW	R10	220R 0805
C5	1nF 0805			R11	470R 0805
C6	1nF 0805	F1	N/A	R12	470R 0805
C7	1nF 0805	F2	TA1808A	R13	470R 0805
C8	1nF 0805	F3	N/A	R14	220R 0805
C9	1nF 0805	F4	TA1808A	R15	1K POT
C10	1nF 0805	F5	N/A	R16	220R 0805
C11	1nF 0805	F6	TA1808A	R17	100K 0805
C12	1nF 0805			R18	51R0 0805
C13	1nF 0805	FB1	BLM21AG102SH1D	R19	51R0 0805
C14	1nF 0805	FB2	BLM18HE102SN1D	R20	220R 0805
C15	1nF 0805			R21	470R 0805
C16	22uF TANT	K1	G5Y-12V	R22	330R 0805
C17	100nF 0805	K2	G5Y-12V	R23	330R 0805
C18	1nF 0805			R24	330R 0805
C19	22uF TANT	L1	CW201212-R33J	R25	330R 0805
C20	100nF 0805	L2	22nH	R26	10K0 0805
C21	1nF 0805	L3	CW201212-R33J	R27	10K0 0805
C22	6.8pF 1206	L4	N/A	R28	10K0 0805
C23	8.2pF 1206	L5	N/A	R29	1K00 0805
C24	6.8pF 1206	L6	CW201212-R33J	R30	1K00 0805
C25	1nF 0805	L7	CW201212-R33J	R31	100K 0805
C26	1nF 0805	L8	N/A	R32	1K00 0805
C27	1nF 0805	L9	N/A	R33	10K0 0805
C28	1nF 0805	L10	CW201212-R33J	R34	10K0 0805
C29	1nF 0805	L11	1T #20 3/16" ID	R35	10K0 0805
C30	1nF 0805	L12	2T #20 3/16" ID	R36	330R 0805
C31	1nF 0805	L13	2T #20 3/16" ID	R37	330R 0805
C32	1nF 0805	L14	1T #20 3/16" ID	R38	330R 0805
C33	1nF 0805	L15	CW201212-R33J	R39	330R 0805
C34	10pF 0805	L16	CW201212-R33J	R40	330R 0805
C35	1nF 0805	L17	N/A	R41	330R 0805
C36	1nF 0805	L18	N/A	R42	330R 0805
C37	100pF 0805	L19	CW201212-R33J	R43	330R 0805
C38	100pF 0805	L20	CW201212-R33J	R44	330R 0805
C39	1nF 0805			R45	330R 0805
C40	1nF 0805	M1	ADEX-10H+	R46	1K00 0805
C41	1nF 0805			R47	330R 0805
C42	1nF 0805	Q1	MJD31C	R48	330R 0805
C43	1nF 0805	Q2	MMBT4401		
C44	100nF 0805	Q3	MMBT4401	U1	TQP3M9036
C45	100nF 0805	Q4	MMBT4401	U2	PHA-1+
C46	1nF 0805	Q5	MMBT4401	U3	MAR-3SM+
C47	1nF 0805	Q6	MMBT4401	U4	GVA-60+
C48	1nF 0805	Q7	MJD32C	U5	RA30H3847M1
C49	1nF 0805	Q8	MJD32C	U6	MAR-6SM+
C50	100nF 0805	Q9	DMP3099L	U7	GVA-60+
C51	4.7uF TANT	Q10	DMP3099L	U8	PIC18F43K22-I/PT
		Q11	DMP3099L	U9	MC7805
D1	BAR66	Q12	MMBT4401		
D2	BAR64-05				
D3	1N5711	R1	470R 0805		
D4	BAR64-05	R2	470R 0805		
D5	BAS70-04	R3	00R0 0805		
D6	BAT54S	R4	51R0 0805		
D7	BAT54S	R5	470R 0805		
D8	BAT54S	R6	1K POT		





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