



# MICROLITE TRANSMITTER

## HD/SD COFDM Transmitter



## User Manual

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Antenna Approved/Antenne approuvé		
Type/Type	Max. Gain/Max. Gain	Impedance/Impédance
Collinear Omni Antennas/Colinéaires Omni antennes	6 dBi	50 Ω

3. *This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.*

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# ***Chapter One***

# **1**

## **Introduction**

# 1 Introduction

This document is a user manual for RF CENTRAL's MICROLITE microwave video transmitter. The MICROLITE is a compact transmitter that digitally encodes video signals and transmits them using COFDM modulation over microwave frequencies using secure methods. The unit accepts either HD-SDI, SD-SDI, or composite video inputs in NTSC or PAL format, and can also accept User Data (e.g. NMEA GPS sentences) for transmission along with the main input signals. It has a built in MPEG4 (H.264 part 10 AVC) encoder and COFDM modulator. The MICROLITE is housed in an ultra compact, lightweight enclosure that can be used in harsh environments.

Throughout this manual, the product is referred to as the "MICROLITE", the "MICROLITE Transmitter", "MLT", "MicroLite TX", or simply the "transmitter."

## 1.1 Manual Overview

The contents of this manual are as follows:

Chapter 2 – Describes the theory of operation and the features of the MICROLITE TRANSMITTER.

Chapter 3 – Contains a list of the MICROLITE TRANSMITTER specifications. The specifications include transmitter feature specifications, power requirements, environmental specifications, and I/O specifications.

Chapter 4 – Explains how to install the MICROLITE TRANSMITTER.

Chapter 5 – Describes operating procedures for the MICROLITE TRANSMITTER. It also contains an overview of the MICROLITE TRANSMITTER programmable serial interface.

The rear of this manual contains warranty and repair information.

## ***Chapter Two***

# **2**

## **Description**

## 2 MICROLITE Description

This chapter describes the MICROLITE transmitter theory of operation, features, and benefits. It also contains a block diagram of the MICROLITE transmitter circuitry and a typical application example.

The MicroLite Transmitter has external connectors and features direct plug-in compatibility with off the shelf equipment using industry standard interfaces.

The MICROLITE Transmitter internal circuitry compresses the audio and video signals, and organizes the compressed data into ISO digital video transport streams. The transmitter uses COFDM modulation and transmits at microwave frequencies in the specific band(s) supported by the unit.

Though the unit ships pre-configured, a graphical user interface that runs on a PC is available to modify the operating parameters. Optionally, custom software written to implement the RS232 command set may be used. Refer to Chapter 5, “Operation” for more information.

IMT has the ability, should the need ever arise, to provide the user with firmware files and instructions for local firmware installation, such as for feature upgrades, etc.

Table 2-1: Summary of High Level Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
<b>COFDM Microwave Digital Video Transmitter</b>	Microwave output frequencies in multiple bands.
<b>Multiple Output Frequencies</b>	User orderable frequency band options. User programmable channels and offsets within band.
<b>ASI, HD-SDI, and SD-SDI Inputs</b>	Compatible with advanced video cameras.
<b>NTSC or PAL Composite Video Inputs</b>	Compatible with industry standard SD video cameras.
<b>Stereo Audio Line Inputs</b>	Direct audio input option for use with video signals that do not contain embedded audio.
<b>MPEG4 (H.264 Part 10) Encoder</b>	Industry standard compliant video compression. Implements latest algorithms for high quality.
<b>User Data Channel</b>	Data can be transmitted along with audio and video to the receiver.
<b>Remote Control GUI for Programming the MicroLite</b>	Convenient menu and button based graphical user interface for Windows PC's. Can be used to program the preset settings on the top panel. GUI uses MicroLite RS-232 remote control serial port.
<b>Compact Housing</b>	Fits in small form factor applications.
<b>Operates in Harsh Environments</b>	Can be used at both high and low temperature and humidity.

## 2.1 Application Diagram

Typically the MicroLite Transmitter is simply camera mounted. However, more complex applications are possible per user requirements. Figure 2-1 shows a non-typical MICROLITE Transmitter application, which includes a PC for configuration.

The MICROLITE TX may be programmed by a PC or host processor while connected in the application, or it may be pre-configured and installed in the application without any programming required during operation. The latter approach can save expense in cost sensitive applications.

Commonly used configurations can be set up and stored in the MICROLITE memory as “preset” configurations. Up to 12 presets can be stored. Once presets have been stored, configurations can be recalled using the front panel as well as the program interface.

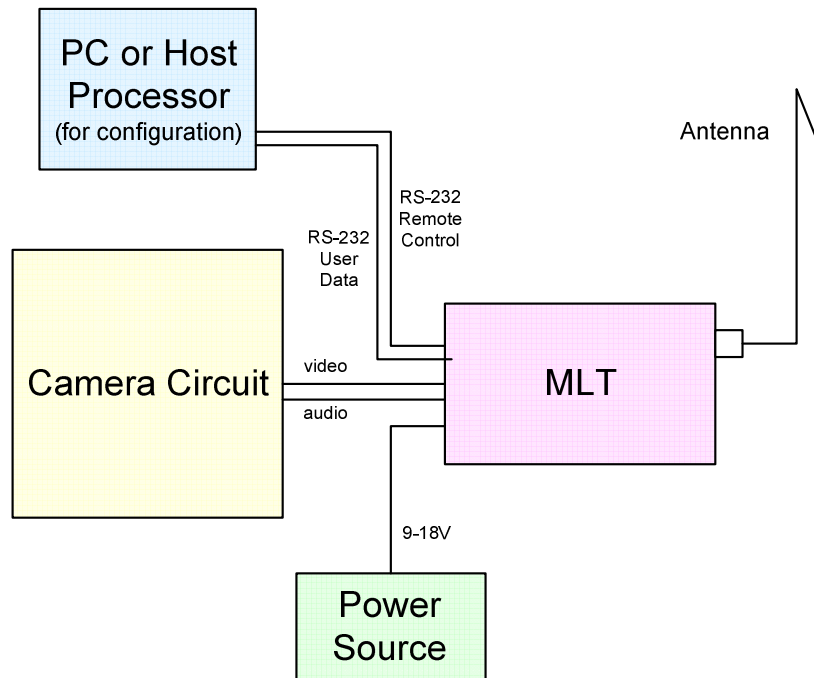


Figure 2-1: Application Diagram, with optional PC.

## 2.2 Theory of Operation

Major blocks in the MICROLITE TX include:

- Video Input Interfaces - ASI or HD-SDI, SD-SDI; NTSC or PAL
- Stereo Audio Input Interface
- MPEG4 Video Compression Circuit
- COFDM Modulator
- Microwave Transmitter and Antenna Connector
- Programmers Serial Interface for Remote Control Purposes
- Internal Microprocessor and Memory
- Power Circuitry

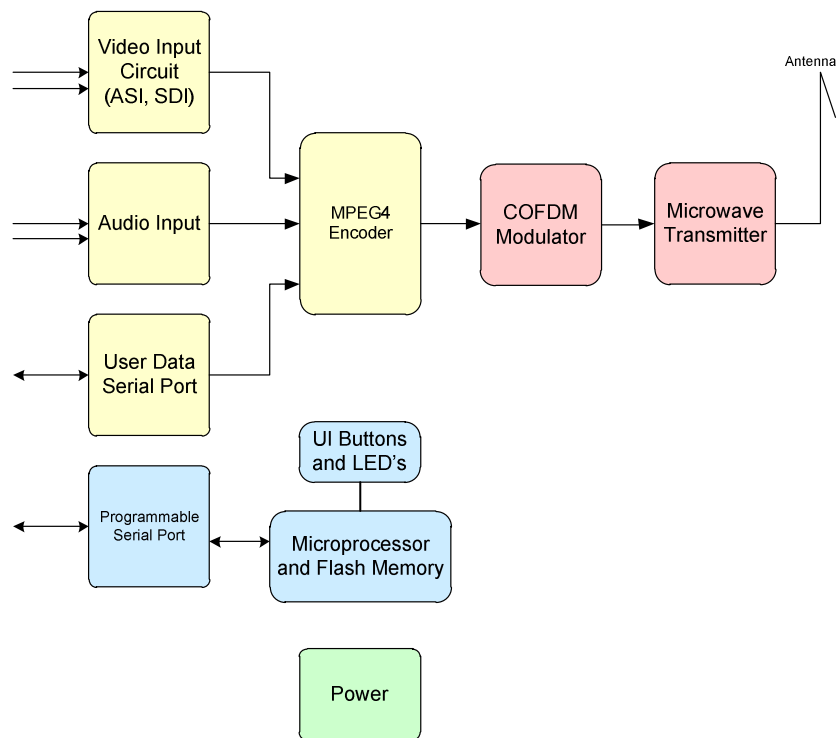


Figure 2-2: Internal Block Diagram

### **2.2.1 Power, Remote Control, and User Data Interface Connector**

The MicroLite Transmitter Power, Remote Control, and User Data interface includes power and ground connections plus two RS-232 serial port interfaces.

### **2.2.2 Audio and Video Input Connectors**

The MICROLITE TX has two analog audio inputs that can be used for stereo audio and HD/SD-SDI or NTSC/PAL video input. Refer to Chapter 3 for specifications of these signals.

### **2.2.3 User Data Input**

A data channel may be transmitted along with the audio and video information. The data channel is accessed through a RS-232 serial interface in the EXT connector. Examples of supported User Data may include NMEA GPS sentences and simplex RS232.

### **2.2.4 MPEG4 Encoder (H.264 Part 10)**

The MLT compresses the input video signal before modulation and transmission to reduce bandwidth. The MICROLITE TX contains a built-in MPEG4 (H.264 part 10) encoder for this purpose. The MicroLite TX features the latest compression methods utilizing B frames for more accurate encoding of compressed video signals.

### **2.2.5 COFDM Modulator**

The COFDM modulator receives data from the output of the MPEG4 AVC encoder through a circuit that enhances the security of transmissions.

The MICROLITE TX is able to transmit data at high data rates and with low error rates using COFDM modulation techniques. The data rate used by the transmitter depends upon the COFDM modulator settings used.

Refer to Chapter 5, “Operation” for more information.

### **2.2.6 RF Transmitter**

The MICROLITE microwave transmitter circuits mix the signal to the desired microwave frequency. The signal is filtered and boosted through a low noise output amplifier.

The MICROLITE TX has a single SMA style antenna connector. The output impedance of the antenna connector is 50 ohms. Note: On 5.8GHz models, the connector is RP-SMA due to FCC requirements.

Refer to Chapter 3, “Specifications” for frequency band and channel tuning specifications.

## 2.3 Remote Control and Firmware

### 2.3.1 Remote Control via Serial Interface

An RS-232 command set is implemented to allow remote control of all configuration options, as well as monitoring of internal status and settings. Commands and responses are sent via the RS-232 serial interface located on the Power/Control connector.

Our “Nano Controller” GUI is available for controlling the unit via the RS-232 serial interface. Any Windows compatible computer running Windows XP or Vista with 500 MB of memory and 1 GHz Pentium or above can be used. Refer to Chapter 5, “Operation” for more information.

Optionally, users can create custom control interfaces as required to suit their applications. The RS-232 command set, or “remote protocol”, is available upon request for this purpose.

### 2.3.2 Firmware updates

The unit firmware may be updated via the USB interface on the Power/Control connector, using our *NanoTx Programmer* software. A programming cable (IMT part number 922-B963-01A-R, or equivalent) is required. Contact IMT Tech Support for additional details.



## ***Chapter Three***

# **3**

## **Specifications**

## 3 Specifications

### 3.1 RF

Table 3-1: Frequency Band Coverage

Base Part Number	Frequency (GHz)	RF Power (dBm)	DC Power (W)
23MLT-23-U3-C3	2.200-2.400	23	13
58MLT-20-U3-C3	5.725-5.850	20	15

Tuning step size ..... 1 MHz step size

Frequency stability.....  $\pm 10$ ppm

Standby mode ..... No RF output

Normal ..... Instant on-frequency transmission

### 3.2 Modulation Modes

#### Modulation 1

- Format:.....COFDM (DVB-T)
- Carriers: .....2K
- Constellation:.....QPSK, 16QAM
- Code Rate: .....1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- Guard Interval:.....1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4
- Bandwidth:.....6 MHz, 8 MHz

### 3.3 Video Modes supported

	Video Mode	Supported
<b>HD-SDI Formats</b>	1080i/60	NO
	1080i/59.94	Yes
	1080i/50	YES
	1080/25p	NO
	1080/24p	YES
	1080/23.98p	YES
	1080/23.98pSf	NO
	720/60p	NO
	720/59.94p	YES
	720/50p	YES
	720/24p	YES
	720/23.98p	YES
<b>SD-SDI Formats</b>	NTSC	YES
	PAL	YES
<b>Composite</b>	NTSC	Yes
	PAL	Yes

### 3.4 MPEG Encoder

**Standard** ..... MPEG-4 Part 10 / H.264 AVC

**Video**

- Video Coding ..... AVC
- Video Input: ..... Composite
- NTSC: ..... 720 x 480(4:2:0)
- PAL: ..... 720 x 576(4:2:0)
- SD-SDI input: ..... ANSI/SMPTE 259M
- HD-SDI Input: ..... ANSI/SMPTE 292M

**Audio**

- Audio Coding: ..... ISO/IEC 11172-3(Layer II)
- Audio Sample Rate: ..... 48Khz
- Audio Channels: ..... 1 Stereo, 2 Mono Standard
- Audio Input: ..... Line; Single ended 1Vp-p (nom.) into 10K Ohms  
(-12dB to +50dB gain)  
..... Mic, (-12dB to +50dB gain); 10K Ohms  
5v Phantom power or Ext. Bias  
..... De-embedded from SDI
- Tone ..... (-10dBfs/8dBm) Level Adj. (-10-26dBfs)

### 3.5 System

- Video Present: ..... Remote Standby/Test Generator Selectable
- Test Generator (Dynamic): ..... SMPTE CB(NTSC)/100% CB(PAL)  
16 Character ID (Match SDT Service name)
- 1.0 and 1.2kHz Tones
- ASI input: ..... Rate converted from 0mpbs-Max modulation rate
- PCR Retime stamp
- User Data: ..... RS232 Side channel (300-115K Baud)
- Remote Control: ..... RS232
- Local Control: ..... Key Board

### 3.6 Power Requirements

- Input range: DC: ..... +9 to +18
- Power consumption: ..... See table above

### 3.7 Environmental

Table 3-2: Environmental Specs

Item	Specification
Temperature Range, Operational, Bottom Surface	–10° to +50°C (Base plate temperature. The bottom surface of the MICROLITE must be maintained within the temperature range listed here.)
Temperature Range, Storage	–40° to +80°C
Humidity	0% to 95% RH, non-condensing
Altitude, Operating	20,000ft (6,000m) maximum
Altitude, Storage	50,000ft (15,000m) maximum

### 3.8 Physical Specifications

Size: .....3.06" x 0.8" x 2.44" (excluding connectors)

Volume: .....3.51 in<sup>3</sup>

Weight: .....0.16 lbs (73 g)

### 3.9 Connectors

- Power, RS232 Control: L .....Lemo, 7 pin
- BNC Input: .....Composite, HD-SDI, SD-SDI, or ASI Input
- Left and Right Audio: .....4pin Telocate
- ASI Input B, ASI Output, User Data: .....Lemo, 5 pin
- RF Output: .....50 Ohm RP-SMA (due to FCC requirement)

#### Connector Part Numbers:

5 pin Lemo (on TX) .....ECG.0B.305.CLN  
 IMT PN .....512-F3022-005-R  
 5 pin Lemo (mating) .....FGG.0B.305.CLAD52  
 IMT PN .....512-F3022-005-R  
 7 pin Lemo (on TX) .....ECG.0B.307.CLN  
 IMT PN .....512-F3022-007-R  
 7 pin Lemo (mating) .....FGG.0B.307.CLAD52  
 IMT PN .....512-F3022-007-R

## ***Chapter Four***

# **4**

## **Installation**

## **4 Installation**

This chapter contains steps for installing the MicroLite transmitter in typical environments where it may be used.

### **4.1 Overview**

The MICROLITE Transmitter is typically camera mounted in a standalone system containing only a camera and power supply. MICROLITE applications may also contain a host processor that is used in the field to re-configure settings.

4.2 Identifying MICROLITE Physical Features and Interfaces

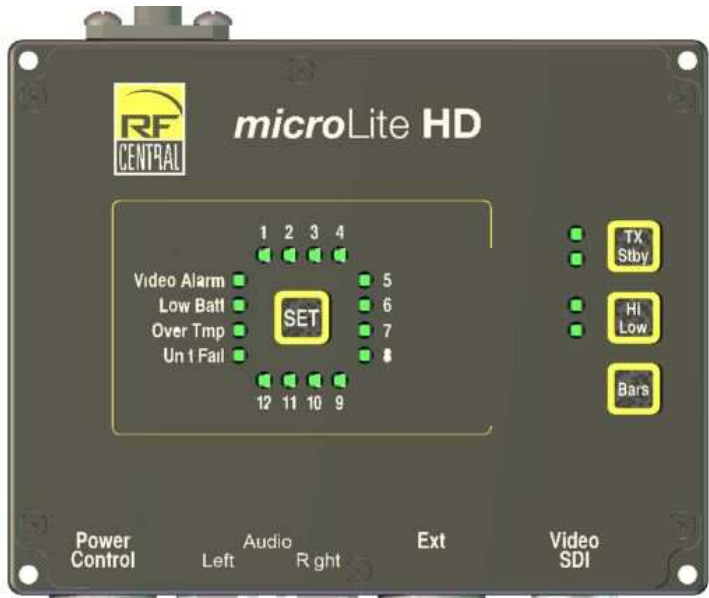


Figure 4-1: MICROLITE Transmitter User Interface



Figure 4-2: MLT Connectors

Table 4-1: MicroLite Connectors

Connector (from left above)	Label on Unit	Description
Lemo 7 pin	Power & Control	Power, USB, RS-232 Remote Control Interface
Telocate	Audio Left	Audio Line Input
Telocate	Audio Right	Audio Line Input
Lemo 5 pin	Ext	ASI input, ASI Output, User Data, and USB
BNC	Video & SDI	Composite NTSC or PAL Input, HD-SDI, SD-SDI Input

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## ***! WARNING – DO NOT OPEN THE MICROLITE***

The MICROLITE Transmitter contains no user serviceable parts. Do not open the MICROLITE housing. Failure to comply will result in voiding of the warranty.

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### **4.3 Physical Installation**

Note: The MicroLite Transmitter is typically camera mounted in a standalone application, however mounting in a more complex rig or housing may be desired per individual requirements. In such cases, the user should be aware that the MLT is configured via the programmable serial interface. Should you desire to program the unit while in your application, then your application design must provide a means to connect to the serial interface. If your application cannot support a means to connect to the serial interface, then you must pre-configure the unit prior to installation. Refer to Section 5.

The MICROLITE TX can be mounted using the four screw holes located on the corners of the housing, using four #2-56 screws. Tighten the four screws gradually in rotation, without applying excess force on one before starting the others.

The MICROLITE TX requires installation using proper thermal dissipation methods. During operation, energy is dissipated to the outside environment, especially on the lower surface of the MICROLITE TX.

The bottom surface of the MicroLite TX must be kept at a temperature within the operating temperature range specified in Chapter 3.

The unit has an internal fan and the fan openings must not be blocked.

The unit should not be operated inside another enclosure unless sufficient cooling is provided that the case temperature is within the range specified in Chapter 3.

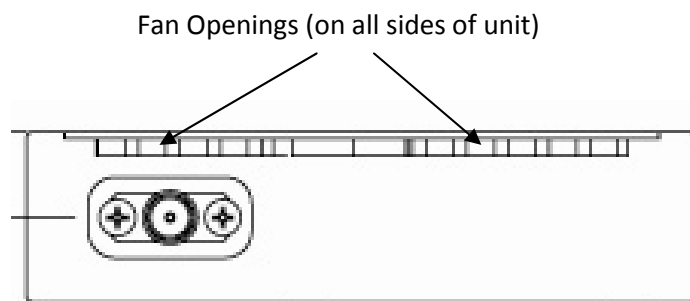


Figure 4-3: Detail of Fan Openings



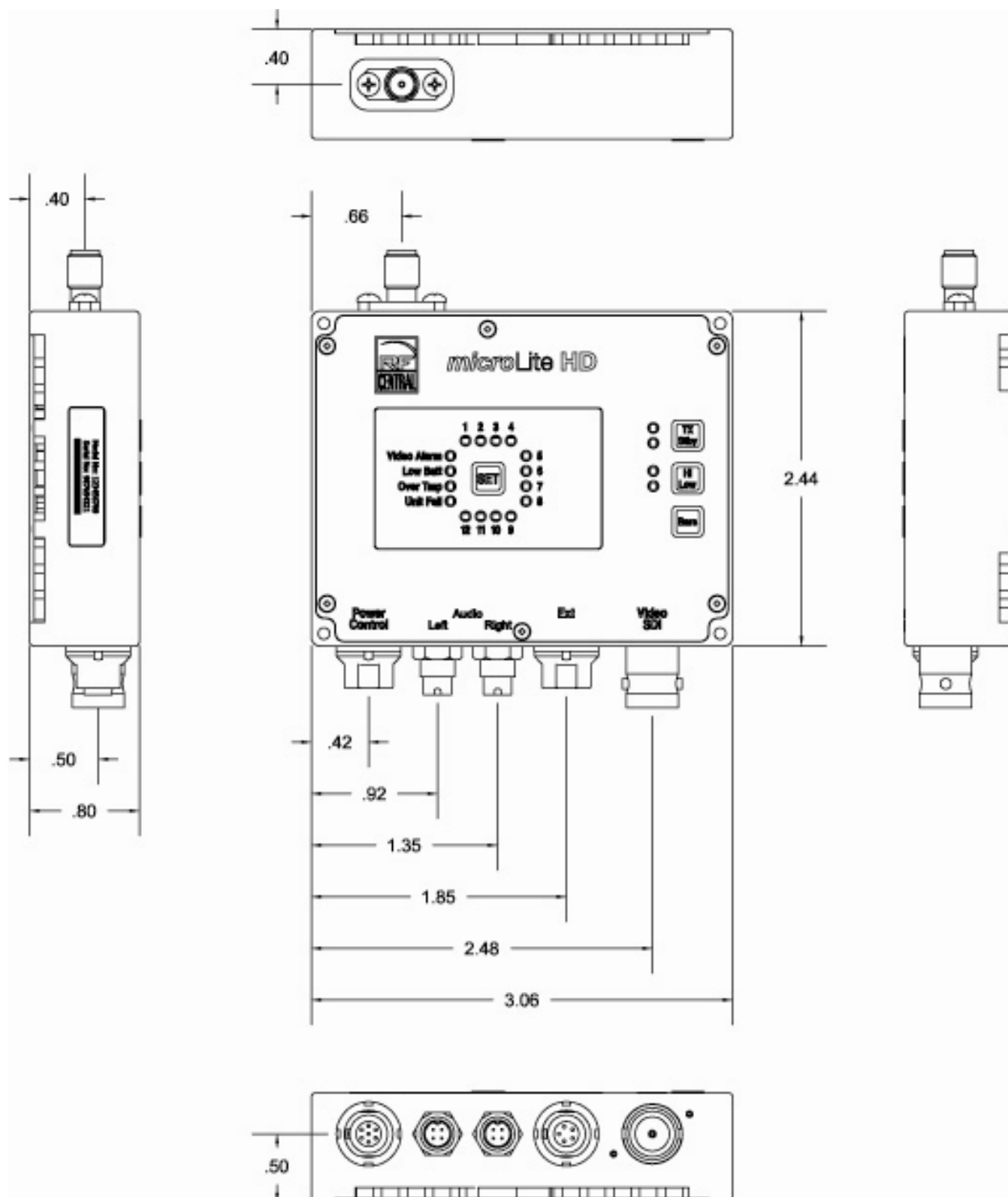


Figure 4-4: MICROLITE Outline Drawings (Dimensions in Inches)

## 4.4 Connect External Signals

The MICROLITE connectors include the following major interfaces:

- Power and Ground Plus RS-232 programming interface
- Video Input Connector Accepts Composite Video, ASI, or SDI with appropriate cables.
- Analog Audio 1 and 2 Line Inputs
- User Data

### 4.4.1 Audio and Video

Connect a video source to the appropriate video input. Connect audio sources to the two analog audio line inputs.

### 4.4.2 Power and Control

Connect an appropriate DC power source to the Power/Control connector. The power source requirements are listed in Chapter 3, Specifications.

The Power/Control connector also includes an RS-232 interface for connection to a PC or host processor for programming the unit. A cable that supports both power and control is required in order to program or pre-configure the unit.

IMT has multiple cables to enable flexibility. Any Source cable may be used with any Input cable.

Table 4-2: Power and Control Cables

IMT part #	Cable Description	CableType
922-B964-01A-R	7pin LEMO to Tamiya Male connector	Input cable
922-B962-01A-R	7pin LEMO to Tamiya Male connector, w/DB9	Input cable (w/Control)
922-B973-01A-R	Anton Bauer D-tap to Tamiya Female connector	Source cable
904-P088-00A-R	12vDC Power Supply with Tamiya Female connector	Source cable

### 4.4.3 User Data (EXT connector)

If required, connect suitable User Data input cable to EXT. Cables are available from IMT.

### 4.4.4 ASI In (EXT connector)

If required, connect suitable ASI input cable to EXT. IMT part# 921-B379-01A-R (or equivalent)

### 4.4.5 ASI Out (EXT connector)

If required, connect suitable ASI output cable to EXT. IMT part# 921-B380-01A-R (or equivalent)

## 4.5 Antenna Installation

Connect a suitable antenna directly to the SMA antenna connector, or via a suitable 50 ohm cable.

<b><u>Before applying power:</u> Ensure proper antenna termination on RF output.</b>
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## 4.6 Connector Pin Assignment Information

### 4.6.1 Power/Control Connector Pinout

Table 4-3: Power/Control Pinout

Pin	Function	Notes
1	+12VDC	
2	RS232 RX	
3	USB DM	
4	USB DP	
5	RS232 TX	
6	USB POWER	
7	GROUND	

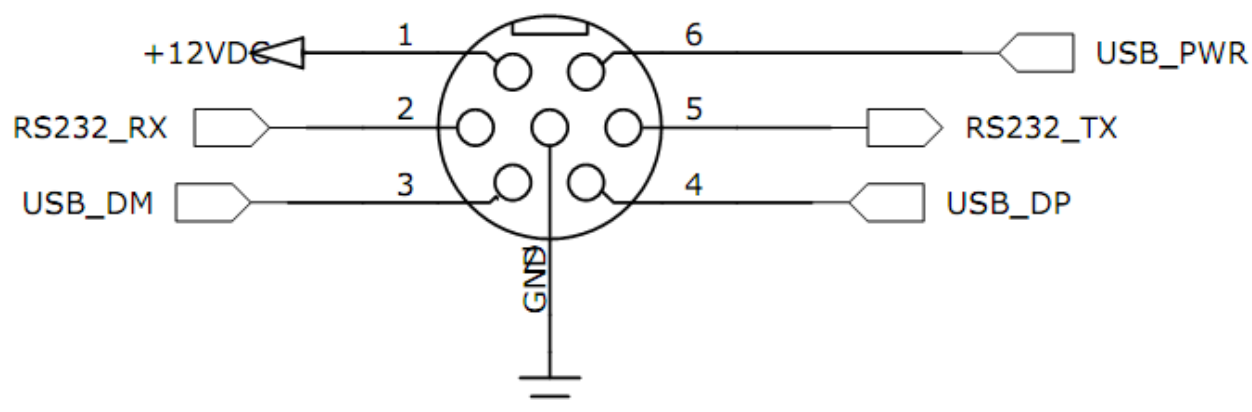


Figure 4-5: Power/Control Connector Detail

### 4.6.2 Audio Input Connectors Pinout

Table 4-4: Audio 1 &amp; 2 Pinout

Pin	Function	Notes
1	LINE SELECT	
2	+5V MIC BIAS	
3	AUDIO IN	Audio line input.
4	GROUND	Connected internally to signal & chassis ground

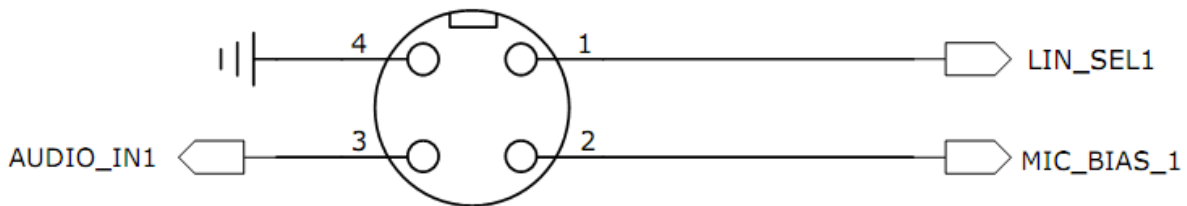


Figure 4-6: Audio Connector Detail

### 4.6.3 Ext Connector Pinout

Table 4-5: Ext Pinout

Pin	Function	Notes
1	GROUND	
2	ASI OUT	
3	RX UserData	User Data INTO the unit
4	TX UserData	Not connected for User Data transmission
5	ASI IN	

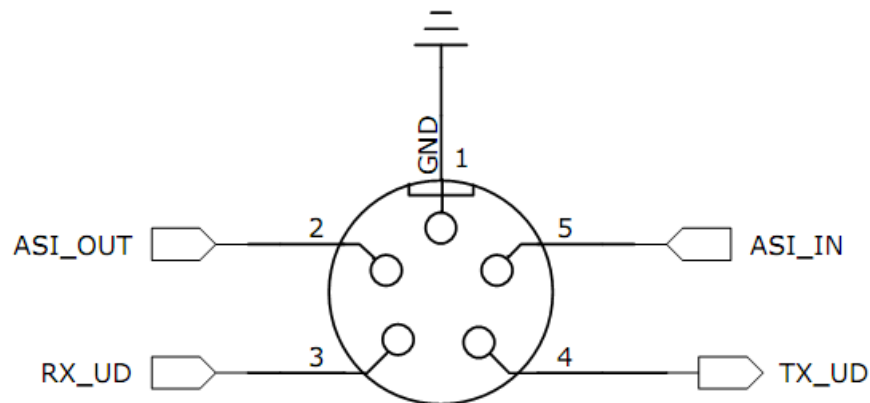


Figure 4-7: EXT Connector Detail

## ***Chapter Five***

# **5**

## **Operation**

## 5 Operation

While this chapter contains basic information about the operation of the MicroLite transmitter, the programming of the unit (including preset configuration) via the Nano Controller GUI is not covered. Please refer to the “Nano Controller” manual (IMT Publication: M27-0001-00A) for detailed information on how to program and configure the unit.

In this chapter you will find info on how to use the MicroLite transmitter to transmit video, audio, and user data. At the end of the chapter you will find troubleshooting and maintenance information.

### 5.1 Power Up the MICROLITE

**Before applying power: Ensure proper antenna termination on RF output connector.**

Turn on the power to the overall system.

**Note: The MICROLITE requires up to 20 seconds to complete its internal power up sequence. Supply current will jump up in steps as internal circuits are powered. The final DC supply current will settle after 20 seconds. The front panel led's do not lite until the power-up sequence is complete.**

### 5.2 Pre-Configure the MICROLITE user options

The MICROLITE has a wide range of programmable settings. Before using the MICROLITE in your application, you should pre-configure it to for the settings you want to use in your application. Settings are selected and configured using the Nano Controller software, or custom third party alternatives. Please refer to the Nano Controller documentation for details, or contact IMT Technical Support.

### 5.3 Button and LED Interface

The MicroLite has several Buttons and LED's on the front panel, which are used to perform basic operation and view basic unit status. Any changes made via a remote control interface will be reflected by the front panel LED's.

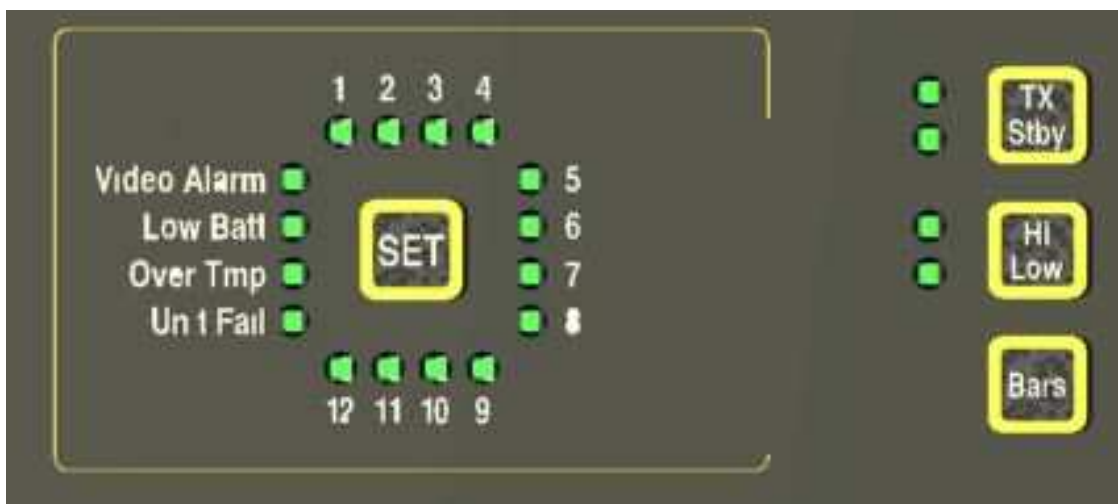


Figure 5-1: Control and Monitoring User Interface

### **Buttons:**

- SET*** Advances the unit through the presets. The 1-12 LED's indicate in GREEN which preset is currently active.
- TX / STBY*** Toggles between Transmit and Standby modes. The appropriate LED is lit.
- HI / LOW*** Toggles between High and Low Power modes. The appropriate LED is lit.
- LED Off*** Toggles all front panel LED's OFF/ON

In addition to those mentioned above, the following LED indicators are provided.

### **ALARM Indicators:**

- Video Alarm*** The #16 LED will display SOLID YELLOW.
- Low Battery*** The #15 LED will display SOLID YELLOW.
- Over Temp*** The #14 LED will display SOLID YELLOW.
- Unit Fail*** The #13 LED will display SOLID YELLOW.

## **5.4 Select User Level Settings**

By use of the SET button, select an appropriate preset so that your MicroLite transmitter and suitable receiver are on the same RF and modulation settings.

## 5.5 Put the unit in Transmit Mode

Press the TX / STBY toggle button to put the unit in Transmit mode. Pressing the button again will put the unit in Standby mode (no RF output).

## 5.6 Select Power Level

Press the HI / LOW toggle button to select the power level desired. In HI mode, the unit will output its full rated power. In LOW mode, the output will be approximately 6dB down from the HIGH power output.

## 5.7 Verify Operation

Verify operation of the MICROLITE by one of the following methods:

- (1) If your system contains a host processor capable of communicating with the MICROLITE via the serial interface, use interrogation commands to check the status of the MICROLITE.
- (2) Detect the transmitted signal using a spectrum analyzer.
- (3) Using an appropriate receiver, verify that you are receiving audio and video from your application setup.

## 5.8 Using the MICROLITE to Transmit Audio and Video Signals

The MICROLITE uses a COFDM modulation scheme. Receiver systems used with the MICROLITE must be compatible and capable of receiving the type of video transport streams transmitted by the MICROLITE. Compatible receivers include the RF Central MicroLite Receiver, the IMT SRx Receiver and certain other IMT products. Contact IMT for more information.

When no video signal is present, the MICROLITE enters “Standby Mode.” When a video signal is present, the MICROLITE automatically exits “Standby Mode” and resumes transmission. Standby mode status is indicated on a faceplate user interface LED.

## 5.9 Using the MICROLITE To Transmit User Data

The User Data Interface can be used to packetize user data along with the main audio and video information. The User Data can be received and output by compatible receivers, such as the MLR and SRx (e.g.). The user data interface must be programmed using the MICROLITE programmable serial interface.



## 5.10 Using alternate/custom controllers

The implementation of an RS-232 command set, or Remote Protocol, allows the use of customized interfaces to perform virtually all unit operations, including:

- Configure Settings
- Query Status

The Remote Protocol consists of command and response messages, or packets. The internal CPU handles interpretation of the packets to set unit parameters, and provide responses back through the serial interface.

In addition to IMT's Nano Controller, alternate control interfaces may be developed, or available from third parties. Additionally, commands and responses may be entered and viewed manually using a command terminal.

The Remote Protocol is available upon request from IMT.

### 5.10.1 Serial Interface Rate, Parity, and Stop Bit Specifications

Refer to the Remote Protocol for information about the baud rate, number of data bits, stop bits, and flow control methods.

### 5.10.2 Command and Response Packet Formats

This section provides a brief introduction to the serial interface command and response packet formats. The command packets use the following format:

**NU <tt> <ss><##><cc><dd><CS><CR><LF>**

Where the fields are ASCII and are defined as follows:

<b>NU</b>	Literal
<b>&lt;tt&gt;</b>	Address of target (0x01 – 0xFF)
<b>&lt;ss&gt;</b>	Address of source (0x00 – 0xFF)
<b>&lt;##&gt;</b>	Packet Length (Packet Length = Command Length + Data Length)
<b>&lt;cc&gt;</b>	Command (0x00-0xFF) – Different values are used for each command.
<b>&lt;dd&gt;</b>	Data (Hex Format) – Data values are encoded with a variety of meanings.
<b>&lt;CS&gt;</b>	(1's complement of <tt> to end of data)
<b>&lt;CR&gt;</b>	Carriage Return
<b>&lt;LF&gt;</b>	Line Feed

After a command packet is received, the unit returns a response packet. Response packets have the same basic format as command packets, except that the source and destination are reversed, and the command field specifies the type of response being sent.

## 5.11 Troubleshooting

Table 5-1: Table of Troubleshooting Tips

Problem	Possible Explanations	Actions to Take
<b>No video</b>	No Power	Check power source
	Camera Malfunction	Try a different camera
	Possible Receiver system issue	Verify that all modulation parameters match at transmitter and receiver.
<b>Video Signal Reception Poor</b>	Receiver not properly positioned	Try improved location
<b>MICROLITE Programmable Serial Interface Does Not Respond</b>	No Power	Check power source
	Host processor GUI settings issues	Verify that the host processor running a GUI interface for programming the MICROLITE is setup and operating correctly.

## 5.12 Maintenance Information

Follow these procedures when maintaining the device:

- Dry the device immediately if it comes into contact with water or other liquids. Warranty does not cover liquid damage.
- Do not submerge the device or use it directly in rain.
- Use ESD Precautions whenever handling the device
- Do not touch electrical connections.
- Do not open the device. This voids the warranty.
- Keep the device clean by wiping with a soft, dry cloth. If necessary, dampen only using a solution suitable for cleaning electronic devices. Warranty does not cover cleaning damage.



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Equipment manufactured by IMT, LLC is warranted to meet all published specifications and to be free from defects in material and workmanship within a period of two years from date of original shipment. The company's liability under this warranty is limited to:

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Equipment shipped FOB IMT shall become the property of buyer upon delivery and receipt from carrier. Any damage in shipment should be handled by the buyer directly with the carrier. Immediately request the carrier's inspection upon evidence of damage in shipment.

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IMT products are designed with easy access to components to facilitate service. However, some modules cannot be service in the field. To prevent voiding of the warranty, please contact Tech Support before servicing or making any repairs. The user is cautioned to read all module descriptions in this manual. Warnings are included in the circuit descriptions and on certain modules themselves.

## **Replacement Modules**

Troubleshooting to the component level is often not cost-effective and frequently impossible. Often the practical method of effecting repairs is to substitute known good spare modules for suspect units. Replacement modules for our standard product line are usually available.

## Technical Support Information

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Technical Support personnel are available to extend technical assistance to customers while installing, operating, or troubleshooting IMT equipment. Please have your model number and serial number available.

### **Telephone**

During IMT business hours, 8:30am - 5:30pm EST (-5 Hours, GMT), call:

US .....908-852-3700

International .....001-1-908-852-3700

After hours, call:

US or International .....888-531-3892

### **Email**

Email address .....[service@nucomm.com](mailto:service@nucomm.com)

### **Internet**

Web address .....[www.imt-solutions.com](http://www.imt-solutions.com)

### **Equipment Returns**

If equipment cannot be successfully restored through telephone consultation, return to the factory may be required. Loaner items may be available until the repaired items are returned.

For out-of-warranty equipment only: We evaluate all returned units, and then confers with the client on corrective action. If no fault is found, or no corrective action is authorized, a diagnostic fee may be charged.

Prior to returning products to the factory, please obtain a return material authorization (RMA) number and shipping instructions from Tech Support.

When returning equipment, it is very helpful to enclose a note containing the following:

- RMA number.
- Serial number.
- A detailed description of the problem.
- Name of an engineer or technician we may contact regarding problems encountered.
- A “ship to” and “bill to” address.

Ship all returns to:

**IMT, LLC**

**Attn: RMA# (your RMA number)**

**200 International Drive**

**Mt. Olive, NJ, 07828, USA**

**(908) 852-3700**

### **For International returns:**

In addition to the instructions above, when shipping internationally we recommend the use of a courier such as Federal Express, UPS, etc, and that the goods be shipped DOOR-TO-DOOR PRE-PAID. This will reduce Customs costs, handling charges and delays. Enclose all the information above, plus a statement that the equipment was manufactured in the United States (*the latter is needed to expedite customs processing*).



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