



CATV Forward Path Monitoring Simplified

The CX180F Probe in the VeSion monitoring system checks the performance of analog and digital channels being transmitted downstream or toward customers across a CATV HFC network.



Equipped with multiple test engines, the CX180F's key signal parameters including signal level, BER, MER, and Constellation are scanned continuously and non-intrusively. Advanced spectrum analysis across the entire operating frequency band, detects ingress which can lead to signal impairment and/or failure.

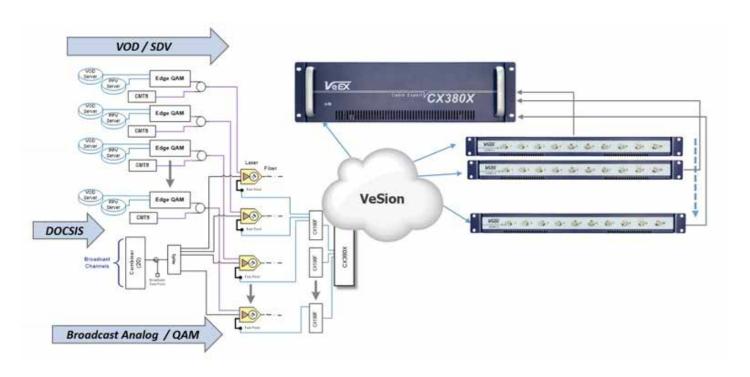
Product Highlights

- Compatible with VeSion Cloud-Based One System Platform
- Space efficient 1U rackmount probe with built-in matrix switch
- Flexible probe configuration options with 10 input ports, including a single or three test engines selection
- Monitors analog, digital TV channels and FM carriers
- Fast continuous scan of all active channel
- Fast Level/MER mode to scan QAM Level and MER
- On-demand channel camp-on for long term analysis
- Detailed digital channel QAM 64/256 analysis with constellation
- On-demand ingress noise scan from 5 to 1000 MHz

- Ethernet system interface to CX180F Server/Controllers
- Secured access to prevent unwanted intrusion
- Cost-effective solution for small headend deployment, yet easy for future expansion
- · Web and Mobile app based access with VeSion System
- Combined with CX380X, add MPEG measurement and monitoring as per 101 290 standards
- Three independent test resources for non-blocking monitor scan and two on-demand tests
- Secured IP connection for access from any location with Internet connection via remote terminals or VeEX portable test sets

Using CX380X Forward Path Monitoring Application with CX180F Probes

CX380X can be added to VeEX CX180F probes to extend its capabilities for advanced Forward Path monitoring including MPEG for Priority 1 and 2 as per 101 290 Standards, troubleshooting and auditing the performance of analog and digital channels being transmitted downstream across CATV HFC network. Therefore, ensure the quality of content with full confidence after modulation and combining at the cable edge, before the handoff to the HFC network. Together with VeSion and CX180, the CX380X offers modular, scalable and distributed architecture. Test point can be added any time for remote troubleshooting and segmentation, without reducing the monitoring speed. The system offers unparalleled test and measurement performance and flexibility to monitor Analog and Digital Broadcast, VoD / SDV, MPEG Analysis and FM Services. With built-in low noise 10 dB switch gain RF input ports, it is an ideal solution to deploy for common laser test points.s DWDM network test challenges head-on.



Note: Each CX380X can support multiple CX180F probes to support Forward Path monitoring applications.

Cloud-Based One System Platform Return/Forward Path **Monitoring Server Resource Cloud** Fiber (RFTS) Servers Server Web Sweep Server Field Meter **Access** Workflow & Asset Managment R300 Server **VeSion** MPEG/Ethernet **Monitoring Server** Throughput/VeTest Server **Tablet Headend/Central Office** Maintenance **Fulfillment Monitoring / NOC** Results from anywhere, anytime, at any location

Specifications

Interface

RF Input

Connector: F type, female 75Ω Frequency range: 5 to 1000 MHz

Control Ports

Serial port: RS232, DB-9, Female Ethernet: 10/100-T, RJ45

Measurement

Frequency range: 5 to 1000 MHz

Dynamic Range: 50 dB

Level range:

• -40 dBmV to +55 dBmV

• 20 dBuV to +115 dBuV

Resolution Bandwidth: 125 kHz, 330 kHz, 1 MHz Attenuation range: 0 to 50 dB, 10 dB/step Range with attenuation: -45 dBmV to +55 dBmV QAM modulation: 64/256 QAM Annex A, B and C Digital channel lock range

• -15 dBmV to +50 dBmV or

• 45 dBuV to +110 dBuV

MER range: 21 to > 43 dB, ± 2 dB typical Pre and Post BER range: 1.0×10^{-9} to 9.0×10^{-3} Errored seconds, Severely Errored seconds

Data Capture upto 1 year Input impedance: 75Ω

Measured Parameters

System Scan - Analog

• Video and Audio channel power level, V/A ratio, peak-tovalley, min/max audio and video level, tilt

System Scan – Digital

· QAM level, min/max QAM level, tilt, Peak-to-valley Level and MER measurement per QAM in less than 1.5s

System - FM channel

Channel power level

On demand single channel - Analog

• Video/Audio power level, V/A ratio, adjacent channel, C/N

On demand single channel - Digital

• QAM power level, MER, Pre/Post BER, Constellation, Adjacent channel

On demand FM

Power level

Other Hardware Types

Under the legacy CX180F Forward Path Monitoring system, the following flexible system configurations are:

- CX180F: 3 independent monitoring ports
- CX180F-1: 1 monitoring port
- CX180F-10: Cost-effective 10 port switching monitoring system with built-in 10:1 matrix

General Specifications

Size 432 x 299 x 38 mm (W x D x H)

17 x 11.75 x 1.49 in

Weight Less than 3.2 kg (less than 7 lb)
AC Adaptor Input: 100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz

Output: 15VDC, 3.5A

Operating Temperature -10°C to 50°C (14°F to 122°F)
Storage Temperature -20°C to 70°C (-4°F to 158°F)
Humidity 5% to 95% non-condensing







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