

Features

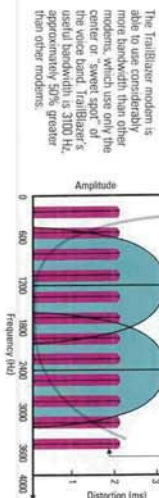
- Asynchronous data transmission at up to 18,000 bps, without data compression.
- Dial-up connection on ordinary telephone lines.
- Automatic error detection and correction as integrated functions.
- Interactive operation.
- 300, 1200 and 2400 bps FULL DUPLEX mode for Bell 103, 212A, V22 and V22 bis compatibility.
- Compatible with Hayes command set.
- Available with a wide range of high-speed communications software packages.
- Real-time line analysis, accessible by the user as a diagnostic tool.
- Remote modem access for central site control.
- Adaptive duplex to maximize asymmetric traffic flow.
- Leased-line operation.
- Software-defined architecture.
- Auto dial and auto answer.
- Automatic speed selection at time of connection.
- Non-volatile memory for storing up to 10 telephone numbers and all of the modem settings.
- Call progress monitoring and reporting.
- Software and hardware data flow control.

Description of Features

- High-Speed Transmission Over Dial-Up Lines**

Trailblazer is the first modem which operates at speeds of up to 18,000 bps, asynchronously and error-free, over ordinary, dial-up telephone lines. This speed is accomplished with the Packetized Ensemble Protocol ("PEP") which uses a multiple carrier modulation scheme to maximize the data-carrying capacity of the telephone bandwidth. Trailblazer allows sophisticated and critical high-speed applications to operate over the public-switched network, in many cases eliminating the need for expensive, dedicated lines.
- Automatic Error Detection and Correction**

When operating in Fast (PEP) mode, the Trailblazer modem adds to each assembled data packet a 16-bit cyclical redundancy check (CRC) which is used by the receiving modem to ensure that only error-free data is delivered to the user. Any retransmission required to correct errors occurs instantaneously, and is transparent to the user. All error detection and correction is done by the modem, and does not require additional computer resources.



- Real-Time Line Analysis**

A unique feature of the Trailblazer modem is its ability to analyze and take advantage of the entire telephone bandwidth using a patented multicarrier modulation technique called DMMOAM™. This feature is a significant improvement over other modems which use only a single- or dual-carrier modulation technique.

Each time a call is placed, the Trailblazer modem measures the signal-carrying capacity of the dial-up channel relative to line impairments it has identified. Trailblazer then determines 1) which carriers are usable, 2) how many bits can be transmitted per carrier given the line conditions and 3) what data flow demands exist at each end of the connection. This line analysis is completely internal to the Trailblazer, unlike other modems which require a separate product to perform this function.

- Five Modems in One**

The Trailblazer modem operates in five modes: 300 bps (Bell 103), 1200 bps (Bell 212A and V22), 2400 bps (V22 bis) and up to 18,000 bps (using the PEP protocol). The modem automatically recognizes the speed of the other modem and sets its speed accordingly.

- Minimal Fall-Back**

Based on its continual line analysis, the Trailblazer modem dynamically adapts to line conditions for the duration of the call, with a minimal fall-back of less than 100 bps at a time to maximize data throughput. This capability is a significant improvement over other high-speed modems, which fall back by cutting their transmission rate in half to 4800 bps or 2400 bps. Dynamic line analysis not only enables the Trailblazer to achieve higher throughputs on AT&T and Bell circuits, but also allows successful operation over lower-cost and diverse circuits provided by other common carriers.

- Remote Access**

Users can send commands to remote modems as if the commands were entered at the remote site. This is useful in changing the parameters of the remote modem or testing remote modems from a local site. Remote access and command facilitates the set-up and testing of geographically-dispersed networks from a central site.

- Adaptive Duplex**

The performance of the Trailblazer modem is tailored to match asymmetric data flows commonly found in today's corporate networks where only a few characters are generated at the terminal site and a reply of several thousand characters is received from the host. By employing a data flow technique called Adaptive Duplex, Trailblazer can

automatically assess the data flow of a line and reverse. Based on prevailing requirements at any given time, the modem dynamically allocates transmission capacity of data flow to match the traffic load in direction.

- Interactive Operation**

The Trailblazer modem incorporates a transmission technique using short and long packets. Short packets are used to minimize time for interactive applications. Large packets are used to satisfy requirements for large data transfer. The optimum packet size is locally determined by the modem, and is transparent to the user.

- Self-Fast and Internal Diagnostics**

The Trailblazer modem automatically performs internal logic tests; memory tests, and back checks. In addition, Trailblazer provides data transmission statistics as signal-to-noise ratios, data rate, frequency offset, mean data flow analysis, and number of retransmissions. Users can access these statistics given time through the modem register.

- Communications Software**

A full range of popular communication packages are optimized and available at the high speeds of the Trailblazer in PC-PC, PC-minicomputer, and PC-mainframe. A list of authorized Fastlane Developers is available from your local representative.

- Applications**

The proliferation of desktop computer networks, the increased sophistication of applications, and the economic and quality issues surrounding the public telephone system are accelerating the need for more sophisticated modems that can communicate at high speeds, error-free, over dial-up lines. The Trailblazer modem enhances current applications in such areas as micro-to-mainframe links, information retrieval services, electronic mail and full-screen data transfer.

- Line Cost Savings**

Users will realize substantial line cost productivity gains with the Trailblazer. Compared with a 1200 bps modem, it is cost-justified in six months through time savings alone when used to send disk or equivalent amount of data per