SuperFilter®

Operation and Installation Manual

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Overview

The SuperFilter is a highly selective and sensitive RF filter used in the receive path of wireless base stations. The SuperFilter eliminates the trade-off between selectivity and sensitivity. The superior performance of the SuperFilter enables wireless service providers to enhance customer satisfaction and increase their subscriber base by improving the quality of voice and data transmissions of their networks.

Some advantages of incorporating a SuperFilter in a wireless telecommunications network include:

- Improved receiver noise figure
- Improved out-of-band signal rejection
- Stable sensitivity (cellular site performance not impacted by out-of-band interference)
- Low power consumption
- Maintenance free operation
- Convenient base station installation
- Worry-free uplink enhancement

About this Manual

The *SuperFilter Operation and Installation manual* describes the 2-Pak and 6-Pak SuperFilter with two RF configurations: Cascade option and Variable Gain option (VGO). In addition, this manual describes the overlay model for the 2-Pak and 6-Pak SuperFilter. Detailed information such as installation requirements, testing procedures, and troubleshooting tips will assist you with the proper installation and operation of the SuperFilter.

This manual applies only to SuperFilter serial numbers S03000 and above.

> SuperFilter systems with serial numbers below S03000 are not compatible with this manual. Refer to manual part number 830-0010D to use those systems (S02999 and below) properly.

Review the manual carefully for proper installation and operation of your SuperFilter system. The following summary provides brief information about the chapters and appendices.

Chapter	Title	Description
1	Introduction	States the purpose of the manual. Provides general information about the manual that you need to know.
2	Using the SuperFilter	Describes the role of the SuperFilter in a typical wireless system. Provides information on SuperFilter equipment configurations and functional descriptions.
3	Unpacking the SuperFilter	Provides detailed information about unpacking the SuperFilter.
4	Installation Requirements	Lists the tools, materials, and test equipment requirements for SuperFilter installation.
5	Installing the SuperFilter	Provides the following information for installing the SuperFilter: installing the software programs, mounting the system, connecting the power and alarm wires, performing the power up/cooldown, performing functional checks, and connecting RF cables.
6	Troubleshooting Tips	Provides basic troubleshooting procedures for problems that may occur during installation and operation.
7	Periodic Visual Inspection	Provides information about inspecting the SuperFilter on a periodic basis.
Appendix A	Using the System Status Portal	Explains the STI System Status Portal interface.
Appendix B	SuperFilter Specifications	Provides detailed information about the SuperFilter specifications.
Appendix C	Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator	Provides a table to record channel gain/loss values as you conduct the Receive Path Gain test. This Appendix is also available as a Microsoft® Excel file in the **SuperFilter Operation and Installation Manual folder** located on the STI CD.

General Safety

Warnings, Cautions, and Notes

Warnings, cautions, and notes are used throughout the manual. Review the significance of each:

⚠️	A warning denotes a hazard to personnel. A warning calls attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury to personnel.
CAUTION	A caution denotes a hazard to equipment. A caution calls attention to a procedure, which if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to the equipment
📝	A note calls attention to a procedure for informational purposes only.

Electrostatic Discharge

The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Improper handling of the RF connectors, located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter chassis, can result in ESD damage. Ensure that you adhere to all appropriate ESD precautions when handling components mounted at the rear of the system. The following caution appears throughout the manual during procedures in which the SuperFilter may be subject to damage by ESD.

⚡	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted at the rear of the equipment.

Technical Assistance

For technical assistance, call the STI Customer Service Hotline (CS-Hotline): 800.727.3648.

📝	"CS-Hotline" refers to the STI Customer Service Hotline. For your convenience, the CS-Hotline number is located on the bottom of each page throughout the manual.

Warranty

On a standard basis, Superconductor Technologies Inc. (STI) warrants its SuperFilter to be free from any defect in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment.

STI's sole obligation under this warranty is to repair or replace the SuperFilter or any part thereof, which proves to be defective after inspection by STI. The warranty for the repaired or replaced SuperFilter is the un-expired warranty period of the original SuperFilter, or ninety (90) days whichever is greater. This warranty does not apply to any SuperFilter that has been disassembled, modified, subjected to unusual electrical or physical stress, misuse, neglect, excessive deterioration or erosion, abuse, accident, unauthorized repair, improper installation, or use in any way that is contrary to the instructions set forth herein.

STI is not liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential or special damages, including without limitation, lost profits and cost of procurement of substitute goods.

This warranty is the full extent of obligation and liability assumed by STI with respect to its SuperFilter. STI neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume for it any other obligations or liability in connection with the sale, installation or use of its SuperFilter.

Chapter 2 Using the SuperFilter

Equipment Configurations

The SuperFilter is available in United States A and B Cellular Frequency Bands. Both A-Band and B-Band SuperFilter systems are available in 2-Pak and 6-Pak RF receiver configurations:

- The 2-Pak SuperFilter system provides two RF receive paths, and operates in a cellular system that uses omni-directional antennas, one main, and one diversity.
- The 6-Pak SuperFilter system is designed for a cellular system that uses three antenna sectors, each consisting of one main and one diversity antenna.

Two RF configurations are available for both 2-Pak and 6-Pak SuperFilter systems:

- Cascade option
- Variable Gain option (VGO)

Additionally, the SuperFilter system is configurable as an Overlay. See the "Overlay Model" section on page 6 for more information.

Figure 1 shows a typical wireless telecommunications base station diagram with a SuperFilter system.

WIRELESS NETWORK SUBSCRIBERS

BASE STATION RECEIVE ANTENNA - Receives RF signals from Wireless Network Subscribers.

ANTENNA CABLE - Conducts received RF signals to the Base Station Receiving Equipment via the SuperFilter.

Base Station Receiving Equipment

SuperFilter

BASE STATION RECEIVING EQUIPMENT - Processes received RF signals in normal manner.

SUPERFILTER - Enhances the performance of the Base Station Receiver.

Note: Single RF path shown for simplicity.

Figure 1. Typical Base Station Diagram for the SuperFilter, Cascade Option

Cascade Option

The Cascade option is a Filter-Amplifier that connects in-line (cascade) with the existing receiver equipment. Figure 2A shows a Cascade system connected with a base station sector. The block diagram shows the Bypass RF path, which provides pre-SuperFilter performance if the Filter-Amplifier should develop a problem. The Filter-Amplifier connects directly to the antenna cable, and provides a clear, low noise signal to the receiver.

Variable Gain Option

The Variable Gain option (VGO) allows you to take advantage of the low noise benefits of the SuperFilter and control the amplification in the base station RF receive signal paths. This allows you to optimize base station receiver performance. The gain of each RF path may be individually adjusted. The block diagram shown in Figure 2B shows the receive signal path of the VGO in both Bypass and SuperFilter modes.

Overlay Model

The Overlay model solves the problem of adding a new base station to an existing base station. This SuperFilter system simplifies an overlay without degrading or interfering with the incumbent base station, in addition to providing SuperFilter benefits to both technologies. To achieve maximum performance, the Overlay model uses a power divider that provides two separate outputs for every input as shown in Figure 2C. Each path provides a modest positive gain and improvement in noise figure. Both 2-Pak and 6-Pak SuperFilter systems are available in the Overlay model.

Benefits of using the Overlay model include:

- Only one SuperFilter system is required for each sectored site.
- Noise figure improvement.
- Enhanced interference protection.
- Sensitivity improvement for both new and existing base stations.
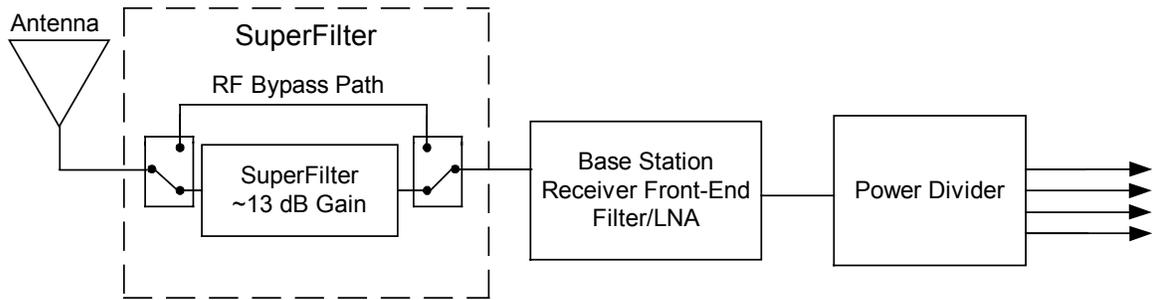
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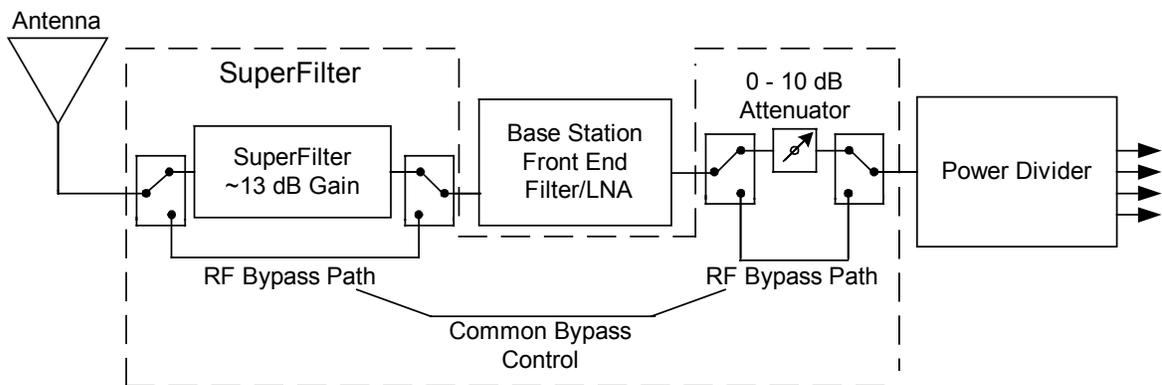
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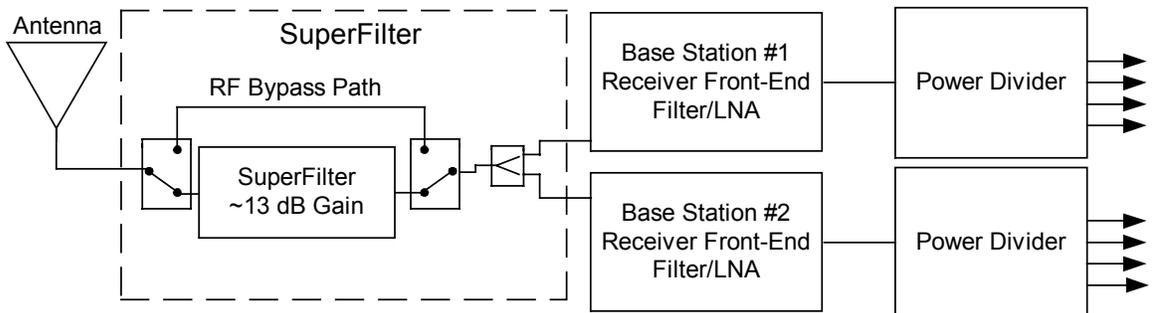
(C) OVERLAY MODEL

Note: Single RF path shown for simplicity.

Figure 2. Signal Flow Block Diagram of RF Configurations

Functional Description

The functional areas of the SuperFilter are described in the following paragraphs. See Figure 3 for a functional block diagram of the SuperFilter.

RF Signal Flow

RF signals from the Antenna are fed into the initial RF Bypass Relay. In normal operation, the RF signals are routed through the RF Bypass Relay and into the Cryogenic RF Enclosure (CoRE). The CoRE consists of band-specific filters and a Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) for each RF path. The CoRE circuits provide highly selective filtering along with ~13 dB gain. RF signals from the CoRE are fed into the second RF Bypass Relay.

The SuperFilter is in Bypass mode upon power up and only switches to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) when the filter circuits in the CoRE reach the operating temperature. If a problem develops during normal operation, such as the CoRE dropping out of the operating temperature, or a loss of power, the system will automatically switch into Bypass mode. In Bypass mode, the RF signals from the Antenna are routed through the initial RF Bypass Relay, bypassing the SuperFilter CoRE and into the second RF Bypass Relay and RF configuration optional items.

For Cascade-configured SuperFilter systems, in both SuperFilter and Bypass modes of operation, the RF signals from the second RF Bypass Relay and are routed to the base station receiver.

For VGO-configured SuperFilter systems, there is another set of RF Bypass Relays. During SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) of operation the RF signals are routed to an adjustable attenuator, allowing you to optimize base station receiver performance. During Bypass mode of operation the adjustable attenuators are no longer in the RF signal path.

For the Overlay model, in both SuperFilter and Bypass modes of operation, the RF signals from the second RF Bypass Relay are routed to the power divider, which connects to the base station receiver in each of the base stations (original and new overlay).

Control

The Digital Signal Processor (DSP) provides the SuperFilter control and performance monitoring function. The DSP monitors:

- Input voltage from the Power Supply
- Driver power for the Cooling Motor Driver
- CoRE temperature from the Thermal Sensor Interface
- LNA current

If input voltage drops or rises to an unacceptable level the DSP will cause the SuperFilter to switch into the Fault Bypass mode and, at the same time, activate the alarm relay. Signals from the alarm relay are available for connection to a base station alarm system. The **BYPASS** LED,

located on the SuperFilter front panel, will illuminate RED (flashing or steady) to indicate Bypass mode.

The DSP senses variations in driver current. If the motor driver current levels move to an unacceptable level the DSP will cause the SuperFilter to switch into the Shutdown mode and, at the same time, activate the alarm relay as previously mentioned.

The DSP controls the temperature of the CoRE. The Thermal Sensor Interface routes multiplexed sensor signals to the DSP. Correction signals are sent to the Cooling Motor Driver. If temperature levels move to an unacceptable level the DSP will cause the SuperFilter to switch into the Bypass mode. Additionally, the DSP monitors the LNA current. Unacceptable levels of LNA current are sensed via the Power Supply and will cause the SuperFilter to switch into the Bypass mode. Each time the SuperFilter is switched into the Bypass mode, the alarm relay is activated.

Cryogenic Cooling

The STI Stirling Cycle Cryogenic Cooler is a highly efficient state-of-the-art Cryogenic Cooler. The Cryogenic Cooler maintains the CoRE at an operating temperature of ~78 K (Kelvin). The compressor and cold finger are fully integrated into a single self-contained unit. The Cooling Motor Driver provides drive and control to maintain a constant temperature. Temperature sensors in both the CoRE and the STI Stirling Cycle Cryogenic Cooler provide for constant temperature monitoring of the system by the Thermal Sensor Interface.

Power

27 VDC input power is received at the POWER terminal block connections, located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter. DC power is routed through a 12-amp fuse (10-amp fuse on some SuperFilter models) to the fans and the power supply. Two fans provide cooling air for SuperFilter components installed outside the CoRE. The power supply routes regulated DC power to all SuperFilter assemblies.
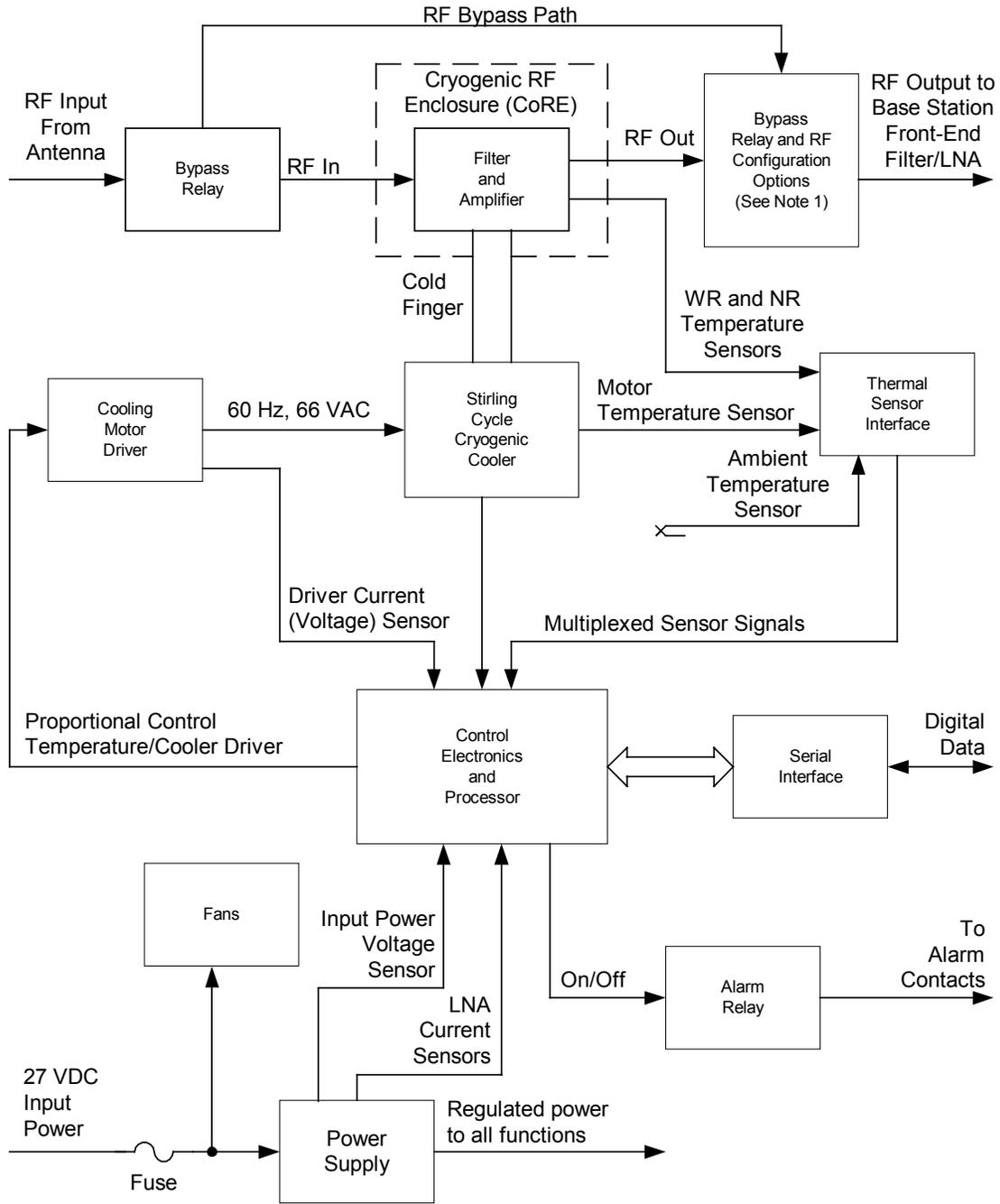
Note:
1. RF Configuration Option includes VGO or Overlay.

Figure 3. Functional Block Diagram

Indicators, Connectors, and Controls

Front View of the SuperFilter

The SuperFilter provides two indicators, or LEDs, on the front panel as shown in Figure 4 and described in Table 1.
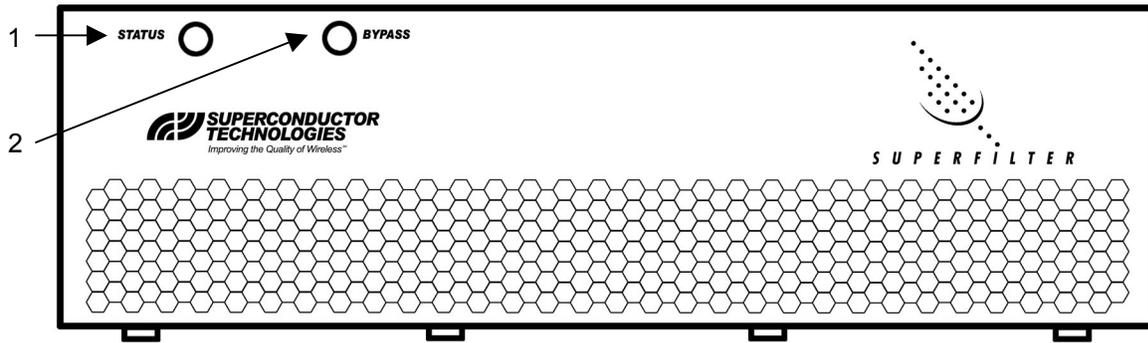
Figure 4. Front Panel Indicators

Table 1. Front Panel Indicators

Item No.	Item	Description
1	**STATUS** LED	Illuminates GREEN when the SuperFilter is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state).
2	**BYPASS** LED	Illuminates RED when the SuperFilter is in Bypass mode.

For more information about the LEDs, see Table 7.

Rear Panel of the SuperFilter

The rear panel contains signal and power connectors. The following figures show the different rear panel views:

- Figure 5 shows a 2-Pak system, Cascade and VGO.
- Figure 6 shows a 6-Pak system, Cascade and VGO.
- Figure 7 shows a 2-Pak and 6-Pak system, Overlay Model.

Table 2 describes the controls and connectors located on the rear panel.

On SuperFilter VGO systems, attenuator controls are associated with each RF signal path. These items are located on the Bypass Assembly.
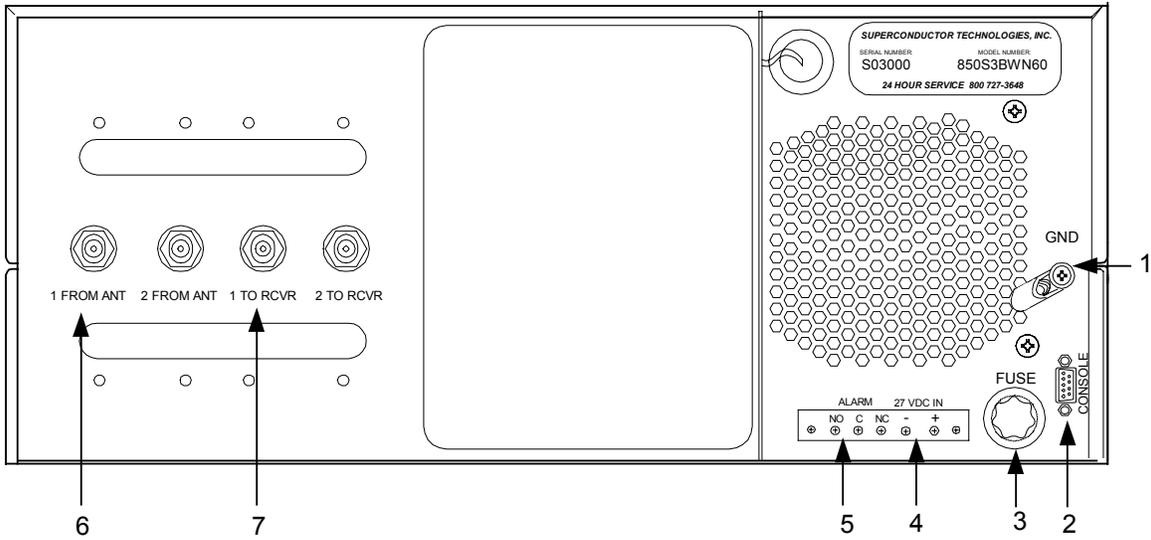
2-Pak Cascade Option
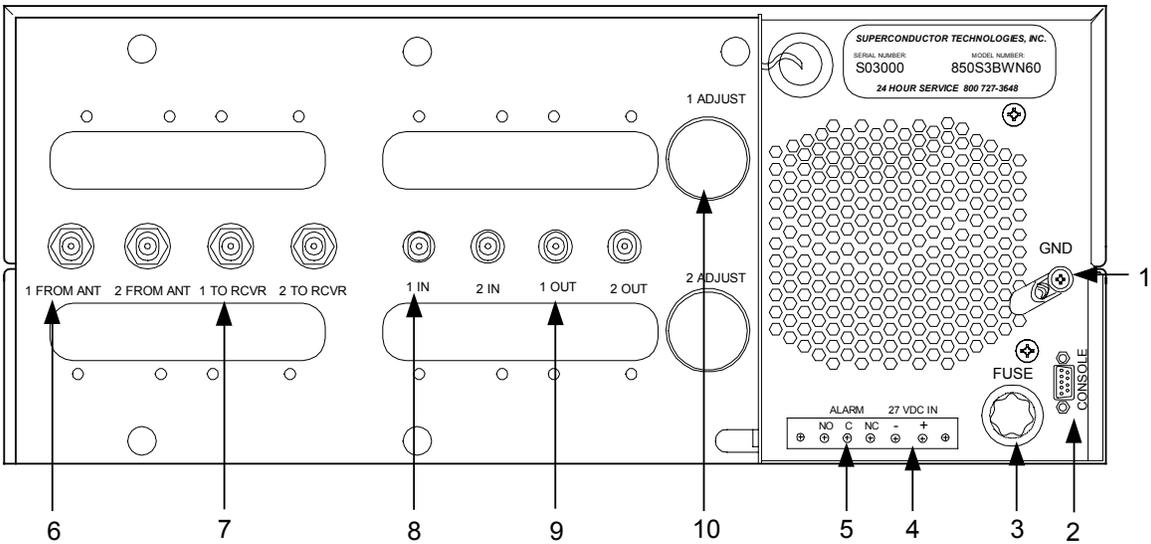
2-Pak VGO

Figure 5. 2-Pak Rear Panel Connectors and Controls, Cascade and VGO

6-Pak Cascade Option

6-Pak VGO

Figure 6. 6-Pak Rear Panel Connectors and Controls, Cascade and VGO

2-pak Overlay Model

6-pak Overlay Model

Figure 7. Rear Panel Connectors and Controls, Overlay Model

Table 2. Rear Panel Connectors and Controls

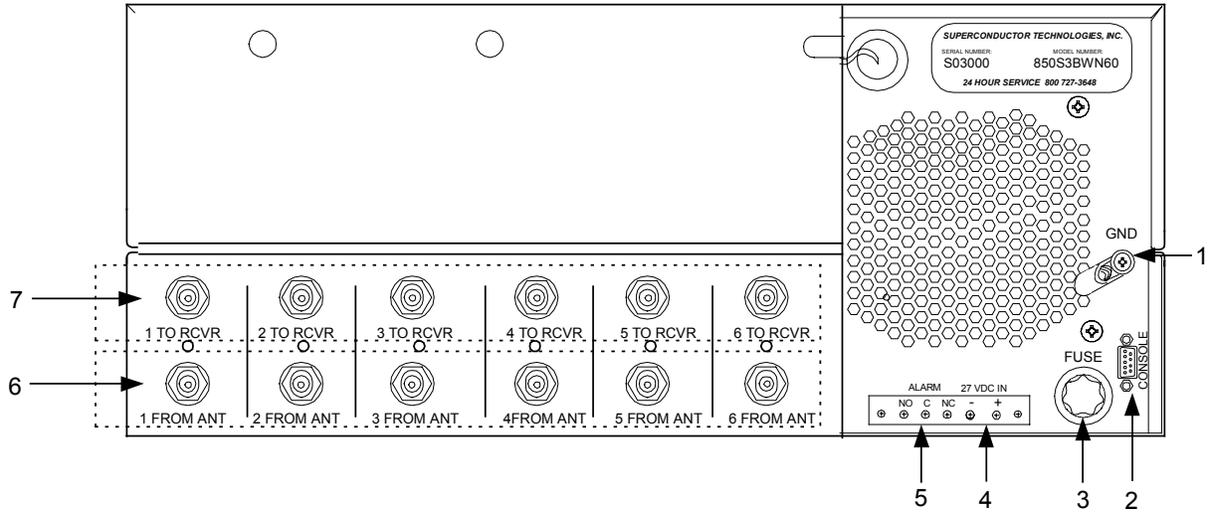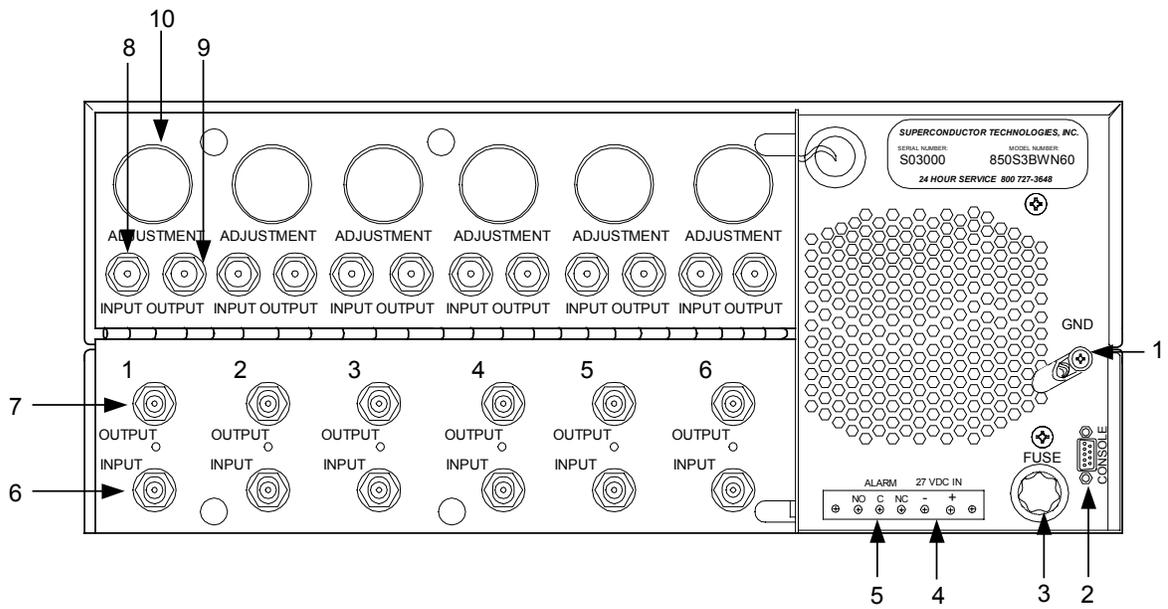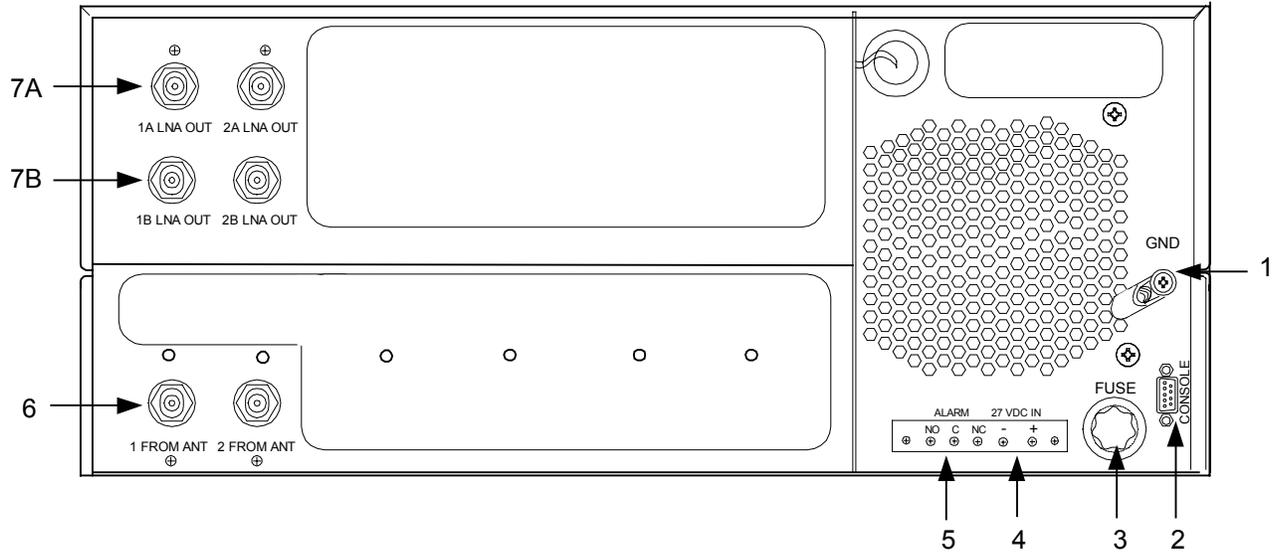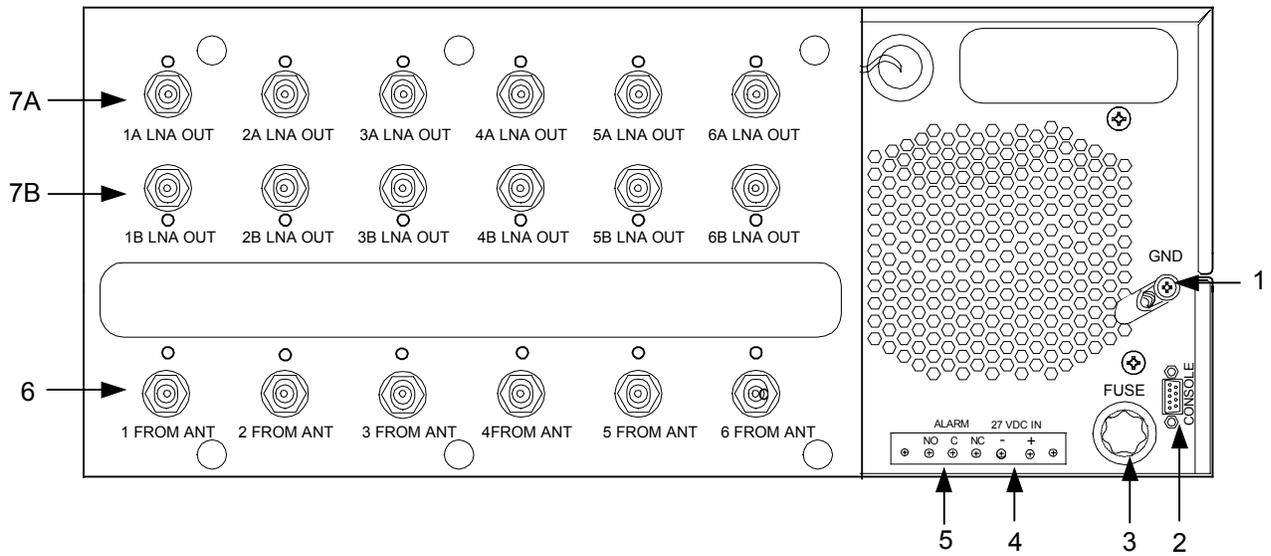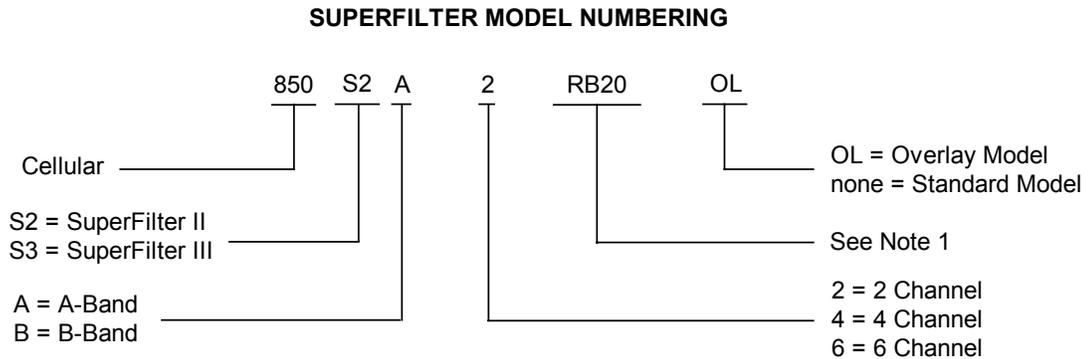| Item No.	Item	Description
Power and Control Connectors		
1	**GND**	Chassis ground lug.
2	**CONSOLE** connector	Provides an RS-232 serial interface connection to the PC. (You can verify that the system is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) and check the system parameters using a PC.)
3	**FUSE**	With a 27 VDC input, provides 12-amp (10-amp on some SuperFilter models) input power protection for the SuperFilter.
4	**27 VDC IN -** and **+** (Terminal Block)	Provides input power connection for 27 VDC.
5	**ALARM NO**, **C**, and **NC** (Terminal Block)	Provides connection from the alarm relay to the base station alarm system.
RF Connectors		
6	N-type RF Connector (SuperFilter input)	N-type connector that receives RF signals from the Antenna for each SuperFilter receive path.
7	N-type RF Connector (SuperFilter output)	N-type connector that routes RF signals from each SuperFilter receive path output to the base station front-end input.
7A	N-type RF Connector (SuperFilter output)	N-type connector that routes RF signals from each SuperFilter receive path output to the base station front-end input. (Use complete row of A's for one base station.)
7B	N-type RF Connector (SuperFilter output)	N-type connector that routes RF signals from each SuperFilter receive path output to the base station front-end input. (Use complete row of B's for the second base station.)
8	BNC-type RF Connector (SuperFilter adjustment section input)	Routes RF signals from the base station front-end output to the adjustment section input of each SuperFilter receive path. (VGO only.)
9	BNC-type RF Connector (SuperFilter adjustment section output)	Routes RF signals from the adjustment section of each SuperFilter receive path output to the power divider input. (VGO only.)
RF Controls		
10	**ADJUSTMENT**	Rotary attenuator control. Allows you to add 0 to 10 dB of attenuation for a given RF receive path. The gain of each RF path may be individually adjusted. (VGO only.)

Model Number Identification

The SuperFilter model number provides information on filter generation, frequency ranges, number of RF receive paths, and types of options selected. The model (and serial) numbers are located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter. See Figure 8 for a description of the STI SuperFilter model numbers.

SUPERFILTER MODEL NUMBERING

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        850   S2  A    2    RB20      OL

Cellular ─────────┘              │         └──── OL = Overlay Model
                                 │                none = Standard Model

S2 = SuperFilter II ────┘        │
S3 = SuperFilter III             └──────────────── See Note 1

A = A-Band ──────────┘                            2 = 2 Channel
B = B-Band                                        4 = 4 Channel
                                                  6 = 6 Channel
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Note:
1. Denotes selected bypass configurations based on the following codes:

Code		Bypass Option
RB20	=	2-Pak Cascade Option*
RB40	=	4-Pak Cascade Option*
RB60	=	6-Pak Cascade Option*
RV20	=	2-Pak Variable Gain Option
RV60	=	6-Pak Variable Gain Option
WN20	=	2-Pak with a Notch Filter
WN60	=	6-Pak with a Notch Filter
CS20	=	2-Pak Co-Site (No-Notch)
CS60	=	6-Pak Co-Site (No-Notch)

*Overlay model available for these codes only.

Figure 8. Model Numbering

Chapter 3 Unpacking the SuperFilter

Reviewing the Contents of the SuperFilter Package

When you unpack the SuperFilter package, review the contents to ensure you received the supplied items as shown in Table 3. If you discover any items missing, call the CS-Hotline.

Table 3. Equipment Supplied

Item No.	Item	Part Number	Qty	Notes
1	SuperFilter, 2-Pak or 6-Pak	As ordered	1 each	2-Pak or 6-Pak SuperFilter as ordered.
2A	Rack Mount Brackets, 19-inch Right Side Left Side	180-0286 180-0287	1 pair	As ordered, one pair of either 19-inch or 23-inch rack mount brackets ships with each SuperFilter.
2B	Rack Mount Brackets, 23-inch Right Side Left Side	180-0308 180-0309		
3	Machine Screws, Round Head, Phillips Head 10/32-inch x 1/2-inch long	360-0098-0500	8 each	Use four Round Head Screws to mount each rack mount bracket to the SuperFilter.
4A	Hex head, Type F, #12-24 x .75-inch long	360-0169-0750	4 each	Use four Hex head screws to mount the SuperFilter with rack mount brackets to the base station.
4B	Hex head, Type F, #10-32 x .75-inch long	360-0168-0750		
5	STI CD	831-0001	1 each	Contains the product manual and the STI System Status Portal software that communicates with the SuperFilter.

Unpacking the SuperFilter

STI uses cutout protective foam packing to prevent damage to the system during shipment. The following steps ensure that you unpack the SuperFilter properly.

> ⚠️ Depending on the configuration, the un-boxed SuperFilter weighs between 50-60 lbs. To prevent injury to personnel and damage to the equipment, it is recommended that two people are available for unpacking the SuperFilter.

1. Inspect the shipping container for signs of damage. Report any damage to the CS-Hotline.

2. Remove loose packing material on top of the SuperFilter.

3. Remove the small piece of packing material that protects the RF connectors on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.

4. Remove the rack mount brackets located between the corner of the shipping container and the foam packing material.

5. Remove the bag containing the attaching hardware for the rack mount brackets. The bag is taped to the top of the SuperFilter.

6. Remove the STI CD taped on top of the SuperFilter.

7. With foam packing materials in place, lift the SuperFilter from the shipping container. Place the SuperFilter on a work surface.

> ⚠️ Depending on the configuration, the un-boxed SuperFilter weighs between 50-60 lbs. To prevent injury to personnel and damage to equipment, it is recommended that two people are available for unpacking the SuperFilter.

8. Remove the foam packing from each side of the SuperFilter.

9. Do not remove the plastic ESD covers from the RF connectors at this time. Remove these covers when you are ready for the SuperFilter Receive Path Gain Test in Chapter 5, "Installing the SuperFilter."

10. Inspect the SuperFilter for signs of damage. Report any damage to the CS-Hotline.

11. Retain the shipping container and all packing materials for reuse. Store the shipping container in a dry place.

Instructions for Return Shipment

The SuperFilter may be returned to STI to incorporate an optional feature, upgrade to a newer model, or for repair. STI handles all upgrades or repair activity. To return a system, complete the following:

1. Call the CS-Hotline for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Provide the following information:

    - Model number (located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter)
    - Serial number (located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter)
    - Comprehensive description as to the nature of the return

    The representative will inform you about the return shipment process, including a brief explanation about shipping Hazardous Materials. You must be certified to ship Hazardous Materials.

    The representative will mail you a packet that contains the information you need to learn more about Hazardous Materials and to properly ship the system back to STI.

2. The day you receive your paperwork, the representative will contact you to discuss Hazardous Materials. The representative will certify you after a brief discussion over the phone, concluding with a quiz. When you successfully complete the quiz, provide the representative with the following information to complete your certification:
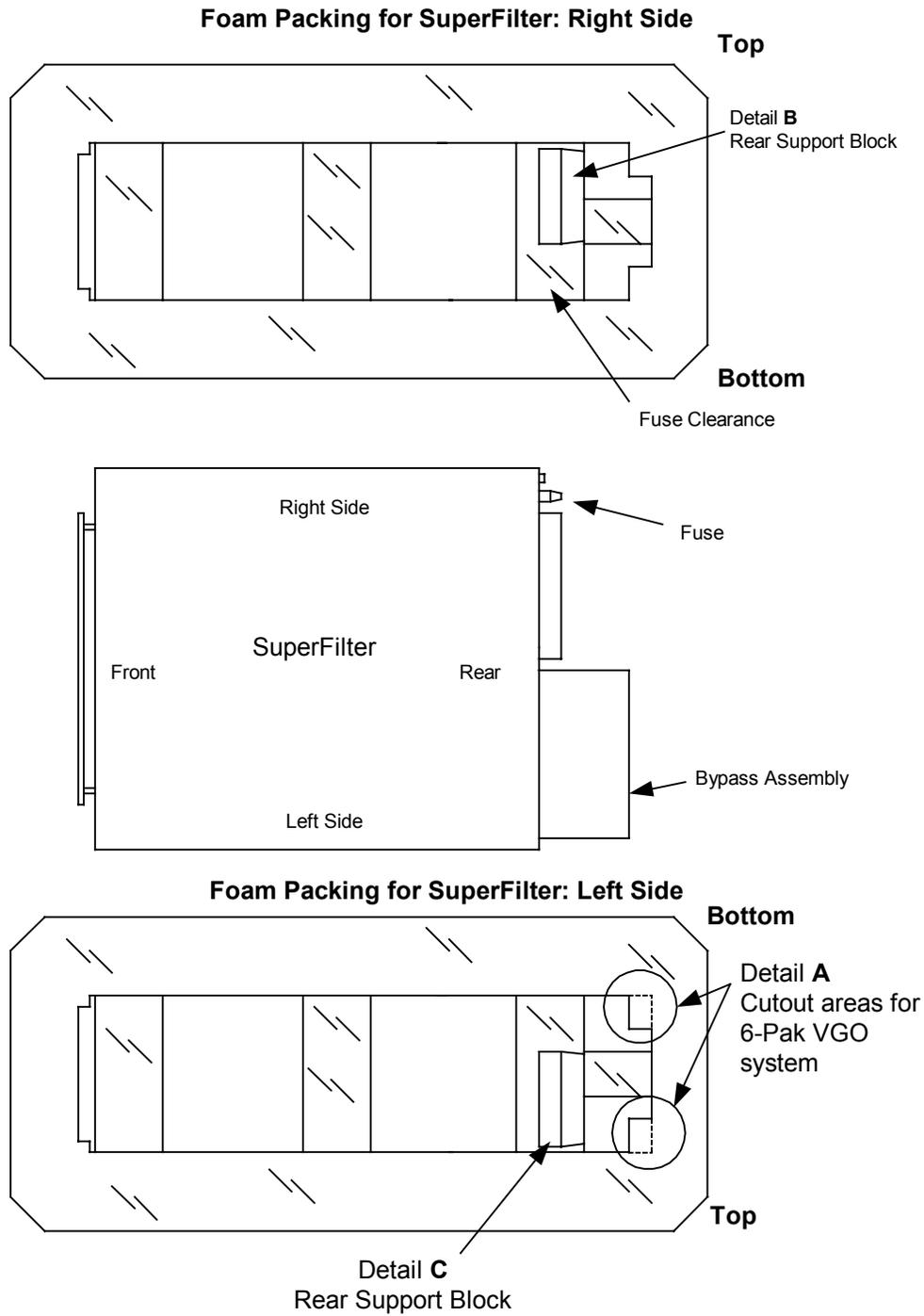
    - Your title
    - Immediate supervisor's name
    - Immediate supervisor's email

3. After you are certified, follow the instructions provided in the RMA packet to ship the system back to STI.

    > Failure to properly package the SuperFilter system could result in significant shipping damage. STI is not responsible for shipping damage due to improper packaging. See Figure 9 for appropriate packing procedures.
    >
    > Keep the original shipping container for return shipment, or request a new shipping container from STI.

Foam Packing for SuperFilter: Right Side

Top

Detail **B**
Rear Support Block

Bottom

Fuse Clearance

Right Side

Fuse

SuperFilter

Front

Rear

Bypass Assembly

Left Side

Foam Packing for SuperFilter: Left Side

Bottom

Detail **A**
Cutout areas for
6-Pak VGO
system

Top

Detail **C**
Rear Support Block

Figure 9. Foam Packing Installation

Chapter 4 Installation Requirements

Overview

Before you install the SuperFilter, review the installation requirements:

- Establish the site requirements
- Assemble the tools and materials required for installation
- Assemble the functional checks test equipment
- Review the PC requirements for the Java Runtime Environment/System Status Portal

> The tools, materials, and test equipment are not supplied with the SuperFilter. The following sections guide you in preparing the items you need to install the SuperFilter. If you have any questions about the installation requirements, call the CS-Hotline.

SuperFilter Installation Requirements

Site Requirements

You are responsible for providing the facilities and environmental controls for the SuperFilter installation. Review the following site requirements:

- Sheltered enclosure with temperature and humidity control.
- Conditioned air as required, maintaining the SuperFilter between 0^oC and 50^oC.
- Humidity control as required, maintaining the relative humidity level between 10% and 95% (non-condensing).
- Mounting location with unobstructed air vent space at the front and rear of the SuperFilter.
- 27 VDC Power Source (25 to 30 VDC) provided through a Power Distribution Panel Circuit Breaker of 20-amp capability (15 to 30 amps).
- Remote monitoring connection for the SuperFilter alarm relay.

Required Installation Tools and Materials

You are responsible for providing hand tools and materials to install the SuperFilter. Review the following requirements:

Table 4. Hand Tools Required

Item No.	Item	Notes
1	Screwdriver, 1/8-inch flat blade	For SuperFilter terminal block screws.
2	Screwdriver, Phillips #2	For attaching rack mount brackets (Table 3, Item 2A or 2B) to the chassis, and the ground lug to the system.
3	Hex driver, 5/16-inch	For attaching Hex head screws (Table 3, Item 4A or 4B) to mount the SuperFilter to the base station equipment rack.
4	Wire Stripper	For power wire installation.
5	Wire Cutter (diagonal cutter)	For power wire installation and wire tie removal.

Table 5. Materials Required

Item No.	Item	Qty	Notes
1	RF Jumper Cable, Flexible, Low Loss (1/2-inch). (Suggest FSJ-4 Andrew Cable or equivalent.)	1 per receive path, length as required.	Male N-type connectors on each end. This cable must be long enough to connect between the existing antenna feed coaxial input connector and the rack-mounted SuperFilter. (Rerouting the existing feed jumper cable may be sufficient for this cable.)
2	RF Jumper Cable, Flexible, Low Loss (1/2-inch). (Suggest LDF-4 Cable or equivalent.)	1 per receive path, length as required. Double this quantity if using the Overlay model.	Male N-type connectors on each end. This cable must be long enough to connect the rack-mounted SuperFilter output to the existing antenna input connector of the base station receiver.
3	RF Jumper Cable, Flexible, Low Loss (1/2-inch). (Suggest FSJ-1 Andrew Cable or equivalent.)	2 per receive path, length as required.	(For VGO only.) Male N-type connector on one end and BNC-type connector on the other end. This cable must be long enough to connect between the multi-coupler input and output connectors and the rack-mounted SuperFilter input and output connectors.
4	Wire, Duplex 10-gauge	Length as required.	Power wire, 12-gauge for lengths up to 20 feet, 10-gauge up to 30 feet (red and black wire preferred for color coding + and - power, respectively).
5	Wire, Duplex 24-gauge	Length as required.	If desired, for connecting the SuperFilter alarm relay output to the base system Alarm Control Unit.
6	Wire, 6-gauge	Length as required.	For connecting the SuperFilter chassis ground to the base station ground.
7	Nylon Wire Ties	As required.	Used to dress cables after installation.
8	20-amp Breaker	As required.	Used to install the system and perform functional checks.

Required Functional Checks Test Equipment

You are responsible for providing test equipment to perform functional checks on the SuperFilter. Review the following table for required test equipment.

Table 6. Test Equipment Required

Item No.	Test Equipment	Notes
1	Digital Multimeter (DMM) or equivalent	Checks the alarm relay and input power.
2	Personal Computer (PC) with Comm Port	Accesses SuperFilter internal states using the serial port. See the "Reviewing PC System Requirements" section for more information.
3	Straight-thru cable, DB-9 Female Connector to DB-9 Male Connector (50 feet maximum)	Connects PC to SuperFilter.
4	Signal Generator, Radio Frequency	Generates a continuous wave (CW) carrier at 830 MHz (A-Band) or 840 MHz (B-Band), with output level adjusted to -50 dBm.
5	Spectrum Analyzer	Receives and displays CW carrier at 830 MHz (A-Band) and 840 MHz (B-Band), across levels -55 to -35 dBm; measure received power level accurately (± 1 dB).
6	Connector Adapter, N-Female to N-Female Barrel (N-type barrel)	Replaces the SuperFilter for test signal level calibration.
7	RF Jumper Cable, N-Male Connector to BNC-Male Connector	(For VGO only.) Used during Test Generator Calibration and Data.

> HP 8921 Test Set, or equivalent, provides both the Signal Generator and the Spectrum Analyzer function.

Reviewing PC System Requirements

To communicate with the SuperFilter, STI provides two programs you need to install on your PC: Java Runtime Environment and the System Status Portal. The Java Runtime Environment is required for the System Status Portal to operate properly. If you already have the Java Runtime Environment on your PC, you do not need to install this program.

Review the system requirements to ensure your PC has the minimum system requirements to run these programs. Call the CS-Hotline if you have questions about the system requirements.

- Windows 95, 98 (1st or 2nd edition), 2000, NT 4.0 (with Service Pack 6), ME, or XP
- Pentium 166 MHz or faster processor
- 70 MB available disk space
- 32 MB RAM minimum, 48 MB RAM (or higher) ideal
- CD-ROM drive
- Comm Port available (supporting 19.2K baud data rates)
- Internet Explorer 5.5 and higher, Netscape Navigator 6.2 and higher, or Netscape Communicator 4.79 and higher

Chapter 5 Installing the SuperFilter

Overview

⚠	Qualified technicians should install the SuperFilter system. Contact the CS-Hotline for assistance: 800.727.3648.

Proper installation of the SuperFilter consists of the following steps:

- Installing the Java Runtime Environment/System Status Portal
- Mounting the SuperFilter
- Connecting the power wire, chassis ground, and alarm relay
- Performing power up/cooldown
- Performing functional checks
- Connecting RF cables

Site-specific installation and checkout information may be available by calling the CS-Hotline.

SuperFilter Installation Procedures

Installing the Java Runtime Environment

The Java Runtime Environment, version 1.4, supports the System Status Portal. This version is available on the STI CD shipped with the SuperFilter. If you currently have this version installed on your PC, you do not need to install this program again. To install from the STI CD:

1. Insert the STI CD into your CD-ROM drive.

2. From the **Start** menu, choose **Run…**. The **Run** dialog box opens.
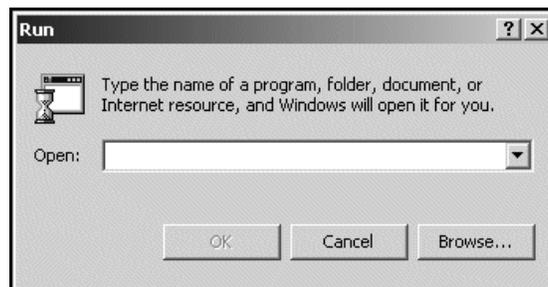
3.   To locate the STI CD, click **Browse…**. The **Browse** dialog box opens, and defaults to the C: drive. Find the CD-ROM drive on your PC to display the contents of the STI CD.
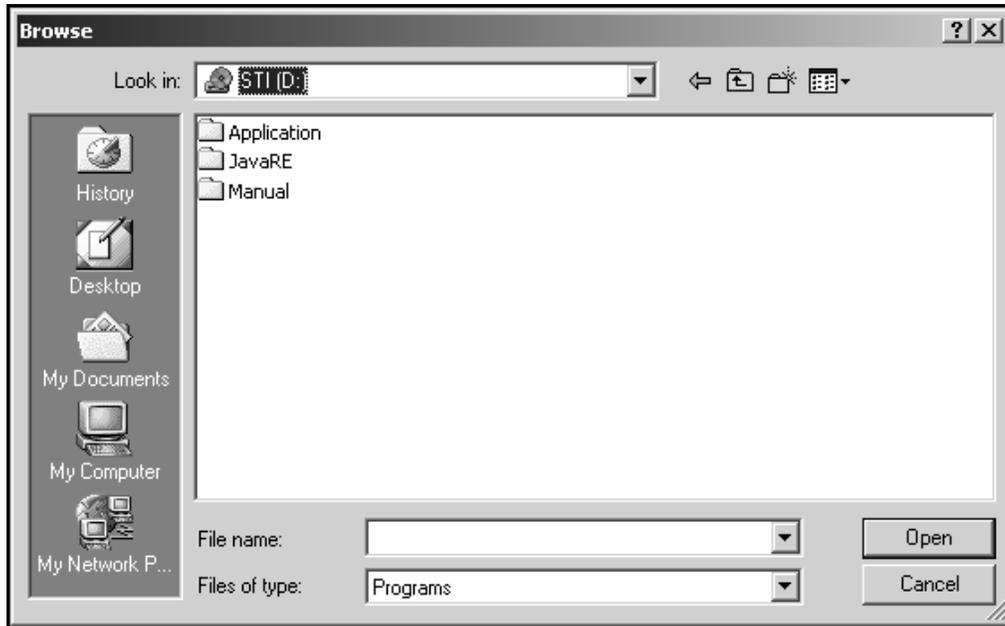

4.   Double-click the **JavaRE folder**. This folder contains the setup file for the Java Runtime Environment: **j2re-1_4_0_01-windows-i586.exe**.

5.   Double-click the setup file **j2re-1_4_0_01-windows-i586.exe**. The file path displays in the **Run** dialog box. Click **OK** to begin the installation, and the **InstallShield Wizard** dialog box opens. Click **Next >**.
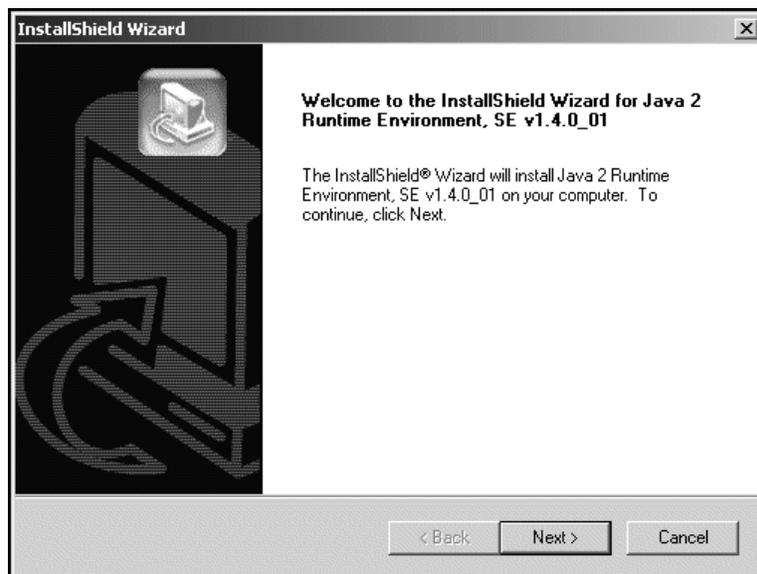
6. Review the information on the **License Agreement** dialog box, and click **Yes** to continue with the installation.
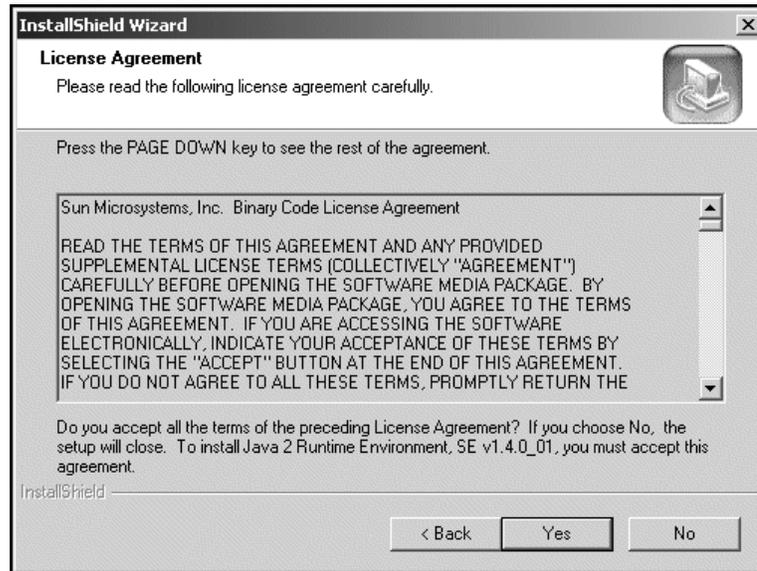
7. Choose a destination location. By default, the **InstallShield Wizard** chooses the C: drive to install the Java Runtime Environment. Install the program on the default drive: **C:\Program Files\Java\j2re1.4.0_01**. Click **Next >**.
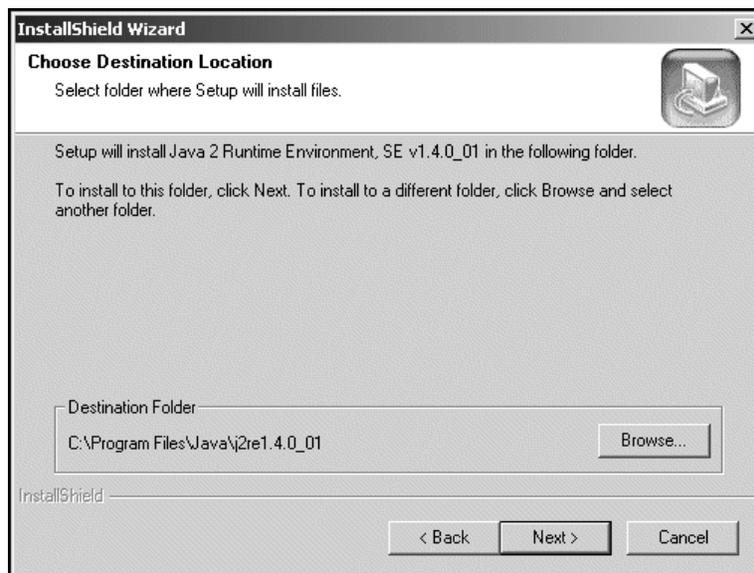
7a. If you want to change the destination folder, click **Browse…**. The **Choose Folder** dialog box opens. Choose the folder to install the Java Runtime Environment, and click **OK** to continue with the installation.
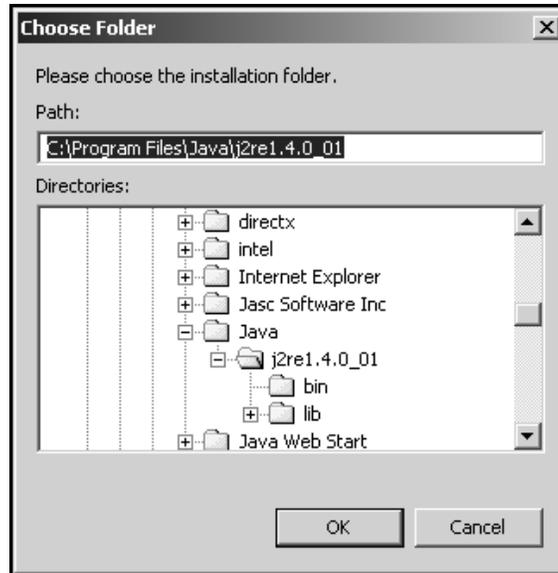
8. Choose the browser used on your PC: Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape 6. Click **Next >**.

> For Netscape users only. You need to verify that the Java Plugin box is checked to enable proper operation of the System Status Portal. Choose **Edit > Preferences**. Find **Category** and click **Advanced**. In this window, check **Enable Java Plugin**, and click **OK**.
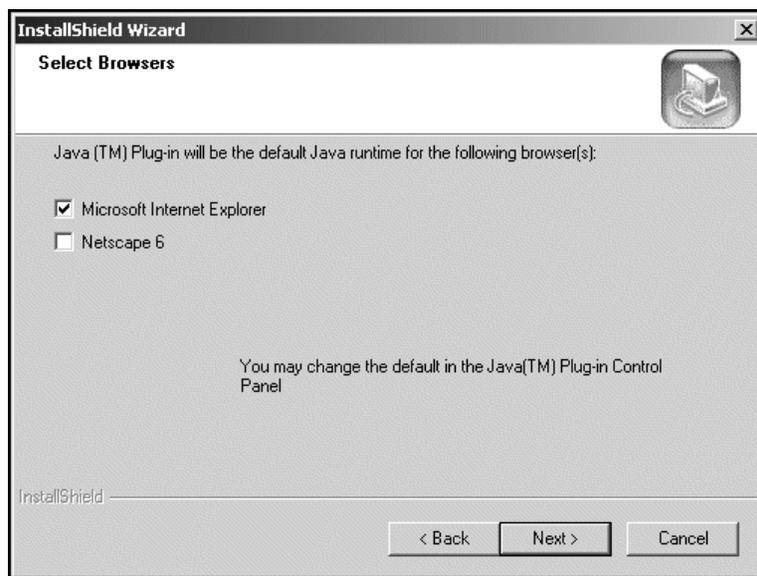
The **InstallShield Wizard** installs the Java Runtime Environment on your PC. When the installation is complete, the Java Runtime Environment InstallShield Wizard closes.

Installing the System Status Portal

The System Status Portal provides a user-friendly interface to observe the operating parameters of the SuperFilter. For more information about using the System Status Portal, see Appendix A, "Using the System Status Portal."

1. Locate the STI CD using **Start > Run…**. The **Run** dialog box opens.
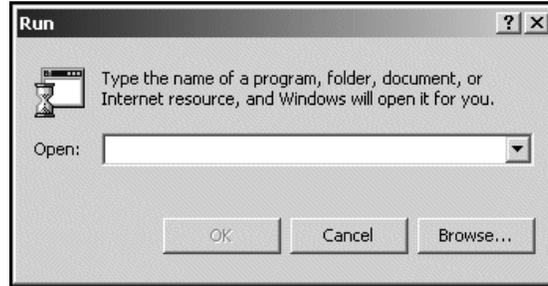
2. To locate the STI CD, click **Browse…**. The **Browse** dialog box opens, and defaults to the C: drive. Find the CD-ROM drive on your PC to display the contents of the STI CD.
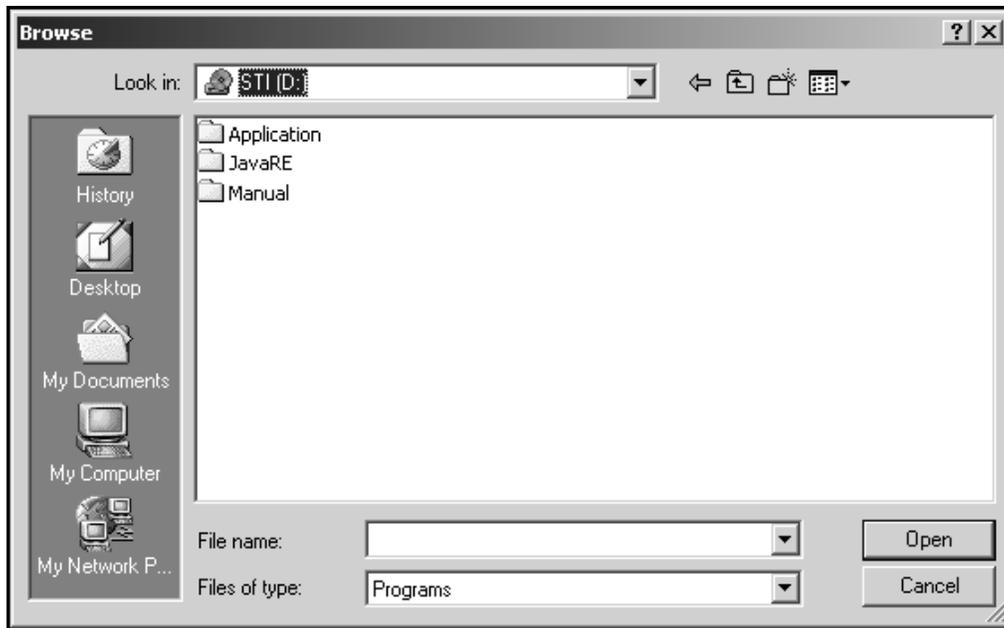
3. Double-click the **Application folder**. The folder contains the setup file for the System Status Portal: **setup.exe**.

4.   Double-click the setup file: **setup.exe**. The file path displays in the **Run** dialog box. Click **OK** to begin the installation, and the **InstallShield Wizard** dialog box opens. Click **Next >**.
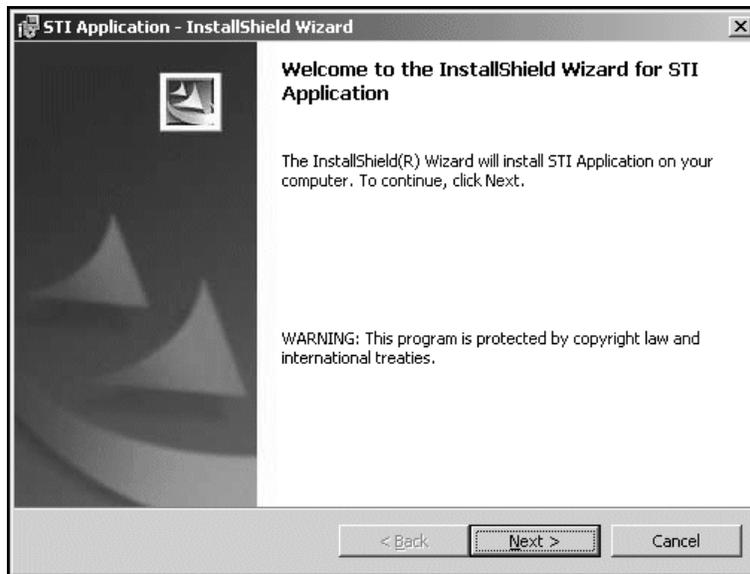

5.   Choose a Destination Folder. By default, the program chooses the C: drive to install the System Status Portal. Install the program on the default drive and folder: **C:\Program Files\STI\App**\. Click **Next >**.
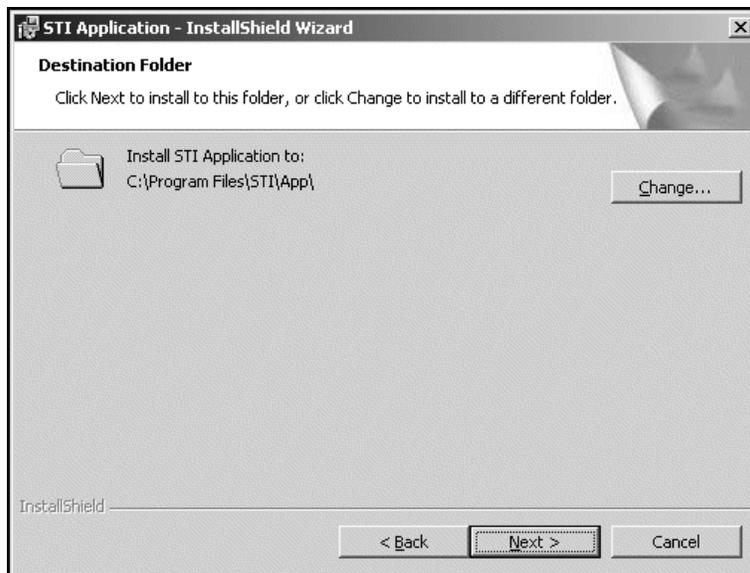
5a.   If you want to change the destination folder, click **Change…**. The **Change Current Destination Folder** dialog box opens. Choose a location to install the System Status Portal, and click **OK** to continue with the installation.
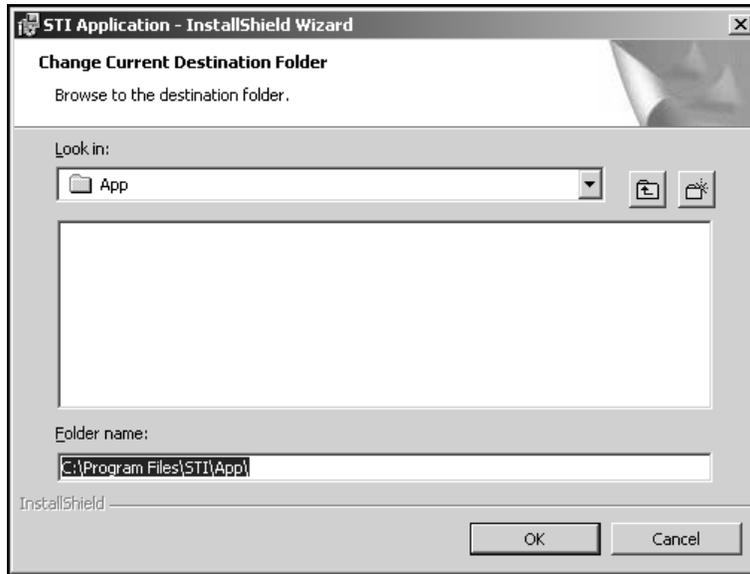
6.   Review the installation settings before you complete the installation. If you need to make any changes, click < **Back** to review the previous screens. Click **Install** to continue with the installation.
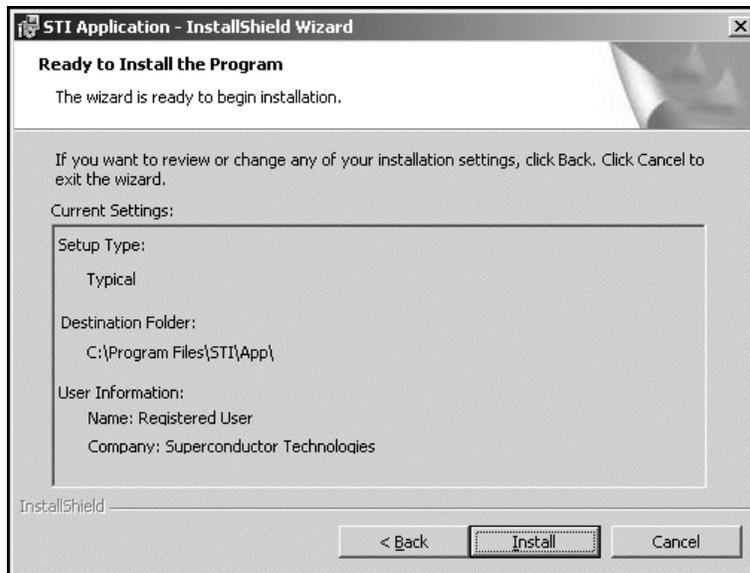
7.   When the installation is complete, the **InstallShield Wizard Completed** dialog box displays. Click **Finish**. You are now ready to use the System Status Portal.
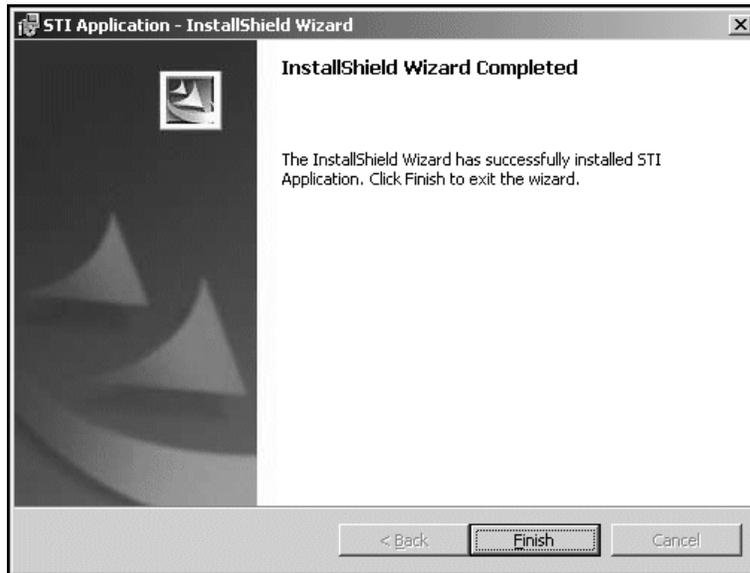
Mounting the SuperFilter on the Equipment Rack

The rack mount location of the SuperFilter should allow the RF jumper cable attached to the antenna bulkhead to reach the input connector of the SuperFilter. If this is not possible, you need to replace the jumper cable with another cable of sufficient length to complete the connection. This cable contributes to the input noise figure, so for optimum performance the cable should be of minimum length, and have a low insertion loss.

	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.
	Your SuperFilter shipment includes rack mount brackets (Table 3, Item 2A or 2B) you specified at the time of purchase. Use the rack mount brackets to mount the system as shown in Figure 10.

1.   Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver (Table 4, Item 2), secure the rack mount brackets (Table 3, Item 2A or 2B) to the SuperFilter using four machine screws (Table 3, Item 3) for each bracket. Review the part numbers to ensure that the rack mount brackets are installed on the correct side of the SuperFilter.
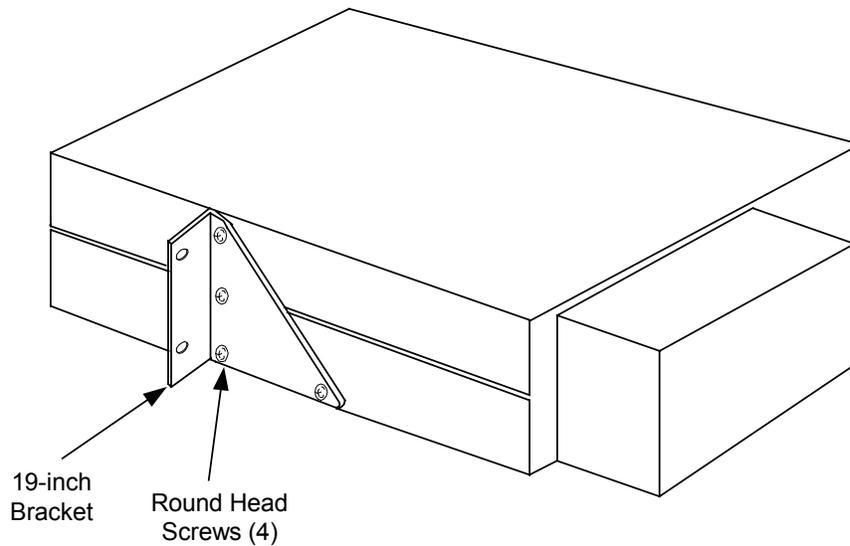
|	Ensure that the selected mounting location provides an unobstructed air vent space at the front and rear of the SuperFilter.
	Depending on configuration, the SuperFilter weighs between 50-60 lbs. To prevent injury to personnel and damage to equipment, it is recommended that two people are available in mounting the SuperFilter.

2.   Install the SuperFilter into the equipment rack. Using a Hex driver (5/16-inch) (Table 4, Item 3), secure the SuperFilter to the equipment rack using the Hex head screws (Table 3, Item 4A or 4B) provided.

The SuperFilter can be mounted to the cable tray or directly to a wall. For information on price and availability of cable tray or wall mounting kits, call the CS-Hotline.

19-inch Bracket

Round Head Screws (4)

(A) 19-Inch Bracket Installation

23-inch Bracket

Round Head Screws (4)
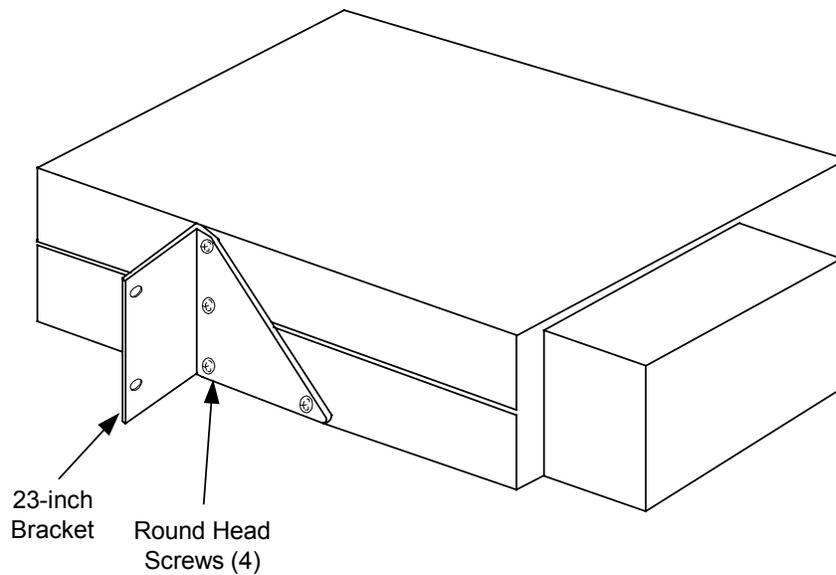
(B) 23-Inch Bracket Installation

Note: 19- or 23-inch mounting brackets can be attached to the center or front of the system.

Figure 10. SuperFilter with Rack Mount Brackets

Connecting the Chassis Ground

Connect the chassis ground to the base station ground using 6-gauge green wire (Table 5, Item 6).

1.   Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver (Table 4, Item 2), remove the spade lug.

2.   Crimp the lug to the green wire (Table 5, Item 6), and then reattach the lug to the chassis ground.

3.   Connect the other end of the green wire to the base station ground halo.

Connecting the Power Wire

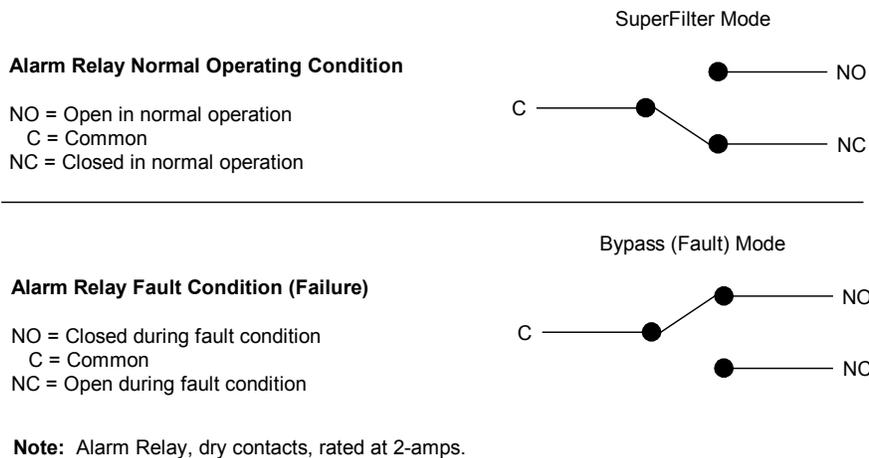|	
⚠	Do not exceed a 30-amp circuit breaker rating on a 12-gauge wire or a 40-amp circuit breaker rating on a 10-gauge wire. Excess current capacity may result in a fire hazard. Qualified electricians should install the power wire, providing recommendations based on the set up.
✍	Keep the power wire to less than 30 feet in length. A 10-gauge wire is preferred but a 12-gauge wire may be used for wire lengths of less than 20 feet.
⚠	Before your proceed, set the power source circuit breaker to the open or off position. Failure to comply may result in personnel injury.

1.   Select a breaker in the Power Panel. Operate (open) the breaker to turn off power in the circuit.

2.   Run the power wire (Table 5, Item 4) from the base station power distribution circuit breaker box to the terminal block on the rear panel of the SuperFilter. The terminal block connections are labeled **27 VDC IN +** and **-**. See Figure 5, 6, or 7 for rear panel terminal block connections on the SuperFilter.

3.   Connect the wires at each end, being careful to maintain the correct voltage polarity. Do not close the circuit breaker at this time.

Connecting the Alarm Relay

The alarm relay provides a warning alarm that you can monitor remotely. You have the option of connecting the output of the SuperFilter alarm relay to the base station alarm control system. See Figure 13 for the states of the alarm relay.

Some base station alarm systems require an open contact while others require a closed circuit. The SuperFilter will allow for either choice. Determine which contacts to use by consulting the Base Station Alarm System documentation.

1.   Using a screwdriver (1/8-inch) flat blade (Table 4, Item 1), connect a 24-gauge duplex wire (Table 5, Item 5) between the base station alarm panel and the terminal block connections on the SuperFilter labeled **C** (Common) and **NC** (Normally Closed) or **NO** (Normally Open), whichever is required by the alarm system.

SuperFilter Mode

Alarm Relay Normal Operating Condition

NO = Open in normal operation
  C = Common
NC = Closed in normal operation

C ———— ●
          ● ———— NO
          ● ———— NC

Bypass (Fault) Mode

Alarm Relay Fault Condition (Failure)

NO = Closed during fault condition
  C = Common
NC = Open during fault condition

C ———— ●
          ● ———— NO
          ● ———— NC

Note: Alarm Relay, dry contacts, rated at 2-amps.

Figure 11. Alarm Relay in Normal and Alarm States

Performing Power Up/Cooldown

> ⚠ Before you proceed, set the power source circuit breaker to the open or off position. Failure to comply may result in personnel injury.

1. Ensure the power source circuit breaker (Table 5, Item 8) is set to the open or off position.

2. Remove the fuse from the fuse holder located on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.

3. Set the power source circuit breaker to the closed or on position.

4. Verify that the SuperFilter input voltage at the terminal block contact reads 27 ± 2 VDC on the DMM. Verify correct polarity.

5. Reinstall the fuse in the fuse holder.

6. Apply power to the SuperFilter by setting the power source circuit breaker to the closed or on position.

> Initially, both LEDs on the front panel of the SuperFilter will remain on and steady during cooldown.
>
> When the SuperFilter cryogenic chamber has reached operating temperature (~78 K), the **STATUS** LED will be steady GREEN and the **BYPASS** LED will be off.

7. The SuperFilter will automatically switch from Bypass mode to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) when cooled. If the system fails to go into SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) within 5 hours, call the CS-Hotline.

> When the SuperFilter reaches SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) the **STATUS** LED will be GREEN. When the system is in Bypass mode, the RF path relays operate to exclude the High Temperature Superconductor (HTS) filter and LNA from the receive path, indicated by a steady RED LED. When the system switches to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), the **STATUS** LED changes to solid GREEN.

Table 7 provides the following states, relay settings, and indicator readings for the SuperFilter.

Table 7. SuperFilter Internal States and Status

| Mode | State Name | Bypass Relay State | Indicators | | Description |
			BYPASS (RED)	STATUS (GREEN)	
Bypass	0. Initial	Bypass	On	On	Initializes the system and powers up the cooler motor to minimum power setting. Transitions to the Cooldown state.
Bypass	1. Cooldown	Bypass	On	On	Cools down the CoRE. The Cooldown state runs the cooler motor at the maximum motor drive power, based on the cooldown profile of the cooler. The LNAs turn on in the Cooldown state when the cold stage narrow range temperature is within operating bounds. Transitions to Regulate state when the narrow range temperature is within its operating tolerance for 300 seconds (LNA on).
SuperFilter	2. Regulate	Normal	Off	On	Regulates the cold stage temperature indefinitely.
Bypass	3. Bypass (Fault)	Bypass	On	Off	Continues to regulate the cooler temperature. This Fault state occurs when the Input Voltage is out of bounds. When the Input Voltage fault has cleared, the system transitions back to the Regulate state (Automatic mode).
Bypass	4. Shutdown (Fault)	Bypass	On	Off	The cooler motor drive reduces to zero and is turned off. Transitions back to Initial state in Automatic mode when cold stage narrow range temperature has warmed sufficiently to be out of its valid range and the faults are cleared.
Bypass	Forced Bypass	Bypass	Flash if On	Flash if On	Forces the system into Bypass mode regardless of any other conditions.

Regulate state = SuperFilter mode. In all other states, the SuperFilter is in Bypass mode.

Performing Functional Checks

Before you can perform any functional checks for the SuperFilter, the system must be in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state). If the system is not in SuperFilter (Regulate state) mode after five hours, review Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips." When your system is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), continue with the functional checks.

The functional checks consists of the following procedures:

- Console connection and operation
- Alarm relay test
- Test generator calibration data
- SuperFilter receive path gain test

Review the test equipment required for these functional checks in Table 6.

> Before continuing with the functional checks, turn on the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) and the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) to warm them up. Consult the equipment operator manuals for proper test equipment warm up time.
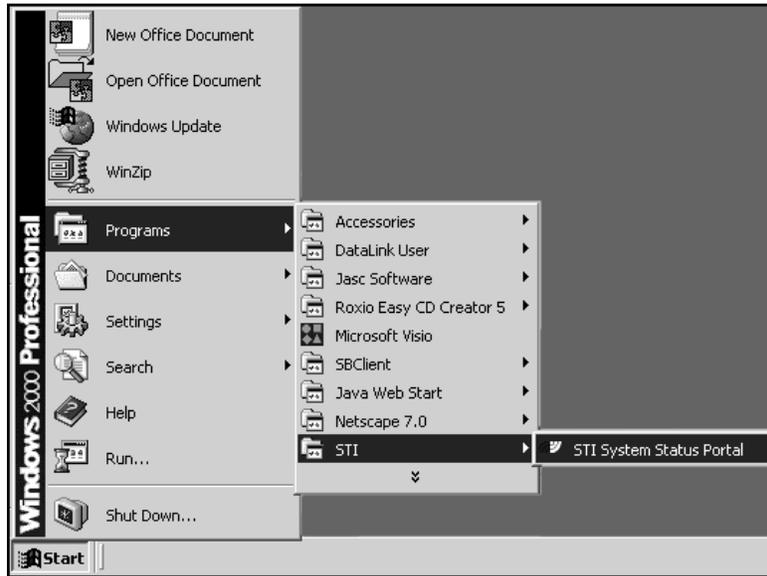
Console Connection and Operation

Check the operational parameters of the SuperFilter.

1. Connect the DB-9 cable (Table 6, Item 3) to your PC (Table 6, Item 2) and the SuperFilter as shown in Figure 12.
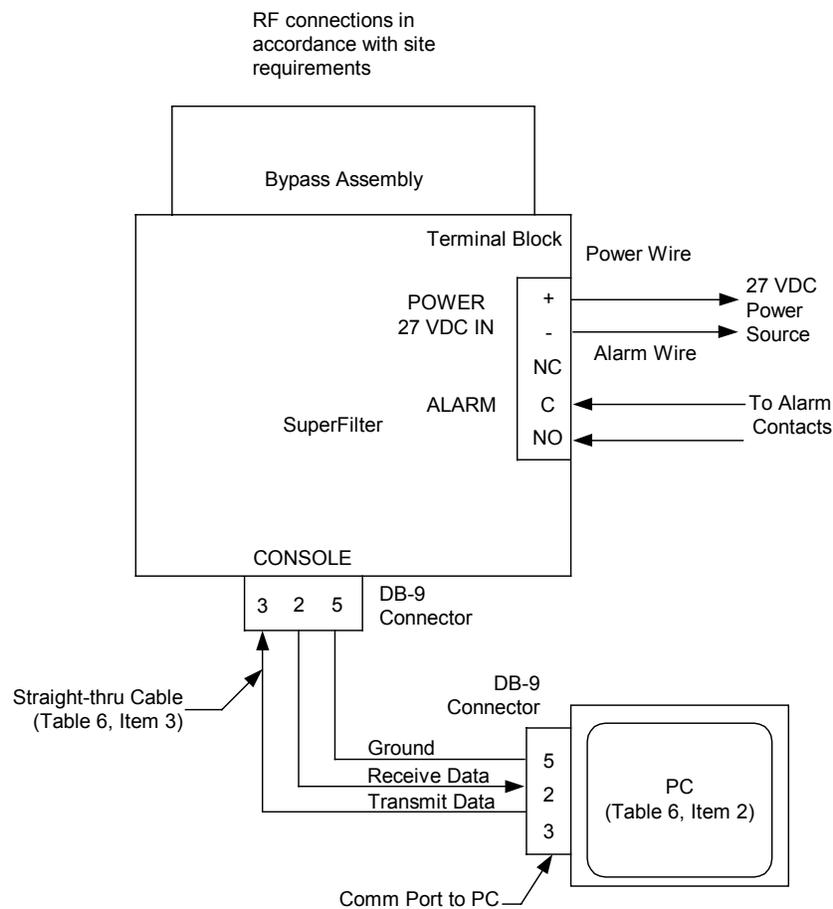
Figure 12. PC Connection to the SuperFilter

2. From the **Start** menu, choose **Programs > STI > STI System Status Portal**.

The System Status Portal opens.

3. Click **Communicate with Unit** to establish communication with the SuperFilter.

4. Select the correct Comm Port to establish communication, and then click **OK**.
   Typically, the program uses COM1 as an available Comm Port.
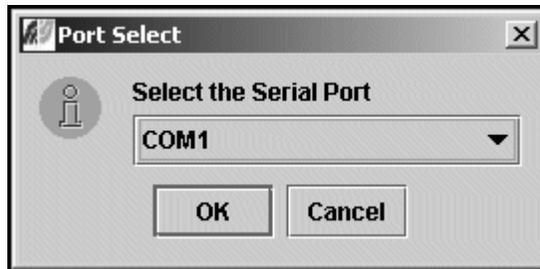
4a.   If a connection cannot be established after five seconds, the **Serial Port Connection Error** dialog box displays.
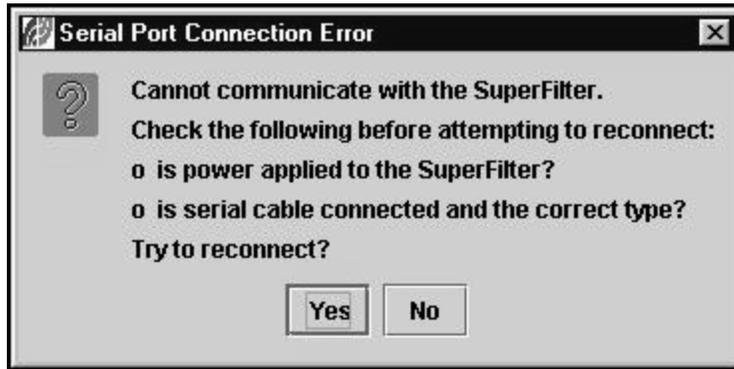
4b.   Review the message in the dialog box, and try reconnecting again. If the problem persists, call the CS-Hotline.

> See Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips" if you cannot establish communication with your system, or call the CS-Hotline.

> Before you check the Wide Range Cold Finger Temperature, the system must be in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), indicated by a steady GREEN light on the **STATUS** LED, or cools within 5 hours. If the system fails to go into SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) within 5 hours, call the CS-Hotline.

5.   Read the Wide Range Cold Finger Temperature (**View > Status > Measure**) and verify that the temperature falls in the range of 79$\pm$4 K. If the temperature is out of range, call the CS-Hotline.

Alarm Relay Test

Check the operation of the alarm relay.

> To check the alarm relay parameters of the SuperFilter, the system must be in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) before proceeding.

Testing the Connection

1.   Remove the front panel of the SuperFilter by pulling the panel towards you, and fold the panel down (Figure 13).

2.   Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) on the front panel of the SuperFilter. The **STATUS** LED will slow flash GREEN. The alarm relay is now placed in an alarm condition. Verify that the base station alarm is activated.

3.   Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) again. The system will return to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), indicated by a steady GREEN **STATUS** LED. The alarm relay is now placed in normal condition. Verify that the base station alarm system is no longer activated.
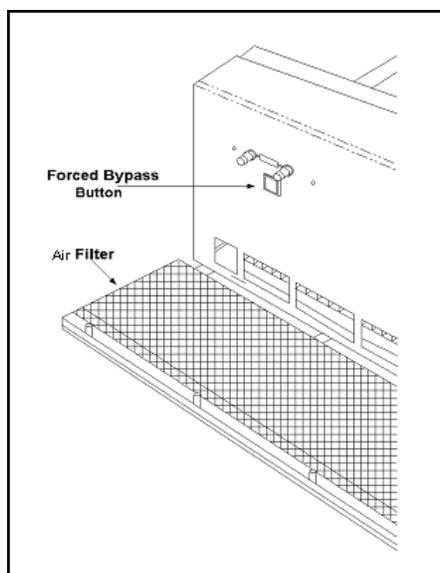
Figure 13. Forced Bypass Button

Testing the Alarm Relay

4.   Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) on the front panel of the SuperFilter.

> The SuperFilter **STATUS** LED will slow flash GREEN; the alarm relay is now in alarm condition.

5.   Set the DMM (Table 6, Item 1) to measure resistance.

6.   Place the DMM leads between the SuperFilter terminal block connections labeled **ALARM C** and **NO**. The DMM should read less than 10 ohms.

7.   Move the DMM leads between terminal block connections labeled **ALARM C** and **NC**. The DMM should read greater than 10,000 ohms.

8.   After you record the measurements, push the **Forced Bypass** button again. The system will no longer be in the Forced Bypass mode.

> **CAUTION** Ensure you have turned the Forced Bypass off. Otherwise, the SuperFilter will remain in Bypass mode, as indicated by the **STATUS** LED continuously flashing GREEN.

> The SuperFilter **STATUS** LED will be steady GREEN, indicating the system is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), with the alarm relay in normal position.

9.   Place the DMM leads between the SuperFilter terminal block connections labeled **ALARM C** and **NO**. The DMM should read greater than 10,000 ohms.

10.   Move the DMM leads between the SuperFilter terminal block connections labeled **ALARM C** and **NC**. The DMM should read less than 10 ohms.

Test Generator Calibration Data

A signal power measurement is the reference level for finding the SuperFilter RF path gain and loss values. Set up the SuperFilter RF reference levels.

1. Turn on the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) and the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) and allow them to warm up. Consult the equipment operator manuals for proper test equipment warm up time.

2. Set the RF Signal Generator to output a CW signal to the following:

    For SuperFilter A-Band:
    - 830$\pm$3 MHz
    - Power level set to -50$\pm$1 dBm

    For SuperFilter B-Band:
    - 840$\pm$3 MHz
    - Power level set to -50$\pm$1 dBm

3. Connect the RF Signal Generator output to the Spectrum Analyzer as shown in Figure 14, substituting an N-to-N barrel connector adapter (Table 6, Item 6) for the SuperFilter.

4. Measure the signal frequency and power level, and make a note of both values in Appendix C, "Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator." This signal power measurement is used as the reference level for finding the SuperFilter RF path gain and loss values.

5. Remove the N-to-N barrel connector adapter (Table 6, Item 6).
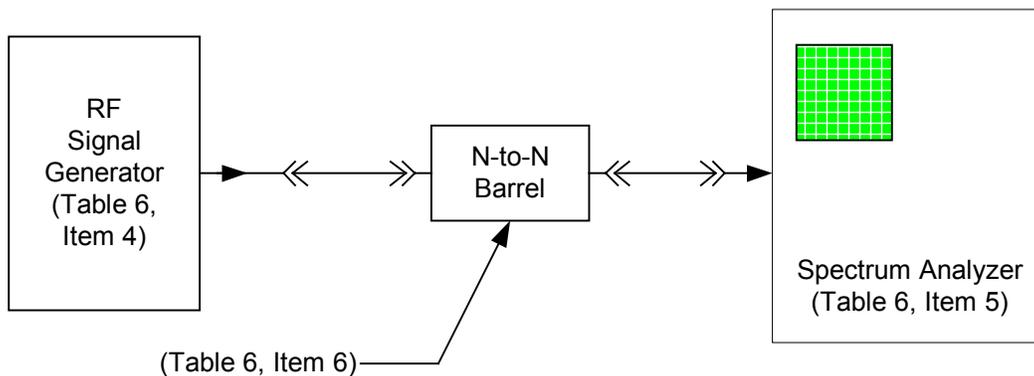
Figure 14. Test Generator Calibration Reference Level Measurement Diagram

SuperFilter Receive Path Gain Test

Calculate the RF path loss (Bypass) and gain (SuperFilter) levels for the SuperFilter preamplifier receive paths. Record the measurements in Appendix C, "Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator," or use the Microsoft® Excel file labeled **Appendix C** in the **SuperFilter Operation and Installation Manual folder** on the STI CD.

⚠	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.
📓	During these procedures, refer to the appropriate SuperFilter test setup diagram: Figure 16 (Cascade, Overlay) or Figure 17 (VGO).

Cascade/Overlay Receive Path Gain Test (Figure 16)

1. Remove the plastic ESD covers from the RF connectors to perform the Receive Path Gain Test. Store the covers in the shipping container.

2. To check the RF gain and loss on SuperFilter receive path 1, connect the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **1 FROM ANT**.

3. Connect the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **1 TO RCVR**.

4. See the "Receive Path Gain Test Continuation" section on page 44 to complete the Cascade/Overlay receive path gain test.

2-Pak VGO Receive Path Gain Test (Figure 17)

1. Remove the plastic ESD covers from the RF connectors to perform the Receive Path Gain Test. Store the covers in the shipping container.

2. Connect the RF jumper (Table 6, Item 7) from the N-type connector labeled **1 TO RCVR** to the BNC connector labeled **1 IN**.

3. Set gain adjustment labeled **1 ADJUST** to zero (0) dB.

4. Connect the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) to N-type connector labeled **1 FROM ANT**.

5. Connect the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) to the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **1 OUT**.

6. See the "Receive Path Gain Test Continuation" section on page 44 to complete the 2-Pak VGO receive path gain test.

6-Pak VGO Receive Path Gain Test

The following instructions apply to Section 1, identified as the first four connectors and the adjustment knob (Figure 15).
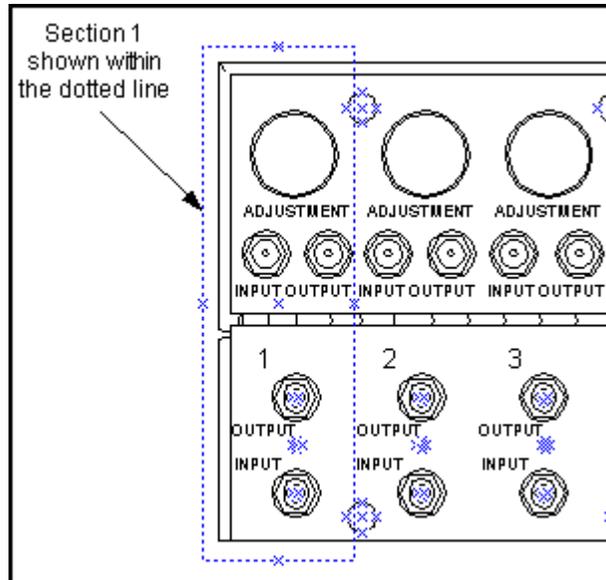
Figure 15. Partial View of 6-Pak VGO Rear Panel

1. Remove the plastic ESD covers from the RF connectors to perform the Receive Path Gain Test. Store the covers in the shipping container.

2. Connect the RF jumper (Table 6, Item 7) from the N-type connector labeled **OUTPUT** to the BNC connector labeled **INPUT** in accordance with Figure 17.

3. Set gain adjustment labeled **ADJUSTMENT** to zero (0) dB.

4. Connect the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) to N-type connector labeled **INPUT**.

5. Connect the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) to the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **OUTPUT**.

6. See the "Receive Path Gain Test Continuation" section on page 44 to complete the 6-Pak VGO receive path gain test.

Receive Path Gain Test Continuation

1. Remove the front panel of the SuperFilter by pulling the panel towards you, and fold the panel down (Figure 13).

2. Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) on the front panel of the SuperFilter.

3. Measure the Bypass loss of the RF output level for receive path 1 and record in Appendix C, "Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator."

4. After you record the information, push the **Forced Bypass** button again. The system will return to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state).

5. Measure the Regulate gain of the RF output level for receive path 1 and record in Appendix C, "Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator."

6. Repeat the steps to check the RF gain and bypass loss on all additional SuperFilter receive paths based on your configuration. You must check each channel one at a time.

7. Calculate the RF path loss (Bypass) and gain (SuperFilter) by subtracting the reference level recorded as a result of the Test Generator Calibration Data procedure. (See Appendix C, "Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator.")

   - Gain: 13$\pm$2 dB
   - Loss: -1$\pm$1 dB

	Make sure that the system is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), indicated by a steady GREEN LED.

	For the Overlay model, use the following figures to determine the RF gain and bypass loss:
	
	    ▪ Gain: 9$\pm$2 dB
	    ▪ Loss: 4$\pm$1 dB

8. Disconnect the RF Signal Generator (Table 6, Item 4) and the Spectrum Analyzer (Table 6, Item 5) and secure them. Leave the PC connected to the SuperFilter at this time.
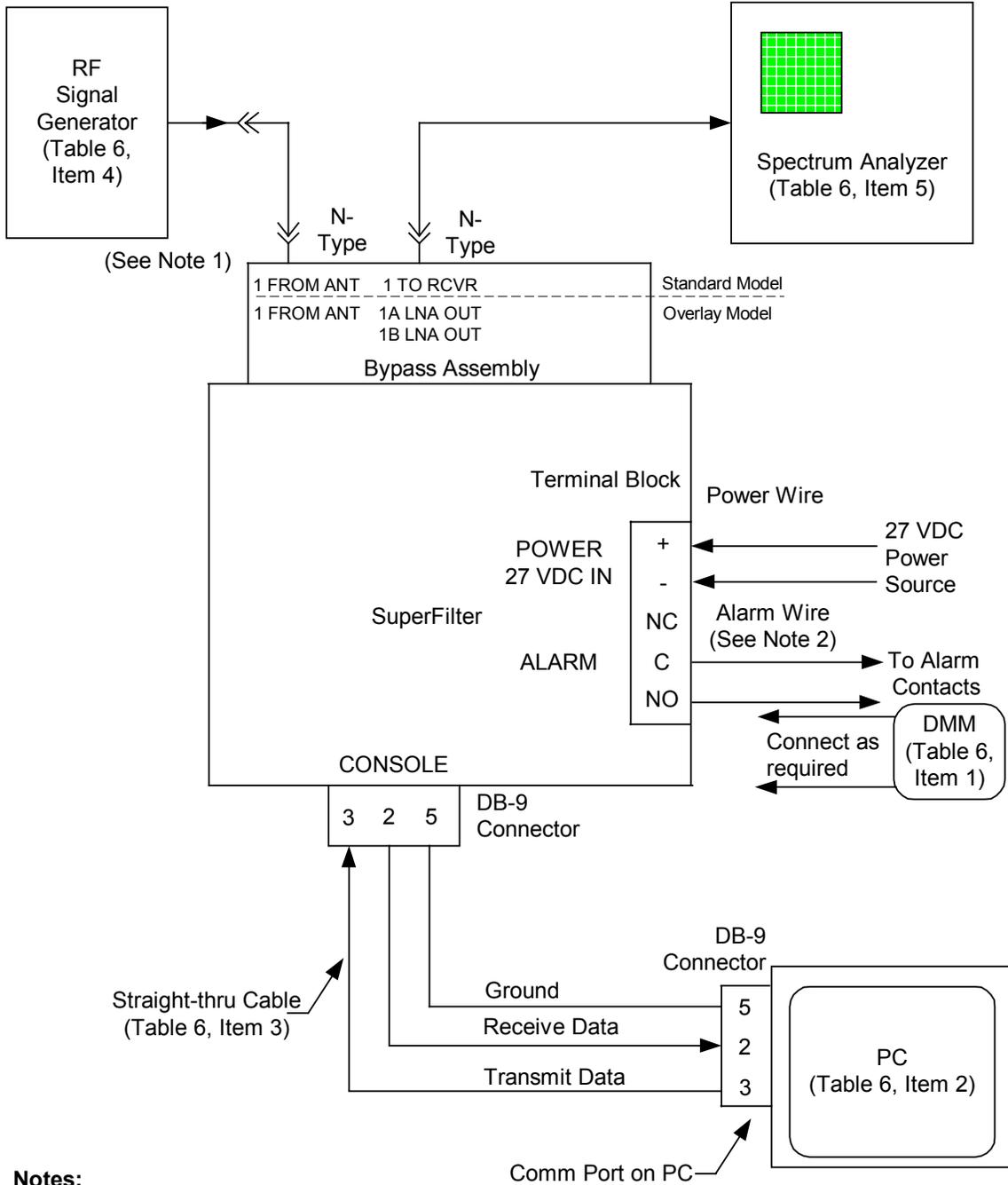
Figure 16. Cascade and Overlay Gain Test Setup
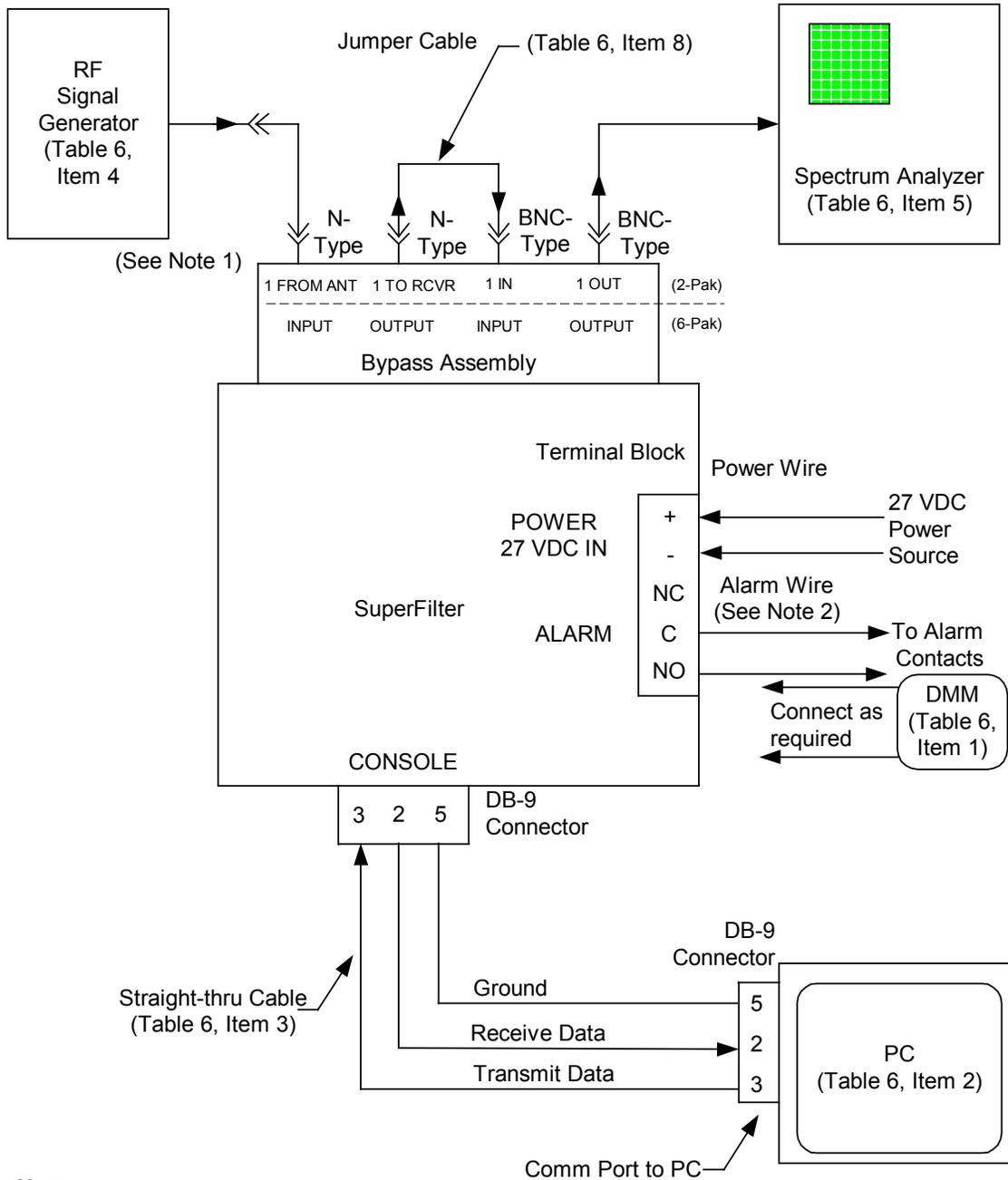
Notes:

1. Receive Path 1 RF Connections shown. RF connections for all additional receive paths are the same.
2. Connect alarm wire in accordance with user-specified Alarm Requirements.

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1. Receive Path 1 RF Connections shown. RF connections for all additional receive paths are the same.
2. Connect alarm wire in accordance with user-specified Alarm Requirements.

Figure 17. VGO Gain Test Setup

Connecting RF Cables (Cascade Option)

This portion of the procedure connects the SuperFilter into the RF receive paths of the base station. The required cables are listed in Table 5, and the connections are shown in Figure 18.

	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.

CAUTION	For base station equipment that incorporates a duplexer, ensure that cable connections made between the duplexer and the SuperFilter are from the receive side of the duplexer only. Connecting cables from the duplexer transmit port to the SuperFilter will cause damage to the SuperFilter.

1. In the first receive path, disconnect the existing antenna input jumper cable from the base station front-end. Connect that cable to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **1 FROM ANT**. If the antenna cable does not reach the SuperFilter input connector, replace it with a jumper cable (Table 5, Item 1) of sufficient length.

2. Using the RF N-type jumper cable (Table 5, Item 2), connect the SuperFilter connector labeled **1 TO RCVR** to the base station front-end. At this point the RF path from the antenna through the SuperFilter and into the base station receiver should be complete and carrying traffic.

CAUTION	Work with only one receive path at a time. Completely reconnect and verify operation of one receive path before moving to another receive path. If both receive paths in a sector are disconnected, all service will be lost in that sector.

3. Verify that signal traffic is evident in the Spectrum Analyzer display by connecting to an open RF port in the power divider or sampling at the input to the base station front-end. If no traffic is observed, review the "Installation Troubleshooting" section in Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips."

	Please connect adjacent channels as Main/Diversity pairs as follows:
	1 & 2
	3 & 4
	5 & 6

4. Repeat steps 1-3 for the remaining receive paths.

5. At the conclusion of the RF cable connections to the SuperFilter, dress cables using nylon wire ties (Table 5, Item 7) as required.

CAUTION	The SuperFilter has no alarm associated with an RF open/short failure. If the RF performance of one or more channels has degraded, then the corresponding SuperFilter channel(s) should be measured. See the SuperFilter Receive Path Gain Test on page 42 for more information.

Figure 18. Cabling Diagram for Cascade and Overlay

NOTES:
1. Receive Path 1 RF Connections shown. RF connections for all additional receive paths are the same.
2. Connect alarm wire in accordance with user-specified Alarm requirements.
3. During operation, PC (Table 6, Item 2) can be connected using a Straight-thru Cable (Table 6, Item 3) and Comm Port.

Connecting RF Cables (VGO)

This portion of the procedure connects the SuperFilter into the RF receive paths of the base station. The required cables are listed in Table 5, and the connections are shown in Figure 19.

2-Pak VGO RF Connections

	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.
CAUTION	For base station equipment that incorporates a duplexer, ensure that cable connections made between the duplexer and the SuperFilter are from the receive side of the duplexer only. Connecting cables from the duplexer transmit port to the SuperFilter will cause damage to the SuperFilter.

1. In the first receive path, disconnect the existing antenna input jumper cable from the base station front-end. Connect that cable to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **1 FROM ANT**. If the antenna cable does not reach the SuperFilter input connector, replace it with a jumper cable (Table 5, Item 1) of sufficient length.

2. Using the RF N-type jumper cable (Table 5, Item 2), connect the SuperFilter connector labeled **1 TO RCVR** to the base station front-end.

3. Using the RF jumper cable (Table 5, Item 3) make the connection from the base station's native filter/LNA output to the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **1 IN**.

4. Using the RF jumper cable (Table 5, Item 3), make the connection from the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **1 OUT** to the input of the power divider.

CAUTION	Work with only one receive path at a time. Completely reconnect and verify operation of one receive path before moving to another receive path. If both receive paths in a sector are disconnected, all service will be lost in that sector.

5. Verify that signal traffic is evident in the Spectrum Analyzer. If no traffic is observed, review the "Installation Troubleshooting" section in Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips."

6. Repeat steps 1-5 for the remaining receive paths.

7. At the conclusion of the RF cable connections to the SuperFilter, dress cables using nylon wire ties (Table 5, Item 7) as required.

6-Pak VGO RF Connections

1. In the first receive path, disconnect the existing antenna input jumper cable from the base station front-end. Connect that cable to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **INPUT**. If the antenna cable does not reach the SuperFilter input connector, replace it with a jumper cable (Table 5, Item 1) of sufficient length.

2. Using the RF N-type jumper cable (Table 5, Item 2), connect the SuperFilter connector labeled **OUTPUT** to the base station front-end.

3. Using the RF jumper cable (Table 5, Item 3) make the connection from the base station's native filter/LNA output to the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **INPUT**.

4. Using the RF jumper cable (Table 5, Item 3), make the connection from the SuperFilter BNC connector labeled **OUTPUT** to the input of the power divider.

> **CAUTION** Work with only one receive path at a time. Completely reconnect and verify operation of one receive path before moving to another receive path. If both receive paths in a sector are disconnected, all service will be lost in that sector.

5. Verify that signal traffic is evident in the Spectrum Analyzer. If no traffic is observed, review the "Installation Troubleshooting" section in Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips."

6. Complete steps 1-5 for the remaining receive paths.

7. At the conclusion of the RF cable connections to the SuperFilter, dress cables using nylon wire ties (Table 5, Item 7) as required. The adjustment knob can be used to independently reduce the overall gain of each receive path.

> **CAUTION** The SuperFilter has no alarm associated with an RF open/short failure. If the RF performance of one or more channels has degraded, then the corresponding SuperFilter channel(s) should be measured. See the SuperFilter Receive path Gain Test on page 42 for more information.
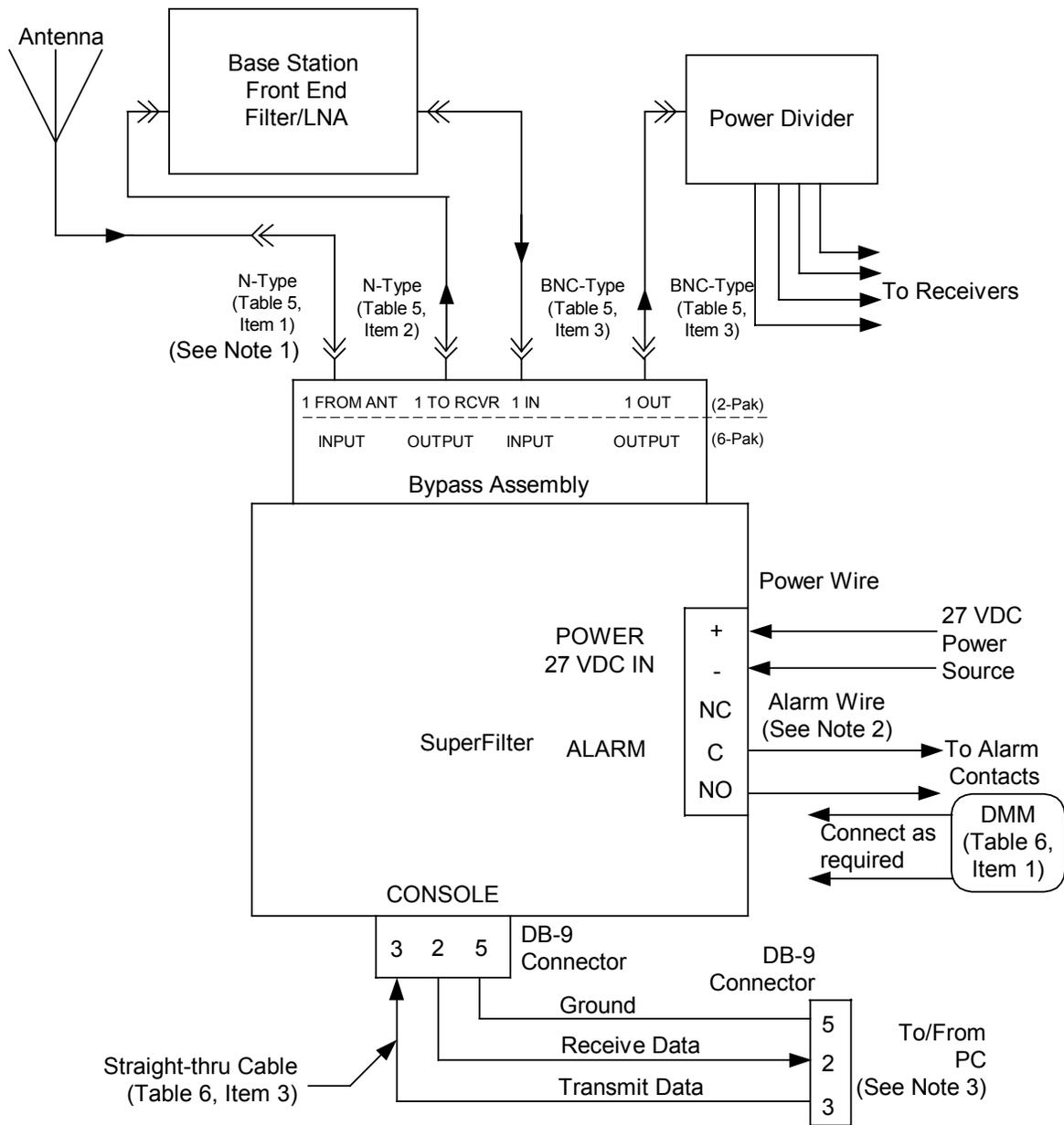
Notes:
1. Receive Path 1 RF Connections shown. RF connections for all additional receive paths are the same.
2. Connect alarm wire in accordance with user-specified Alarm requirements.
3. During operation, the PC (Table 6, Item 2) can be connected using a Straight-thru Cable (Table 6, Item 3) and Comm Port.

Figure 19. Cabling Diagram for VGO

Connecting RF Cables (Overlay Model)

This portion of the procedure connects the SuperFilter with Overlay model into the RF receive paths of both base stations. The required cables are listed in Table 5, and the connections are shown in Figure 18. For duplexed antennas (combined transmitter and receiver on one antenna), see specific application notes for your model of base station.

> ⚡ The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted on the rear panel of the SuperFilter.

> **CAUTION** For base station equipment that incorporates a duplexer, ensure that cabling connections made between the duplexer and the SuperFilter are from the receive side of the duplexer only. Connecting cables from the duplexer transmit port to the SuperFilter will cause damage to the SuperFilter.

1. In the first receive path, disconnect the existing antenna input jumper cable from the base station front-end. Connect that cable to the SuperFilter N-type connector labeled **1 FILTER IN**. If the antenna cable does not reach the SuperFilter input connector, replace it with a jumper cable (Table 5, Item 1) of sufficient length.

2. Using the RF jumper cable (Table 5, Item 2), connect the SuperFilter connector labeled **1B LNA OUT** to the original base station front-end. At this point the RF path from the antenna through the SuperFilter and into the base station receiver should be complete and carrying traffic.

> **CAUTION** Work with only one receive path at a time. Completely reconnect and verify operation of one receive path before moving to another receive path. If both receive paths in a sector are disconnected, all service will be lost in that sector.

3. Verify that signal traffic is evident in the Spectrum Analyzer display by connecting to an open RF port in the base station's receiver assembly power divider or sampling at the input to the base station front-end. If no traffic is observed, review the "Installation Troubleshooting" section in Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips."

> Please connect adjacent channels as Main/Diversity pairs as follows:
>
> | 1 & 2 |
> |-------|
> | 3 & 4 |
> | 5 & 6 |

4. Repeat steps 1-3 for the remaining receive paths for the original base station, using the "B" LNA.

5. Repeat steps 2-4 for the "A" LNA outputs, this time connecting to the added base station.

6. At the conclusion of the RF cable connections to the SuperFilter, dress cables using nylon wire ties (Table 5, Item 7) as required.

> **CAUTION** The SuperFilter has no alarm associated with an RF open/short failure. If the RF performance of one or more channels has degraded, then the corresponding SuperFilter channel(s) should be measured. See the Receive Path Gain Test on page 42.

Chapter 6 Troubleshooting Tips

Overview

Problems may occur during installation, or from hardware or software failures that occur during operation. This chapter identifies the most common problems, providing troubleshooting tips to resolve them.

If your problem does not appear in this chapter, please call the CS-Hotline for assistance.

Installation Troubleshooting

Problem 1	System Status Portal will not install.

Cause 1.1 Your PC's operating system (OS) is not compatible with the System Status Portal.

Solution 1.1 See the "Reviewing PC System Requirements" section on page 23 to see what OS is compatible with the System Status Portal.

Cause 1.2 Other.

Solution 1.2 Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 2	System Status Portal does not run.

Cause 2.1 Java Runtime Environment may not be installed correctly.

Solution 2.1a Check if the Java Runtime Environment is installed (**Start > Programs > Java 2 Runtime Environment**). If the program is not available, install the program from the STI CD, and run the System Status Portal again.

Solution 2.1b Check if you have the correct version (1.4) of the Java Runtime Environment installed. If the correct version is not available, uninstall the version on your PC, and install the version of the program from the STI CD.

Cause 2.2 The System Status Portal installation failed.

Solution 2.2 If the installation of the System Status Portal failed, reinstall the program again. If it fails a second time, call the CS-Hotline to obtain a new STI CD.

Cause 2.3 Other.

Solution 2.3 Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 3	**Cannot establish communication with SuperFilter.**

Cause 3.1 Faulty straight-thru cable.

Solution 3.1 Use a DMM to check the continuity of the cable. Pin-to-pin connections are shown in Figure 16 or 17.

Cause 3.2 Straight-thru cable is not seated properly.

Solution 3.2 Reseat the cable and try again.

Cause 3.3 Unavailable Comm (serial) Port.

Solution 3.3 If you run the System Status Portal and the cables are connected to the SuperFilter, but you cannot establish communication with the system, an error dialog box opens with a serial communications message. Change the Comm Port, and connect to the SuperFilter again. If the problem persists, call the CS-Hotline.

Cause 3.4 You may have an older system communicating with a newer communication program.

Solution 3.4 If you connect to a SuperFilter without the DSP controller, an error dialog box opens with a terminal error message. You cannot connect to a SuperFilter that does not contain the DSP controller. Serial numbers S03000 and higher contain the DSP controller.

In order to communicate with non-DSP systems (serial numbers S02999 and lower), refer to the previous manual (part number 830-0010D) to establish communication with the SuperFilter. You need a communication program such as HyperTerminal or ProComm to communicate with the SuperFilter. Call the CS-Hotline for further assistance.

Cause 3.5 Other.

Solution 3.5 Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 4	No traffic in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state). A traffic signal does not appear on the Spectrum Analyzer (detected at the switch or directly in the receive path after the SuperFilter).

Cause 4.1	RF cable connections are not correct.
Solution 4.1	Check the cables for proper connection (see Figure 16 or 17). If the cables are connected properly, then push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13). If you do not see traffic, see Cause 4.2. If you see traffic, the cables may be reversed. Reconnect the cables so the antenna connects to the SuperFilter input and the output connects to the base station.

Cause 4.2	Cables not mated or broken cable.
Solution 4.2	Remove cables one at a time, and do a physical inspection of the conductor and connectors. Use a DMM to check the center conductor. Replace any bad cables found. Recheck the RF cabling and try the RF performance test again.

Cause 4.3	Other.
Solution 4.3	Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 5	LED flashes RED and/or GREEN.

Cause 5.1	SuperFilter placed in Forced Bypass mode.
Solution 5.1	Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) to allow a chance for the SuperFilter to reach SuperFilter mode (Regulate state). If the LED becomes steady, the system is no longer in Forced Bypass.

Cause 5.2	Other.
Solution 5.2	Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 6	Fuse blows out or circuit breaker trips.

Cause 6.1   Incorrect voltage polarity applied.

Solution 6.1   Check that the voltage polarity matches the labels on the terminal block. If the polarity is correct, then continue with Cause 6.2. If the polarity is incorrect, change the polarity, replace the fuse, and/or reset the circuit breaker. Before you remove the fuse, turn off the circuit breaker to prevent injury.

Cause 6.2   Incorrect voltage applied.

Solution 6.2   Remove the fuse, close the circuit breaker, and check the voltage on the terminal block. The voltage should read 27 ± 2 VDC, but if not call the CS-Hotline. Before you remove the fuse, turn off the circuit breaker to prevent injury.

Cause 6.3   Wrong circuit breaker rating.

Solution 6.3   Replace the fuse, and try again. Before you remove the fuse, turn off the circuit breaker to prevent injury. If the circuit breaker blows, check the rating. The circuit breaker rating should read 15 to 30 amps. Replace the circuit breaker if necessary.

Cause 6.4   Other.

Solution 6.4   Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 7	The SuperFilter does not reach SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) after five hours.

Cause 7.1   SuperFilter is in Forced Bypass mode.

Solution 7.1   Check if the LED is flashing GREEN. If so, the system is in Forced Bypass mode. Push the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) to go back to SuperFilter mode (Regulate state). When a steady GREEN **STATUS** LED displays, the system is in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state). If the problem persists, call the CS-Hotline.

Cause 7.2   Source voltage is low under load.

Solution 7.2   Measure the voltage with a DMM. Replace the power wire and/or breaker if necessary.

Cause 7.3   Other.

Solution 7.3   Establish communication with the system using the System Status Portal (**Start > Programs > STI > STI System Status Portal**). With the program open, click **Communicate with Unit** to connect to a Comm Port, and establish communication with the SuperFilter. To observe the Cold Stage Wide Range Temperature, from the System Status Portal, choose **View > Status > Measure**. Review the temperature. If the temperature is not in the range of 79 ± 4 K, call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 8	**Alarm Relay Test failed.**

Cause 8.1   <u>Relay wire is not making a proper connection.</u>

Solution 8.1   Use an ohmmeter to measure connectivity from the SuperFilter to the alarm relay. If either connection is bad, reset the wires or replace them and try connecting again. If both connections are good, see Cause 8.2.

Cause 8.2   <u>Alarm has been mis-wired.</u>

Solution 8.2   Ensure that the one wire is connected to the terminal block connection labeled **C** and one wire is connected to **NC** or **NO**.

Cause 8.3   <u>Alarm cable fault (alarm on, but front panel shows a steady GREEN LED).</u>

Solution 8.3   Inspect alarm cable and connections at both ends. Set and reset the alarm by using the **Forced Bypass** button (Figure 13) on the front panel, and check the operation at both ends of the alarm cable. See the "Connecting the Alarm Relay" section on page 34 for more information.

Cause 8.4   <u>Other.</u>

Solution 8.4   Call the CS-Hotline.

| **Problem 9** | **Receive Path Gain Test failed.** |

Cause 9.1   Test setup error.

Solution 9.1   Recheck the connection to the SuperFilter, and try the receive path gain test again.

Cause 9.2   Used wrong test frequency.

Solution 9.2   Use 830 MHz A-band and 840 MHz B-band. The band is included in the Model Number (e.g. 850S12A6RB60(OL) is an A-band, and 850S2B6RB60(OL) is a B-band. Note that "OL" indicates the model number includes the Overlay model).

Cause 9.3   Attempting to measure backwards or cross receive paths.

Solution 9.3   Ensure that you inject the signal into the N-type input ports and that they are measured at the output ports with the same receive path number.

Cause 9.4   Other.

Solution 9.4   Call the CS-Hotline.

| **Problem 10** | **In SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), the alarm signals when the RF cable is connected between the SuperFilter output and receive input.** |

Cause 10.1   DC bias is on the center conductor of the coaxial cable.

Solution 10.1   Some base stations allow for DC bias on the coaxial line to provide power to a tower mount amplifier. Measure the DC bias from the center conductor to the ground of the receiver input. If there is bias, consult the Base Station documentation to turn off the Tower Top Amplifier bias voltage.

Cause 10.2   Tower Top Amplifier still connected.

Solution 10.2   Climb the tower and remove the Tower Top Amplifier. This causes problems for both the SuperFilter input and/or output if the DC power is connected.

Cause 10.3   Other.

Solution 10.3   Call the CS-Hotline.

Operation Troubleshooting

Problem 11	BYPASS LED is RED (Alarm is on).

Cause 11.1 <u>SuperFilter has out-of-range condition.</u>

Solution 11.1
- Establish communication with the system using the System Status Portal (**Start > Programs > STI > STI System Status Portal**). With the program open, click **Communicate with Unit** to connect to a Comm Port, and establish communication with the SuperFilter. Verify the alarm and characterize the problem. Take note of any logged faults.
- If the problem is input power, use a DMM to investigate the problem. The input power should be between 25 to 30 VDC.
- If the problem persists, call the CS-Hotline.

Cause 11.2 <u>Other.</u>

Solution 11.2 Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 12	RF Performance is not optimal, detected by the following conditions:
	    ▪ **Degradation in statistical performance**
	    ▪ **Customer complaints**
	    ▪ **Base Station Built-in Test (BIT) failure**

Cause 12.1 Open/short in SuperFilter receive path.

Solution 12.1 Check the gain of each receive path of the SuperFilter, one receive path at a time. Inject the RF signal to the input of the SuperFilter (A-Band 830 MHz, B-Band 840 MHz), and sample the signal at any point further up the RF chain. Check the measurement in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state) and record. Place the system into Forced Bypass mode and then recheck the measurement. The difference between the two readings should be ~13 dB (less the setting on an adjustment knob for that receive path with VGO systems). Check each subsequent receive path in the same manner. If you discover a receive path that is not ~13 dB in SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), but in Forced Bypass mode, call the CS-Hotline.

Cause 12.2 <u>Other.</u>

Solution 12.2 Call the CS-Hotline.

Problem 13   **Abnormal SuperFilter noise.**

Cause 13.1   <u>SuperFilter becomes abnormally loud.</u>

Solution 13.1
- Check for loose mounting hardware, cover screws, and other hardware.
- Check the panel. If the LEDs display RED and GREEN, the system may be recovering from power drop out. Wait three hours to allow it to recool. When the LEDs display GREEN, listen to the system again for normal vibration, and sound level.
- Check and/or clean the air filter.

Cause 13.2   <u>Other.</u>

Solution 13.2   Call the CS-Hotline.

Chapter 7 Periodic Visual Inspection

The SuperFilter cryogenic cooling system is sealed and the electronic circuits are solid state, therefore, no maintenance is required. However, the following periodic visual inspection steps are suggested. The frequency of inspections depends on the installation site conditions.

- Look for loose electrical connections and loose components on rear panel of SuperFilter.
- Look for frayed input power wires.
- Look for damaged RF cables.
- Check the front panel LEDs:
    o In SuperFilter mode (Regulate state), the **STATUS** LED will be steady GREEN and the **BYPASS** LED will be off.
    o In Fault mode, the **STATUS** LED will be off and the **BYPASS** LED will be RED.
    o In Forced Bypass mode, the LEDs flash GREEN or RED based on the state of the system.
    o If the LED displays RED or flashes GREEN and/or RED, see Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips" to resolve the problem.
- Check that the mounting hardware is tight and the SuperFilter is securely mounted.
- Check that ventilation spaces in front and back of the SuperFilter are clear.
- Feel for cooling air exiting the rear of the chassis. The fans run continuously and a steady flow of air should be evident.
- There is a single pop-out filter mounted on the front panel that may be removed for inspection. Inspect the air filter element for dust and dirt accumulation that would impede the flow of air. If necessary, clean with a vacuum cleaner or brush. Frequency of cleaning depends upon the air quality of the site.

Appendix A Using the System Status Portal

Overview

Included in the SuperFilter package is the STI CD that contains the System Status Portal, and other resources required to run the program. Proper installation of the program will ensure communication between the SuperFilter and the program on your PC. To install the System Status Portal, see Chapter 5, "Installing the SuperFilter" or review the **ReadMe.html** file on the STI CD.

The STI CD contains the following items:

- Application folder: Contains the System Status Portal.
- JavaRE folder: Contains the Java Runtime Environment required to support the System Status Portal.
- Manual folder: Contains the Operation and Installation manuals in Adobe Acrobat PDF, **Appendix C** in Microsoft® Excel, and the Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- ReadMe.html: Provides instructions to install the required programs on your PC.

System Status Portal Interface

The System Status Portal provides a user-friendly interface to observe the operating parameters of the SuperFilter. Explained in this section are the various buttons, menus, and fields to view the information you need to troubleshoot or verify proper operation of the system.

Main Screen Buttons

On the main screen of the System Status Portal, you will find two buttons at the bottom of the window. These buttons are shortcuts to menu items that are most commonly used.

- **Communicate with Unit**
  Opens a Comm Port (typically COM1) connection to establish communication with the SuperFilter. Select the correct Comm Port to connect to the SuperFilter. This button is the same as **File > New**.

- **View a Unit Record**
  Displays the **Open** dialog box, allowing you to choose an existing XML data file. This button is the same as **File > Open**.

Menu Bar

File Menu
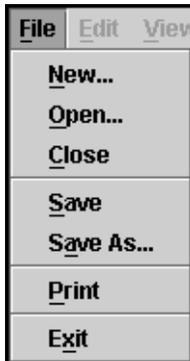
- **New…**
  Opens a Comm Port connection to establish communication with the SuperFilter. The System Status Portal lists the available Comm Ports on your PC. Select a Comm Port, then click **OK** to connect. You can also click **Communicate with Unit** on the main screen to open a file.

  The following events open an error dialog box:

    o   When a Comm Port cannot be found.
    o   When the System Status Portal cannot talk to the SuperFilter.
    o   The PC finds an older version of the SuperFilter without the DSP Comm Port.

  If you find an error, review Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips" to troubleshoot the System Status Portal, or call the CS-Hotline.

- **Open…**
  Displays the **Open** dialog box, allowing you to choose an existing XML data file. You can also click **View a Unit Record** on the main screen to open a file.

- **Close**
  Closes the current session without saving, but does not exit the System Status Portal.

- **Save**
  Updates all the data records in the System Status Portal before saving them. The **File Save** dialog box opens if the data has not been previously saved. If you previously saved a file, the most recent data overwrites the previously saved file.

- **Save As…**
  Opens the **File Save As** dialog box, allowing you to change the filename and destination if you do not want to overwrite previous results.

- **Print**
  Prints the screen you are currently viewing.

- **Exit**
  Closes the current session and exits the System Status Portal without saving.

Edit Menu

The **Edit** menu is available when you have established a connection with the SuperFilter or use **File > Open**. This menu allows you to copy information to the Windows clipboard, and paste the information to another program such as Microsoft® Word, Notepad, or WordPad.

- **Copy**
  Copies text from a current tab to the Windows clipboard. You can paste the information to another program such as Microsoft® Word, Notepad, or WordPad.

- **Password…**
  Opens the **Logon Information** dialog box to enter a valid password to change or clear values in the Set Points and Fault Records.

  | | The Password feature is for STI Customer Service only. |

View Menu

The **View** menu allows you to review information about the operation, fault records, and values of the SuperFilter.

- **Status**
  Displays the operating status of the SuperFilter. See the "Status View" section on page 69 for more information.

- **Fault Records**
  Displays the status of the faults, showing the first and last occurrence. Only STI can clear the faults in this view. See the "Fault Records View" section on page 75 for more information.

  | | Clearing faults in this view is for STI Customer Service use only. |

- **Set Points**
  Displays the values that configure the operation of the SuperFilter and debugging information.

  | | Changing values in this view is for STI Customer Service use only. |

Help Menu

The **Help** menu contains information about the System Status Portal and how to contact STI Customer Service.

- **Support**
  Opens the dialog box containing the customer support contact information.

- **About**
  Opens the dialog box containing the version number and the date the System Status Portal was built.

Status View

The **Status View** displays the operating status of the system.

Time Tab

The **Time tab** displays the run and accumulated operating times in hours.
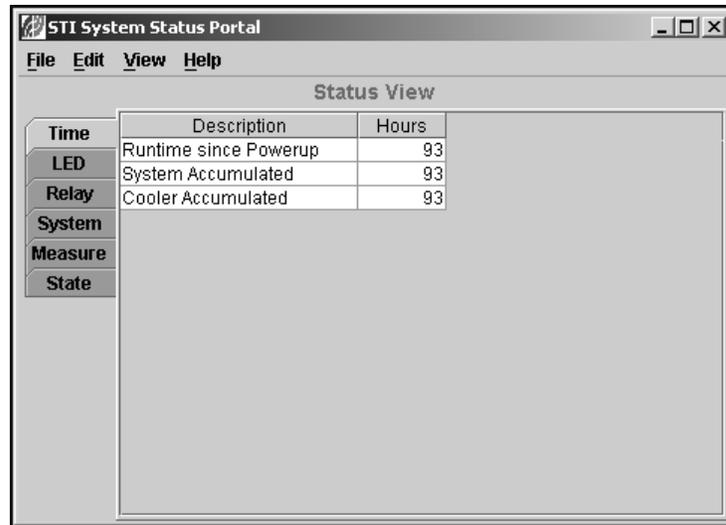
- **Runtime since Powerup**
  Displays the time the system has been running since power was last applied to the system.

- **System Accumulated**
  Displays the total accumulated time the system has been powered on.

- **Cooler Accumulated**

Displays the total accumulated time the cooler has been powered on.

LED Tab

The **LED tab** displays the state of the LEDs on the system.
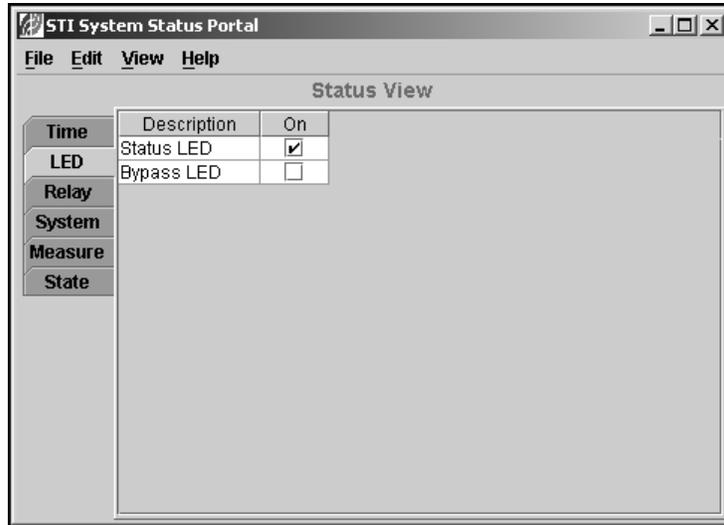
- ▪ **Status LED**

  ☑ **STATUS** LED turned on (GREEN).

  ☐ **STATUS** LED turned off.

- ▪ **Bypass LED**

  ☑ **BYPASS** LED turned on (RED).

  ☐ **BYPASS** LED turned off.

Relay Tab

The **Relay tab** displays the state of the relays or power to the LNAs.
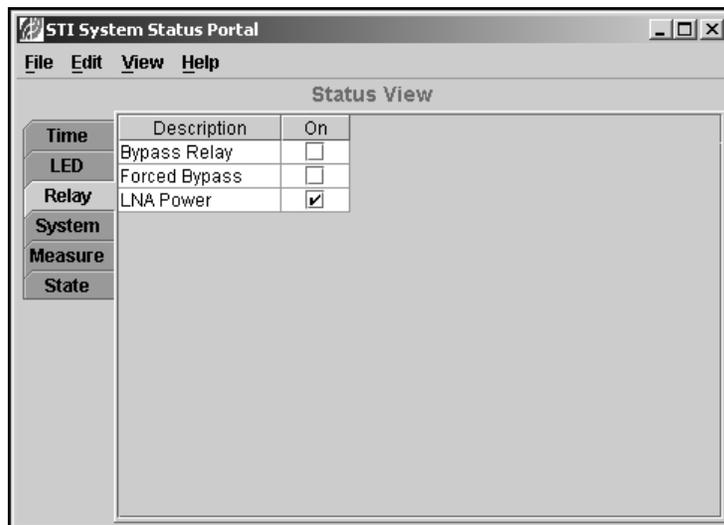
- **Bypass Relay**

  ☑ Bypass Relay is on.

  ☐ Bypass Relay is off.

- **Forced Bypass**

  ☑ Forced Bypass is on.

  ☐ Forced Bypass is off.

- **LNA Power**

  ☑ LNA Power is on.

  ☐ LNA Power is off.

System Tab

The **System tab** shows the operating status of the SuperFilter features, control loops, and operating limits.

- **LNA Power On**

  ☑ LNA power turned on.

  ☐ LNA power turned off.

- **Power/Current Loop Regulating**

  ☑ Power or current loop regulates within tolerance.

  ☐ Power or current loop is not regulating within tolerance.

- **Power Loop Active**

  ☑ Power loop is the active loop.

  ☐ Current loop is the active loop.

- **Power Duty Limit Exceeded**

  ☑ Power duty cycle has exceeded the maximum limit.

  ☐ Power duty cycle has not exceeded the maximum limit.

- **Power Drive Limit Foldback**

  ☑ Power maximum drive level is folding back on a limit.

  ☐ Power maximum drive level is off the cooldown table.

- **Auto Frequency Adjust**

  ☑ SuperFilter automatically adjusts the operating cooler drive frequency to minimize vibration.

  ☐ SuperFilter operating frequency remains constant.

- **Temperature Loop Regulating**

  ☑ Temperature loop regulates within tolerance.

  ☐ Temperature loop is not regulating within tolerance.

- **Cold Stage narrow range temperature out of bounds**

  ☑ Cold Stage narrow range temperature is out of normal operating bounds.

  ☐ Cold Stage narrow range temperature is within normal operating bounds.

- **Cold Stage wide range temperature out of bounds**

  ☑ Cold Stage wide range temperature is out of normal operating bounds.

  ☐ Cold Stage wide range temperature is within normal operating bounds.

- **Cooler Rejection temperature out of bounds**

  ☑ Cooler Rejection temperature is out of normal operating bounds.

  ☐ Cooler Rejection temperature is within normal operating bounds.

- **Ambient temperature out of bounds**

  ☑ Ambient temperature is out of normal operating bounds.

  ☐ Ambient temperature is within normal operating bounds.

Measure Tab

The **Measure tab** displays either the current or previously saved system temperature, cooler drive, and LNA measurements.

- **Cold Stage narrow range temperature**
  Displays the Cold Stage narrow range temperature measured in K.

- **Cold Stage wide range temperature**
  Displays the Cold Stage wide range temperature measured in K.

- **Cooler Rejection temperature**
  Displays the Cooler Rejection temperature measured in °C.

- **Ambient temperature**
  Displays the Ambient temperature measured in °C.

- **Input Voltage**
  Displays the Input Voltage measured in VDC.

- **Cooler Power**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive real Power measured in W.

- **Cooler Power Error**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive real Power error measured in W.

- **Cooler Voltage Real**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive real voltage measured in VRMS.

- **Cooler Current Real**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive real current measured in ARMS.

- **Cooler Current Phase**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive current phase referenced to voltage, in degrees.

- **Cooler Impedance**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive impedance measured in ohms.

- **Cooler Current RMS**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive total current measured in ARMS.

- **PWM Drive**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive pulse width modulation measured in %.

- **PWM Frequency**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive sine wave frequency measured in Hz.

- **PWM Feedforward**
  Displays the Cooler motor drive feedforward gain measured in %.

- **Internal LNA Current**
  Displays the Internal LNA Current measured in mA.

- **External Current**
  Displays the External LNA Current measured in mA.

State Tab

The **State tab** indicates the state machine status of the SuperFilter.
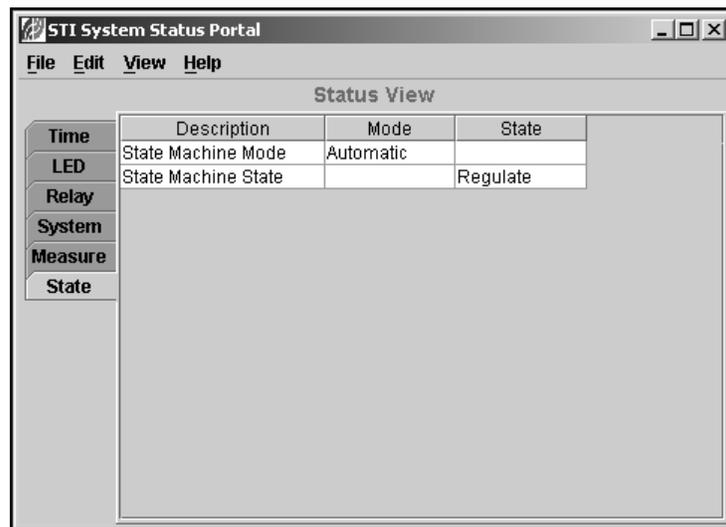
- **State Machine Mode**
  Displays the operating mode of the SuperFilter. In Automatic mode, the system will automatically sequence through the states. In Manual mode, the operator manually changes states by selecting the state.

- **State Machine State**
  Displays the operating state of the SuperFilter. See Table 7 for more information about the states.

Fault Records View

The **Fault Records View** displays the status of the faults, showing the first and last occurrence. If you find any active faults, call the CS-Hotline.

Status Tab

The **Status tab** displays the status of each fault:

☑ **Record**
The fault was recorded for either the first or last occurrence.

☑ **Active**
The fault is currently active.

☑ **Clear**
For STI Customer Service only. Call the CS-Hotline to clear faults that appear in this tab.

If your system experiences a fault, review Chapter 6, "Troubleshooting Tips" to troubleshoot your system or call the CS-Hotline for assistance.
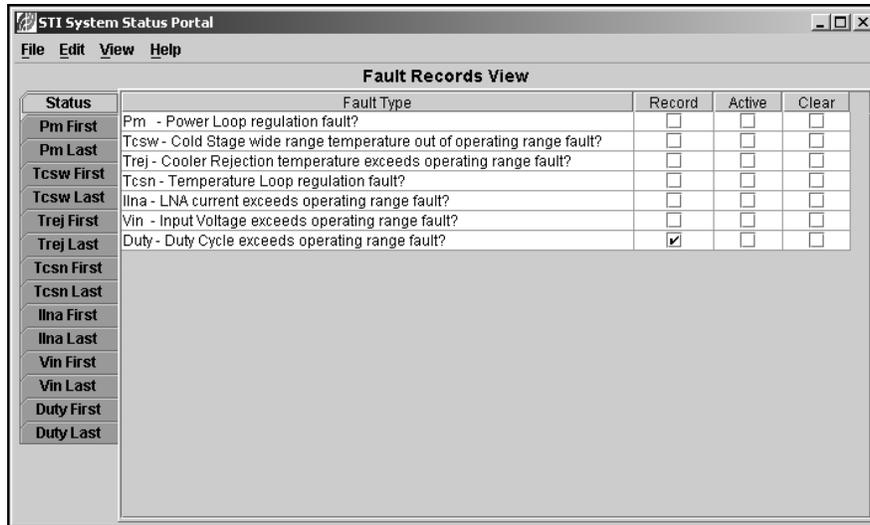
- **PM-Power Loop regulation fault?**
  A power or current loop out of regulation fault was recorded.

- **Tcsw-Cold Stage wide range temperature out of operating range fault?**
  A Cold Stage wide range temperature out of bounds fault was recorded.

- **Trej-Cooler Rejection temperature exceeds operating range fault?**
  A Cooler rejection temperature out of bounds fault was recorded.

- **Tcsn-Temperature Loop regulation fault?**
  A Temperature Loop out of regulation fault was recorded.

- **Ilna-LNA current exceeds operating range fault?**
  A LNA current out of bounds fault was recorded. The reason for the fault may be due to the internal or external LNA.

- **Vin-Input Voltage exceeds operating range fault?**
  An Input Voltage out of bounds fault was recorded.

- **Duty-Duty Cycle exceeds operating range fault?**
  The Duty Cycle exceeded the maximum fault was recorded. This does not affect the active fault indication.

PM First Tab

> Since the tabs in the **Fault Records View** contain the same fields, only the **PM First and Last tabs** are described. The following tabs will only describe the type of faults that occurred.

The **PM First tab** shows the fault for the first occurrence of a power loop out of regulation or cooler impedance fault.

- **Fault Type**
  Two types of faults that trigger this record: a power loop out of regulation fault or cooler motor impedance out of bounds fault.

- **Operating State**
  Displays the state machine state when this fault occurred. The states are defined in Table 7.

- **Fault Count**
  Displays the number of times this fault record was written. The first occurrence will always be one if the fault occurred. The last occurrence will be one if the fault occurred twice and the number of times the fault occurred less one subsequently.

- **Run Time**
  Displays the time since the system was last powered up in Hours:Minutes:Seconds when this fault occurred.

- **System Accumulated Time**
  Displays the number of hours the system had operated when this fault occurred.

- **Ambient temperature**
  Displays the ambient temperature in ºC when this fault occurred.

- **Cooler Rejection temperature**
  Displays the cooler rejection temperature in ºC when this fault occurred.

- **Cold Stage wide range temperature**
  Displays the cold stage wide range temperature in K when this fault occurred.

- **Cold Stage narrow range temperature**
  Displays the cold stage narrow range temperature in K when this fault occurred.

- **Input voltage**
  Displays the input voltage in Vdc when this fault occurred.

- **Cooler voltage**
  Displays the cooler motor voltage in real part Vrms when this fault occurred.

- **Cooler current**
  Displays the cooler motor current in real part Arms when this fault occurred.

- **LNA current**
  Displays the LNA current in mAdc when this fault occurred. If an LNA fault occurred, it is either an internal or external LNA fault current. Otherwise, the fault is an internal LNA current.

> For the **Ilna First and Last tabs** only. The LNA current displays the LNA current in mAdc when this fault occurred. If an LNA fault occurred, it is either an internal or external LNA fault current, depending on whether the fault was an internal or external LNA fault.

PM Last Tab

The **PM Last tab** shows the last occurrence of a power loop out of regulation or cooler impedance fault.

Tcsw First /Tcsw Last Tabs

The **Tcsw First/Tcsw Last tabs** show the first and last occurrence of a cold stage wide range temperature out of bounds fault.

Trej First/Trej Last Tabs

The **Trej First/Trej Last tabs** show the first occurrence of a cooler rejection temperature out of bounds fault.

Tcsn First/Tcsn Last Tabs

The **Tcsn First/Tcsn Last tabs** show the first occurrence of a temperature loop out of regulation fault.

Ilna First/Ilna Last Tabs

The **Ilna First/Ilna Last tabs** show the first occurrence of either an internal or external LNA current out of bounds fault.

Vin First/Vin Last Tabs

The **Vin First/Vin Last tabs** show the first occurrence of an input voltage out of bounds fault.

Duty First/Duty Last Tabs

The **Duty First/Duty Last tabs** show the first occurrence of a duty cycle exceeded the maximum fault.

Appendix B SuperFilter Specifications

Specifications provided for the SuperFilter consist of power requirements, physical characteristics, and environmental limitations.

For RF performance specifications, see the data sheets for your model.

Table 8. SuperFilter Specifications

Item	Characteristic
Power Requirements	
Input Power Voltage (27 V Nominal)	25 to 30 VDC input power
Input Power Interface	Screw Terminal Block
Fuse	12A, 250 VDC, 3AG or 10A, 250 VDC, 3AG, as labeled on SuperFilter rear panel
Maximum Input Power at 0 to 50°C Ambient Temperature	195 Watts Maximum
Steady-State Input Power at 23°C Ambient Temperature	150 Watts Typical
Dimensions (without Bypass Assembly)	
2-Pak System	7 inches (H) x 17 inches (W) x 22 inches (D)
6-Pak System	7 inches (H) x 17 inches (W) x 22 inches (D)
SuperFilter Weight (excluding Rack Mount Brackets and without Bypass Assembly)	
2-Pak System	50 lbs
6-Pak System	52 lbs
Rack Mount Brackets Weight	
19-inch Rack Mount Brackets (pair)	2.25 lbs
23-inch Rack Mount Brackets (pair)	3.25 lbs
Environmental	
Operating Temperature	0°C to +50°C
Operating Humidity	5% to 85% RH at 31°C
Operating Altitude	Sea level to 10,000 feet above sea level
Storage Temperature (Non-Operating)	-40°C to +70°C
Storage Humidity (Non-Operating)	10% to 95% RH non-condensing at 40°C
Storage Altitude (Non-Operating)	Sea level up to 45,000 feet
Electrostatic Sensitive Devices that require Electrostatic Discharge Protection	The SuperFilter contains components that are subject to damage from electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take precautionary measures when handling components mounted at the rear of the system.

Appendix C Receive Path Gain/Loss Calculator

For your convenience, this record is also available as a Microsoft® Excel file located in the **SuperFilter Operation and Installation Manual folder** on the STI CD.

Standard Model

Reference Measured: Frequency = _____   Power Level = _____

Mode	Receive Path Number	Signal Generator Frequency Power Level (-50 dBm nominal)	Measured Output Level	Gain/Loss Calculation
		Example		
Bypass	**Example**	**-50.5 dBm**	**-51.0 dBm**	**-0.5 dB**
SuperFilter	**Example**	**-50.5 dBm**	**-37.3 dBm**	**+13.2 dB**
Bypass	1			
SuperFilter	1			
Bypass	2			
SuperFilter	2			
Bypass	3			
SuperFilter	3			
Bypass	4			
SuperFilter	4			
Bypass	5			
SuperFilter	5			
Bypass	6			
SuperFilter	6			

SuperFilter with Overlay Model

Reference Measured: Frequency = _____   Power Level = _____

Mode	Receive Path Number	Signal Generator Frequency Power Level (-50 dBm nominal)	Measured Output Level	Gain/Loss Calculation
		Example		
Bypass	**Example**	**-50.5 dBm**	**-54.1 dBm**	**-3.6 dB**
SuperFilter A	**Example**	**-50.5 dBm**	**-41.8 dBm**	**+8.7 dB**
SuperFilter B	**Example**	**-50.5 dBm**	**-41.1 dBm**	**+9.4 dB**
Bypass	1			
SuperFilter	1A			
SuperFilter	1B			
Bypass	2			
SuperFilter	2A			
SuperFilter	2B			
Bypass	3			
SuperFilter	3A			
SuperFilter	3B			
Bypass	4			
SuperFilter	4A			
SuperFilter	4B			
Bypass	5			
SuperFilter	5A			
SuperFilter	5B			
Bypass	6			
SuperFilter	6A			
SuperFilter	6B			

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