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8981FS
DIGITAL FRAME SYNCHRONIZER

Release Notes

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Online User Documentation — Current versions of product catalogs, brochures, data sheets, ordering guides, planning guides, manuals, and release notes in .pdf format can be downloaded.

FAQ Database — Solutions to problems and troubleshooting efforts can be found by searching our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) database.

Software Downloads — Software updates, drivers, and patches can be downloaded.

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Introduction

This document provides information on the latest software release for the 8981FS Digital Frame Synchronizer module. Read this document completely before attempting to update to the latest software.

CAUTION These notes contain critical information concerning the updating process. Do not update software without completely reading *Software Updating* on page 5.

This document details:

- Version 6.0.1A Release features and operation (page 4),

- System Requirements (page 4),

- Hardware Modifications (page 4),

- Software Updating (page 5), and

- Accessing Reference Documents (page 5).

Pertinent reference documents are available on-line or hard copies can be ordered from Grass Valley. For more information, see *Accessing Reference Documents* at the end of these Notes.

Version 3.0.1A Software Release

The v3.0.1A software release for the 8981FS module makes slight changes to the remote control and monitoring browser interface (GUI). This release removes slider adjustment controls and makes changes to the module status reporting page. See the latest 8981FS Instruction Manual describing changes or new features for this version software. The manual is available on-line in PDF format or can be ordered in hard copy.

System Requirements

For remote control and monitoring capability, the module must be installed in a Gecko 8900TFN frame equipped with an 8900NET module. Gecko 8900TX frames must be upgraded to a TFN version (with fans) to utilize the 8900NET module. For more information on Gecko 8900 frames and the 8900NET module refer to the following reference documents:

- 8900NET Network Interface Instruction Manual

- 8900 Frames Instruction Manual

Hardware Modifications

Hardware modifications may be necessary on some versions of the module to enable updating or to be compatible with the latest software. Modification instructions are given in the form of Field Modification Notes (FMN) available on the software CD, on-line or in hard copy from Grass Valley (see *Accessing Reference Documents*).

Refer to Table 1 below for an overview of the module versions and any necessary modifications.

Table 1. Hardware Modifications

Version Number	Modification	Comments
671-5023-00	075-0639-00	Jumper modification to correct download software capability.
671-5023-01	N/A	No modifications needed.

Software Updating

Currently, the only recommended method of software updating is done with a software kit that includes a CD-ROM with the current software files and a serial cable assembly (8900-FLoad-CBL) available from Grass Valley.

Refer to the 8900-FLOAD-CBL Software Upgrade Instructions manual in pdf format on the CD-ROM for complete updating instructions.

Accessing Reference Documents

For on-line access to any of the reference documents referred to in these Release Notes, navigate to the following URL:

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