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Digital TV: It is switch-over time!

"I waited for the right time to invest in a new analyser. I chose the TV EXPLORER because it is meant to be a meter for digital and analog.

But, I found out that it is much more than that. It has all the features I would have ever dreamt of to make my work faster and more reliable.

It is really helping me out to develop my business."





Transflective LCD From darkness to bright sunlight *

The TV EXPLORER II and TV EXPLORER II+ incorporate a transflective 6.5" colour LCD with a 16:9 aspect ratio. The new transflective technology combines the advantages of the transmissive and reflective displays.

The transmissive ones are those illuminated from behind the screen, with good vision in the darkness. The reflective ones use the reflection of the external light in the back of the display.

The result is an **stunning** vision in darkness and by the direct sunlight.

The big 6.5" panoramic colour screen allows to extend the area to display the measurements and make readings easier.

With the 16:9 aspect ratio the instrument can test any television signal independently of the receiver available.

The temperature range for the LCD is extended from 80° C to -40°C allowing its use in very **extreme conditions** away from the operating limits of other components.





6.5" panoramic colour 16:9 LCD Large display, compact size *



Select colors and skins:

Automatic adjustment

The TV EXPLORER includes a light sensor that selects the contrast and luminosity of the display according to the environmental conditions. This feature helps to save between the sensor that selects the contrast and luminosity of the display according to the environmental conditions. This feature helps to save between the sensor that selects the contrast and there are several combinations.
The colours and skins are user-selectable and there are several combinations.
This feature can help to improve the LCD viewing experience in certain light conditions specially when working with spectrum graph.



Easy to use Setting a new standard

The TV EXPLORER is been designed for the installation, maintenance and surveillance of terrestrial, satellite and cable TV systems.

It provides complete information about the channels available in a network and their quality. This includes:

- 🕨 📼 Measurements
- Spectrum analyser
- Signal decoding

The main difference with all instruments available until now is that it is easier to use. It can detect the type of signal, standard, modulation type, symbol rate... and just display the results. In other words, it does not require any preliminary information about the signals to be analysed.

The **TV EXPLORER** has set new standards in the way installers make and understand measurements. It includes an impressive new range of functions developed to easy measurements and to detect impairments in both digital and analog systems.

The **TV EXPLORER**'s compact and rugged construction and its large colour LCD, makes it ideal for field use. With the **TV EXPLORER** it is possible to take measurements automatically, to store the results and print reports.

From now on, your analyser will be a much more intelligent and easy to use tool!







Small and light: In the palm of your hands



The **TV EXPLORER** has changed the concept for this type of product. It is **easier** to use, has **advanced** functions and... it is **small**.

It has an amazing shape factor, making compatible a very large display area with a really small size. It **fits** within the palm of your hands.

The **TV EXPLORER** is been designed for outside use. The classic PROMAX strong aluminium construction and an original **anti-shock** rubber cover, ensures highest protection to your investment. Depending on the model, it weights 2 - 2.2 kg (5 lbs).

The front panel is been designed with **flat keys** that avoid accidental water ingress.

The instrument comes with a **strap** to hang it to the neck or to fasten it around the waist. In this way, both hands are free to take the measurements, make adjustments, etc.

It can also be used within the **carrying bag** that protects the instrument from the weather conditions. A transparent **plastic cover** allows the operation of the keyboard even under the light rain.

The **TV EXPLORER** *II* and **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ are delivered with a heavy duty **transport case**.

Lithium-ion batteries:

The best solution available



The **TV EXPLORER** is fitted with Lithium-Ion batteries. These batteries provide a high operating time, with an estimated duration of **more than 4** ½ **hours** (depends on the type of use).

This type of batteries can be **recharged** at any time and have an exponential charging cycle so that it can recover a large portion of the charge back in a very short time. It can be charged from the car through the lighter.

Battery charge indicator (I) shows the status of the charge at any time.



Auto-identification:

The magic key!

The **TV EXPLORER** has been specially designed to satisfy the measurement needs in terrestrial, satellite and cable TV during the transition period to the analog switch off. For this reason it is equipped with functions to measure both analog and digital signals.

When pressing the "**explorer**" key briefly, it identifies the signal under test. First it recognises whether the channel is analog or digital.

If the channel is analog, it determines the television standard of the signal (PAL/SECAM/NTSC).

When the signal is digital, it analyses the modulation type: **QAM** / **QPSK** / **8PSK** (*) / **COFDM** (European Zone models) and all the associated parameters such as the system, the symbol rate, the code rate, etc and it tries to lock the signal.

In this way, the **TV EXPLORER** becomes a **fully automatic** and agile instrument, able to detect and to identify all of the channels in a television system. When the conditions of the signal to be identified are too poor, the equipment allows to use the manual configuration.

"In the past, I always had to strive to have ready all data of the channel to measure: symbol rate, code rate, exact frequency, etc.

Now I just press the 'magic key' and the instrument does the rest"

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Auto identification screen

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Explorer: One key and go!

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Explorer function screen

When the "**explorer**" key is pressed for a few seconds, a new spectrum exploration session begins. The **TV EXPLORER** makes a dynamic exploration of the spectrum, detecting all the channels in the swept band and identifying all its parameters to lock the signal.

This new measurement concept sets **a radical change** in the way to understand and to use the meter. The analyser is no longer a passive unit, that only measures the channels. It is the analyser on its own that begins by locating all the channels available in the band.

The **TV EXPLORER** detects all the channels in the band with no need for any previous details such as, the number of channels available, the type of signals transmitted or their characteristics.

The **TV EXPLORER** is then able to determinate the nature of the signal -analog or digital- (patented function) and the channel bandwidth. It can also automatically identify channel shifts that the instrument will automatically detect.



With the data collected after each exploration, it creates a register that contains tables of channels that can be independent for each area or system. Each of these tables can be saved with a different name.

At any time, the stored sessions can be retrieved and the pattern used for a new sweep. This is specially useful in countries with MFN Digital Terrestrial Television networks where the design of channel plans can be complex.

This feature can help to reduce measuring times dramatically

Fast channel plan selection



Selecting the active channel table

The **TV EXPLORER** *II* / *II*+ allows to work with **multiple channel tables**. The use of channel tables facilitates the measurements. The selection of the active channel table is easily made by means of a direct access window.

The activation of this function is through a long push of \square





Measurements: Including DVB-S2 and DVB-H *

In the **TV EXPLORER** all the measurements are displayed simultaneously on the same screen. Whenever the Measurement function is selected the instrument shows the different parameters that define the quality of the signal under test.

Digital terrestrial DVB-T COFDM (2k/8k):

- **≥**Power
- ≌C/N
- **⊻**MER
- **≥**CBER
- **⊻**VBER
- ■Noise margin

Digital mobile DVB-H (only TV EXPLORER II & II+):

- [▶]Power
- ≌C/N
- **⊻**MER
- **≥**CBER
- **⊻**VBER
- [▶]Noise margin

Digital satellite DVB-S QPSK:

- [▶]Power
- ≌C/N
- [▶]MER
- ■CBER
- **≥**VBER
- ■Noise margin

Digital satellite DVB-S2 8PSK (only TV EXPLORER II & II+):

- **⊻**Power
- ≌C/N

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Digital cable DVB-C QAM (16/32/64/128/256):

- **≥**Power
- ≌C/N
- **⊻**MER
- ■Noise margin

In case of an analog channel:

- **≥**Level
- ¥V/A
- ≌C/N

One of the measurements can be selected as a preferred and then it will be highlighted and a graphic bar for this particular measurement displayed in a preferential position. The analyser adapts to the user preferences.



Digital terrestrial / mobile (DVB-T/H) measurements

| | | | DAR | -5 |
|---------|--|---|---|--|
| R: | | | 1.2E | -5 |
| -7 | -6 | -5 | QEF | -3 |
| 1743.97 | MHz | C/N: | 14.3 | dB |
| 1882 | kHz | POWER: | 67.3 | dBµV |
| 12344.0 | MHz | MER: | 11.7 | dB |
| 97 | | CBER: | >1.5 | E-4 |
| | | »VBER: | >1.2 | E-3 |
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Digital satellite (DVB-S) measurements

| | | | D | VB-S | 52 |
|--------|----------|-----|---------------|------|------|
| PO\ | VER: | | 80. | 5 dB | μV |
| 30 | 50 | 70 | 90 | 110 | 130 |
| FREQ: | 1334.02 | MHz | C/N: | 8.4 | dB |
| | | kHz | »POWER | 80.5 | dBµV |
| DL-Ku: | 11934.0 | MHz | MER: | <3.0 | dB |
| CH- | 70 | | CBER: | >1.0 | -1 |
| cin. | 7 | • | LBER: | >1.0 | -3 |
| MPEG | -2 DVB-T | | | | |





Digital cable (DVB-C) measurements



Analog satellite measurements



Spectrum analyser: Direct keys, more intuitive



W The **TV EXPLORER** presents an **innovative** spectrum analyser. **Four arrows** control completely the system making it very intuitive.

The "**UP-DOWN**" arrows set the reference level, so that when pressing the "UP" arrow reference level is increased by 5 or 10 dB. When pressing the "DOWN" arrow, the reference level is reduced by 5 or 10 dB allowing to check signals of lower level.

The "**LEFT-RIGHT**" arrows allow to select the span or expansion, so that when "RIGHT" is pressed the margin of frequencies in display can be increased up to full span and when "LEFT" is pressed the zone around the cursor can be analysed with more detail.

On the **TV EXPLORER** *II* & *II*+ the measuring filters are variable and selected automatically depending on the span used.



By pressing UP key twice, the instrument sets the reference level from 60 to 80 dB μ V



By pressing LEFT key twice, the instrument sets the SPAN from 50 to 16 MHz





Merogram MER histogram over the time *

Y The **Merogram** is a useful tool that has been created to detect reception problems in a **DVB-T** or **DVB-H** channel.

It has beed specially designad to allow the detection of intermittent and sporadic problems on a period of time in a signal.

The **Merogram** function makes a graphical representation of the MER level carriers regards to the time. Each level is represented with a different colour, the Y-axis (vertical axis) belongs to carriers and the X-axis (horizontal axis) to time.

Therefore a colour map is showed on the display, see display. Any MER level could be displayed at any time reference using the cursors or the variable knob.

This tool is especially useful when a **MER level analysis is going to be processed during a long period of time**. When the process is finished the capture could be showed and any anomaly will be easily detected at any time.

Only **DVB-T** and **DVB-H** signals could be used with this function.



Example of Merogram

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Spectrogram Spectrum waveform monitoring *





Constellation diagram:

Detecting impairments at a glance *





"This function is helping me a lot.

By just looking at the shapes, I learned to read the quality of the systems."



The **constellation diagram** is a graphic representation (called I-Q) of the digital symbols received over a period of time.

There are different types of constellation diagrams for the different modulation modes. With the **TV EXPLORER** *II* & **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ it is possible to display constellations for DVB-T/H, DVB-C, DVB-S and DVB-S2 signals.

In case of an ideal transmission channel, free of noise and interferences, all symbols are recognised by the demodulator without mistakes. In this case, they are represented in the constellation diagram as well defined points hitting in the same area and forming a clear dot.

Noise and impairments cause the demodulator to not always read the symbols correctly. In this case the hits disperse and create different shapes that at the end will allow to determine at a glance the **type of noise** in the signal.

Every modulation type is represented differently. A DVB-C 16QAM signal is represented on the screen by a total of 16 different zones, and a DVB-C 64QAM is represented on the screen by a total of 64 different zones and so on.

The constellation shows in different colours the **density** of hits and includes zooming and scrolling possibilities and also a clear button to clean the picture.

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Decoding: MPEG-2 picture and MPEG-4 detection

In this mode the signal will be decoded according to its standard.

When decoding an analog channel (cable or terrestrial only), the **TV EXPLORER** shows with the video and audio, information about the channel on tune, the name of the channel plan and the TV system.

If the signal is digital, it is possible to display the **SERVICE LIST** and it shows all the programs and services available within the tuned channel. Selecting one particular program or service becomes **very intuitive** using the encoder and/or the arrow keys to show all the data related to the program.



TV Explorer decoding a DVB-S program



Signal type and decoded MPEG-2 image.



Type (TV, radio, data), OSD (ON-OFF), encrypted or free, MHP







Video Stream type, bitrate, profile&level, frame size, aspect ratio, frequency, video PID, transmitter ID



Audio stream type, bitrate, audio PID and coded language



Network name, service name and network & service identifiers

If the program selected uses MPEG-2 compression, the picture and audio appear together with the program data for a few seconds and then using the whole screen. If it is MPEG-4, it will be possible to detect the program data such as name of the channel, bitrate, etc.

With the **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ it is possible to use the CAM module interface to decode and display some types of MPEG-4 programs even if they are encrypted.

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| | VIDEO: |
| | MPEG-2 2797kb/s |
| | MP@ML 720x576i 4:3 |
| | VPID: 111 TSID: 97 25Hz |
| | AUDIO: |
| | MPEG-1 L-2 192kb/s |
| | APID: 112LANGUAGE: en |
| | NETW.: |
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| (FREE) | VTV 1 |
| МНР | NID: 1 SID: 9201 |

Complete details on the channel

| DVB-S | ASTRA-VH CHAI | NNEL: 100 |
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| | VTV 1 VTV 2 HI-TECH HD INFONEWS INFOSPORTS EXIT | 7kb/s 0x576i 4:3): 97 25Hz 2kb/s UAGE: en |
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Other DVB-S services on the multiplex

| DVB-S | ASTRA-VH CHANNEL: 106 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | F: 1922.00 MHz DL: 125220 |
| | VIDEO: |
| | MPEG-4 ARC 13894kb/s |
| | VPID: 160 TSID: 1106 |
| | AUDIO: |
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A MPEG-4 channel in this service



Decoding encrypted channels: Using PROMAX patented technology *



The **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ includes a CAM slot that allows **decoding encrypted** channels.

The use of encryption systems is widely spread in digital pay TV. The operator encodes the signals and the subscriber can get a *Smart Card* giving access to those channels.

Today there are solutions to use MPEG-4 decoders implemented in the size of a CAM card. In these cases, using the suitable smart card, it is possible to decode MPEG-4 programs.

SCART and USB interface

... for signal and data *

Through the SCART connector the **TV EXPLORER** can be connected to a television set so that measurements, spectrum, picture, etc can be displayed in a larger screen. This is very useful in applications such as monitoring or education.

In the same way, the SCART connector can be used to input signal from cameras, High Resolution receivers, etc.

The USB interface allows the connection of the instrument to a PC. With the software provided it is possible to always keep the **TV EXPLORER II** / **II**+ updated with the latest firmware version. The USB also allows handling channel tables, dataloggers, downloading of information to print reports, etc.





Automatic measurements Datalogger

Run a datalogger

The process is simple, just run the application and the instrument takes all the measurements.

When running the datalogger, the **TV EXPLORER** starts a **sweep** of all the channels in the active channel plan and stores all the measurements: channel power, carrier/noise, BER, MER, etc.

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|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|--|---|
| 9/38 TEST PO CHANNE | INT: L SET: | | LYS HOTE ROOM1 MAIN HE | EL ADEND |
| FREQ: CH: | 794.00 -1 61 | MHz kHz | C/N: POWER: MER: CBER: VBER: | 22.7 dB <52.4 dBµV 3.5 dB 4.7E-2 1.7E-5 |
| DVB-T/F | I. MPEG-2 | 2. MEA | SURING | . 16 Sec |

Datalogger taking automatic measurements

One Logger, several Test points

Every acquisition becomes in fact a **Test Point** inside a **Logger** and both the Logger and the Test Point can be personalised.

For instance, the **Logger** can be given the **name of the site**, building or installation and the **Test Point**, the **specific place** where test is made, for instance bedroom, kitchen, etc.

View all channels on a Test Point

All the data previously acquired can be checked using the **view datalogger**. If the cursor is set over the channel, you can view the measurements of all channels on the present Test Point.

This function is very useful to **check** the channel equalisation.



View one channel in each Test Point

If the cursor is set over the Test Point when turning the encoder you can view the measurement of the present channel in all the test points. This function is specially useful to check the signal drop along the system.





PkTools: *Printing reports, channel table set up...*



PKTools software (*ordering reference:* **RM-104**) was developed to work with all PROMAX analysers including the **TV EXPLORER** range.

The instrument connects directly to the USB or RS-232C interface in your PC, the **PKTools** software identifies it and automatically sets all configuration parameters required so that the user can easily access to the data stored in the **TV EXPLORER** memory.

Working with channel plans

A **channel plan editor** allows to modify channel tables saved in the meter's memory which can be *STANDARD* or *MODIFIABLE* (generated automatically using the EXPLORER function). The **PKTools** software offers the following possibilities:

- ≥ Add or remove delete-protection
- [▶] Add, delete or modify channels
- Edit advanced channel settings (channel spacing, digital parameters, LNB settings, offset,...)
- [▶] Save or retrieve channel tables from the PC
- > Edit channel tables stored in the PC or in the meter's memory
- ² Upload channel tables to the **TV EXPLORER** memory

Data acquisition: view, save and print reports

It is very easy to make measurements and data acquisition sessions with **TV EXPLORER**. In the same way **PKTools** helps you to process and print the information in different formats.

Using **PKTools** software you will be able to transmit to computer in an easy and fast way all measurements stored and required by the different authorities and legal applications, therefore you can **automatically generate the measurement tables** to be included on the installation certificate of compliance.



Data can also be **exported** to CSV files, a format compatible with most of the data bases, spreadsheets and many other software applications. In this way the user can create taylored data reports, generate graphs, etc.



Cable test Certify the installation

→ The IF TEST function allows to check buildings cabling system before the antennas and head-end systems are operative. For this application PROMAX has specially designed **RP-050**, **RP-080** and also **RP-250** signal generators.

The main difference is the RP-050 covers **satellite IF** while the RP-080 covers also the **terrestrial** band. The RP-250 is an **agile signal generator** with selectable frequency and level across the 5-2500 MHz band.

The procedure allows to evaluate the frequency response across the whole TV signals distribution network by means of two steps.

Step 1: Calibrating with TV Explorer

Connect the generator directly to the **TV EXPLORER** and calibrate. The instrument compensates all the cable and connector drops and sets signals at the detected frequencies as the **reference**.

Step 2: Measure pilots throughout the network

Once calibrated, start to make level measurements in each outlet. On the screen will appear the attenuation values for the pilot frequencies measured in the different testing points.



10 0 -10 -20 FREQ: 1050.00 1575.00 2100.00 MHz REF: 84.7 90.2 100.3 dBuV TEST: 80.7 84.2 77.6 dBuV ATT: 4.0 6.0 22.7 dB

IF test using RP-050



Antenna installation: DiSEqC[™] & SaTCR commands



LNE DISEQC COMMANDS RESET »SAT A/B FREO: dB »POSITION A/B dB »SWITCH 1 »SWITCH 2 L dB DL-Ku: SWITCH 3 CH: SWITCH 4 NO SIGNAL RECEIVED

Some of the DiSEqC[™] commands available

| | SATO | PSK | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| VBEF | DISEqC »SELECTED SLOT: OFF | | E-3 |
| -8 | »NUMBER »ADDRESS | OF SLOTS: 8 | -3 |
| FREQ: 1 | »STEP: »SLOT 1: | 4MHz 1210.00MHz | dB 3.4 dBµV |
| DL-Ku: 11 | »SLOT 2: | 1420.00MHz | .1 dB 1.0E-1 |
| NO SIGNAL | SLOT 4: | 2040.00MHz | 1.0E-3 |

Some of the SaTCR commands available

The TV EXPLORER has been designed to make compatible different types of measurements that require of very different working configurations.

A specific function has been developed to **easy antenna alignment**. In this mode, the instrument configures itself to offer a very fast sweep time in spectrum analyser mode. At same time, it shows a high sensitivity graphic bar that allows the fine adjustment of signal peaks, necessary to optimise antenna alignment.

Supply voltage

The **TV EXPLORER** incorporates the supply voltage for amplifiers and LNBs, including the 5 V for DVB-T indoor antennas.

DiSEqC™

 $DiSEqC^{TM}$ is an open communications protocol created by Eutelsat. It consists of control commands overlapping the supply voltage that are recognised by receivers and other devices. They are used to switch polarities, bands, move motors, etc.

SaTCR commands

The TV EXPLORER includes SaTCR commands as well.

Automatic detection of saturation Adjust easily maximum gain



This function is very useful to identify problems related to the distortion or excess of amplification of the analog channels, that can occur in the mast, system or distribution amplifiers.

When the gain in the head-end of a distribution system is too high, it can cause saturation. If the signal that arrives at the **TV EXPLORER** suffers saturation, the "detection of saturation" symbol appears on the screen. This function is very useful to find the **maximum gain** adjust of analog channel amplifiers.

Adjusting the head-end

DiSEqC[™] is a trademark of EUTELSAT



Spectrum analyser automatic scale search: One step ahead in automation

VEXPLORER users have considered that the control of the spectrum analyser based in the four arrow keys is a very valuable innovative function. The goal was to add as much automation as possible in the meter's user interface to make technicians job faster.

Continuing on with this philosophy PROMAX wanted to offer more in the **TV EXPLORER** *II* and **TV EXPLORER** *II*. The **reference level** in the spectrum analyser function is initially set automatically to **the best value** based on the power of the signal shown.



With a TV EXPLORER II / II+

The reference level is instantly adjusted by the **TV EXPLORER** II / II+ as we enter the spectrum analyser function. The graphic shown is then ready to be anlaysed with all its ups and downs with no additional key strokes.

What satellite is this?

"... another world's exclusive on the TV Explorer"

When using "AUTO-IDENTIFICATION" function from spectrum analyser or antenna alignment modes the **TV EXPLORER** provides information about the origin of the signal. If in Satellite mode, the information shown is the **orbital position** and the **satellite**.

This is also valid for digital channels on DTT or Cable TV



Spectrum showing signal identifier



MER by Carrier measurement for COFDM Discover invisible signals



"MER by carrier" function Measurement of MER for each one of the carriers



We can confirm that this is the source of the problem just by comparing the graphic with the spectrum analyser display of an analogue channel

MER measurement of a COFDM multiplex has been considered until now as the **average of the individual MER** measurements for each of the carriers (about 8000 in a 8k system for instance) in the tuned channel. Sometimes reception quality is degraded by interfering signals that **can not be detected** unless we have very special analysis tools.

The **MER by Carrier** function uses a new extremely advanced algorithm that in a matter of seconds analyses the **MER for each of the carriers** forming the selected channel and displays it continuously in a graphic form.

It is a measurement exclusive to the **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ that will turn out to be very useful during the transition to digital TV where we often find **cases that are difficult to troubleshoot** in which signals of different types and sources interfere among them.

An example where we use channel MER to analyse an 8K COFDM multiplex is shown on the left. We notice that there are 3 areas in the graphic where MER is degraded which tell us that an analogue channel may be present underneath.

If we compare this graphic with the spectrum analyser display of an analogue channel we realise that in effect the video, audio and colour carriers **affect** more intensively the MER of those digital multiplex carriers located at the same frequencies.

Fortunately the COFDM channel in this case is strong enough to be affected by this interference.

It is interesting to point out that **this interference could not be detected in any other way** for it can't be seen on the spectrum analyser and it is not strong enough to degrade the average MER, CBER or VBER readings substantially.





Screen capture: Watch on the meter and download to PC

The **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ comes with **1 GB** of internal memory that is exclusively available for user data.

The **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ offers beside the video stream recording feature the possibility to take screen shots of the following functions:

- Spectrum analyser
- ▶ MER by carrier
- Constellation diagram

It is very easy to use. Users only need to select this option and the file with the screen capture will be saved in the **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ internal memory.

The file can be retrieved and shown on the meter's display or can be saved to a PC to be included in measurement reports or to be processed using software applications, etc.





Recording video streams Keep trace on the video impairments *

The **TV EXPLORER** *II*+ includes a function that allows to **record** video streams in the field and **play** them. This is a very interesting feature when it comes to analyse problems that can require some further study or interpretation.





NetUpdate:

Much more than just updating firmware

Updating the firmware of your analyser had never been as simple as with the **NetUpdate**.

This software application detects any **TV EXPLORER** connected to the computer, it **connects to Internet** and it checks if a more recent version of firmware exists. If this is the case, it suggests the installation and it begins an **automatic update process**. This software is freeware and available at the PROMAX site.





CHANNEL TABLE

DRAG-AND-DROP

19E2_ASTR_01 70E5_EUTLW5

42E_TURKSAT 36E_EUROBIRD 19E2_ASTRA 13E_HOTBIRD 05E_SIRIUS **V** TV EXPLORER resource updates

New **resources** for the **TV EXPLORER** are made available in the PROMAX server from time to time. The satellite channel tables for all satellites are included among these resources.

Data transfer and backup

The NetUpdate can also be used to make to transfer dataloggers, captured screens, video etc and to **make backups** of the **TV EXPLORER** resources. The memory contents can be downloaded to the computer using the "drag-and-drop" technique:

- Dataloggers
- Screen captures
- Video streams
- > Standard or tailor made channel plans
- Other resources



ACCESORIES



DC-229 Transport case

This heavy duty suitcase is included with **TV EXPLORER** *II* and **TV EXPLORER** *II*+. It is ideal for extra protection during transport.

NG-281 / NG-282 Noise generators

- NG-281: from 5 to 1000 MHz Level 70 dBµV, flatness ±2 dB
- NG-282: from 20 to 2000 MHz Level 50 dBµV, flatness ±3 dB
- Power supply: batteries or external power adaptor



PROMAX PROMAX ELECTRONICA, S.A. CV-591 5.8 GHz CONVERTER FOR 1

RP-050 IF satellite generator

- Generates three pilots at 1050, 1575 and 2100 MHz for testing satellite TV networks prior to signal being available.
- RF levels: 90 & 105 dBµV
 Power supply included

CV-245 / CV-589 2.4 / 5.8 GHz band converter

- Converts signals from ISM
 2.4 GHz or 5.9 GHz (depending on model) to IF satellite band
- Supply from the signal level meter

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DC-267 Carrying bag

This soft carrying bag is adequate for external use. It is specially recommended for working under wet weather conditions.



RP-250 Multicarrier generator

- 5 to 2500 frequency range
- Generates up to 8 carriers (3x UHF / VHF, 3x SAT,
- 1x Sub Band, 1x ISM)
- Levels: 90 to 110 dBµV



RP-080 SAT & Terrestrial simulator

- Generates four pilots at 85, 750, 1000 and 2150 MHz with selectable level for testing TV and SAT networks prior to signal being available.
- Levels: 75 to 105 MHz

AMC/1 Master aerial

- Connected to any field strength meter is able to find the intensity of the electric field in any location.

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