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Related Documents

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- [1] Custom Electronics Data Sheet:8881 Pylon-EPC Controller
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1 Introduction

The Pylon EPC Controller is a general purpose, intelligent outstation designed for fast, flexible system building for mission critical control systems.

It employs an embedded PC processor handling all control, supervision and high speed streaming communication protocols, together with a modular I/O system for high integrity plant connection.

The I/O system utilises remnant latching relay outputs to maintain control states during power down and failure situations; together with fully opto isolated revertive (tell-back) inputs indicating equipment status safely. An auto-sensing switched mode PSU powers the unit from 90-264V a.c. at 47-63Hz.

A comprehensive suite of S8000 internal control functions are available with facilities optimised for broadcast applications. These include: full relay and alarm control, rotatable antenna control for selectable rotator types, together with helicopter broadcast autotracking facilities accepting GPS data from popular receivers.

The purpose of this document is to provide a reference for the operation, maintenance and application of the 8881 PylonEPC SMMC Controller utilised for the control of vehicle mounted satellite antennae.

2 Specification

<u>PylonEPC Specification</u>	
Dimensions:	483 x 44 x 260mm (basic 1U version) (+50mm clearance on depth required)
Format:	19" Rackmount
Supply:	90 - 264V AC @ 47-63Hz
Consumption:	50VA
Operating Temp:	5 - 45oC
RH:	0 - 95% RH (Non Condensing)
Weight:	3.0Kg
Outputs:	Relay Contacts - 24V DC @ 1A (Common group = 1A)
Inputs:	Volt free relay contacts (12V @ 5mA)
Workstation Comms:	RS232 - with options for the following: 10BaseT Ethernet PSTN modem. 4 wire via Audio channels. (XLR's @ 0dBm)
Auxilliary Comms:	RS232 or RS485 for GPS, Compass or other equipment.
Video:	- options for the following: PC SVGA monitor output NTSC composite video BNC PAL composite video BNC
Keyboard/Mouse:	PC compatible ports
Printer:	Parallel PC compatible port

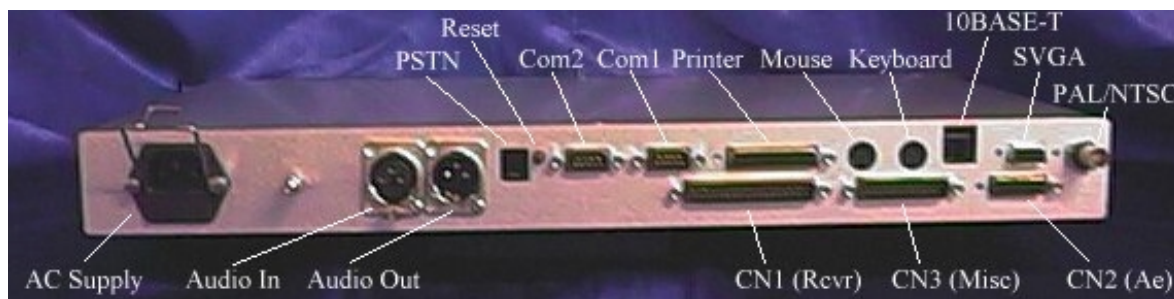
3 Front Panel



The front panel of the PylonEPC controller is contained in a 1U 19" rackmounting format and contains a guarded, illuminated latching push button switch for mains power on/off.

In addition there are eight momentary pushbuttons for use under application specific software control. In many applications these push buttons eliminate the need for a local keyboard.

4 Rear Panel



The rear panel of the PylonEPC controller is contained in a 1U 19" rackmounting format and contains a fused IEC ac mains inlet , together with connectors for the following:

4.1 IEC Fused Inlet for Supply:

This connector interface is primarily designed for supply of AC power to the unit.

<u>IEC Fused Inlet for Supply</u>	
L	Live
N	Neutral
E	Earth

4.2 RJ45 for 10BASE-T Ethernet Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for 10BASE-T Ethernet connection.

<u>RJ45 for 10BASE-T Ethernet Option</u>	
01	Tx-
02	Tx+
03	Rx-
04	
05	
06	Rx+
07	
08	

4.3 Keyboard Port:

This connector interface is primarily designed for a PS2 PC compatible keyboard.

<u>PS2 Keyboard</u>	
01	KBData
02	
03	Gnd
04	Vcc
05	KBClock
06	

4.4 Logitech Mouse Port:

This connector interface is primarily designed for a Logitech compatible mouse.

<u>Logitech Mouse Port</u>	
01	Mdata
02	
03	
04	
05	Mclock
06	

4.5 D25S for Printer:

This connector interface is primarily designed for a centronics compatible parallel printer.

<u>D25S for Printer</u>	
01	/Strobe
02	PD0
03	PD1
04	PD2
05	PD3
06	PD4
07	PD5
08	PD6
09	PD7
10	/Ack
11	Busy
12	PE
13	SLCT
14	/AutoFd
15	/Error
16	/Init
17	/SLCTIn
18	Gnd
19	Gnd
20	Gnd
21	Gnd
22	Gnd
23	Gnd
24	Gnd
25	Gnd

4.6 D9P for Com1:

This connector interface is primarily designed for serial interface to COM1:

<u>D9P for RS232 Com1:</u>	
01	DCD
02	RX
03	TX
04	DTR
05	Gnd
06	DSR
07	RTS
08	CTS
09	RI

4.7 D9P for Com2:

This connector interface is primarily designed for serial interface to COM2:

<u>D9P for RS232 & RS485 Com2:</u>	
01	DCD
02	RX
03	TX (RS485 Rx-)
04	DTR (RS485 Tx-)
05	Gnd
06	DSR
07	RTS (RS485 Rx+)
08	CTS (RS485 Tx+)
09	RI (+12V output option from serial no. 9050)

4.8 RJ45 for Beacon Receiver:

This connector interface is primarily designed for a beacon receiver.

<u>RJ45 for Beacon Receiver</u>	
01	
02	
03	
04	
05	AI5+ AGC+ve
06	AI5- AGC-ve

4.9 RJ45 for 4 Wire Audio Input Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for 4 wire audio input. It is provided in units from serial number 9037 onwards.

<u>RJ45 for 4 Wire Audio Input Option (Conn13)</u>	
01	Gnd
02	Audio Input #1 to Com1: Rxd (or to modem 2/4 wire hybrid)
03	
04	
05	
06	
07	
08	
	Gnd
	Audio Input #2 to Com2: Rxd

4.10 RJ45 for 4 Wire Audio Output Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for 4 wire audio output. It is provided in units from serial number 9037 onwards.

<u>RJ45 for 4 Wire Audio Output Option (Conn14)</u>	
01	Gnd
02	Audio Output #1 from Com1: Txd (or from modem 2/4 wire hybrid)
03	
04	
05	
06	
07	
08	
	Gnd
	Audio Output #2 from Com2: Txd

4.11 XLR Male for 4 Wire Audio Output Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for 4 wire audio output. It was provided in units prior to serial number 9037.

<u>XLR Male for 4 Wire Audio Output Option</u>	
01	Gnd
02	Audio Out
03	Audio Out

4.12 XLR Female for 4 Wire Audio Input Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for 4 wire audio input. It was provided in units prior to serial number 9037.

<u>XLR Male for 4 Wire Audio Output Option</u>	
01	Gnd
02	Audio In
03	Audio In

4.13 RJ45 for Com3 Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for com3: comms either direct, or via the FSK modem option.

<u>RJ45 for Com3 Option</u>	
01	DCD
02	RXD
03	TXD
04	DTR
05	GND
06	DSR
07	RTS
08	CTS

4.14 HD15S for SVGA Monitor:

This connector interface is primarily designed for video output to an SVGA monitor.

<u>HD15S for SVGA Monitor</u>	
01	Red
02	Green
03	Blue
04	
05	Internal link
06	Internal link
07	Internal link
08	Internal link
09	Vref
10	Internal link
11	
12	
13	Hsync
14	Vsync
15	

4.15 BNC for Composite Video Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for video output to a composite PAL or NTSC monitor.

<u>BNC for Composite Video Option</u>	
01	Centre - Composite Video
02	Chassis - Ground

4.16 CN1 - D37P:

This connector interface is primarily designed for control using general purpose i/o.

<u>CN1 – D37P</u>	
01	AI3:Elevation Angle Measurement Input
02	
03	
04	OPTO8: Left Limit Status Input
05	
06	
07	
08	
09	
10	RLY17:Local Enable Relay Output N/O
11	OPTO7: Right Limit Status Input
12	OPTO5: Tilt Down Limit Status Input (Stowed)
13	RLY18:Polarisation Select Relay Output N/O
14	OPTO4 Servo Stalled Status Input
15	RLY19:Pan Select Relay Output N/O
16	RLY20:Tilt Select Relay Output N/O
17	OPTO6: Tilt Up Limit Status Input
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	OPTO2: Elevation > 10°
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	RLY17:Local...COM
30	

31	
32	RLY18:Polarisation ...COM
33	
34	RLY19:PanCOM
35	RLY20:TiltCOM
36	
37	

4.17 CN2 – D15S:

This connector interface is primarily designed for control of a steerable antenna using general purpose i/o.

<u>CN2 – D15S</u>	
01	RLY1:'-' Relay Output N/O
02	RLY2:'+' Relay Output N/O
03	RLY3:Fast Relay Output N/O
04	
05	
06	AI1:Azimuth Measurement Positive Input
07	AI1:Azimuth Measurement Negative Input
08	AI2:Polarisation Measurement Positive Input
09	AI2:Polarisation Measurement Negative Input
10	RLY1:'-' COM
11	OPTOx:Azimuth OK to Stow Status Input
12	RLY2:'+' COM
13	RLY3:Fast COM
14	
15	

4.18 CN3 – D25P:

This connector interface is primarily designed for control of miscellaneous equipment using general purpose i/o.

CN3 – D25P	
01	OPTOx:Polarisation OK to Stow Status Input
02	
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4.19 DIN41612 A/C for 64 Opto Inputs Option:

This connector interface is primarily designed for connection to the 64 opto-isolated inputs.

<u>DIN41612 for Opto Inputs</u>			
01A	Digital Input 1	01B	Digital Input 33
02A	Digital Input 2	02B	Digital Input 34
03A	Digital Input 3	03B	Digital Input 35
04A	Digital Input 4	04B	Digital Input 36
05A	Digital Input 5	05B	Digital Input 37
06A	Digital Input 6	06B	Digital Input 38
07A	Digital Input 7	07B	Digital Input 39
08A	Digital Input 8	08B	Digital Input 40
09A	Digital Input 9	09B	Digital Input 41
10A	Digital Input 10	10B	Digital Input 42
11A	Digital Input 11	11B	Digital Input 43
12A	Digital Input 12	12B	Digital Input 44
13A	Digital Input 13	13B	Digital Input 45
14A	Digital Input 14	14B	Digital Input 46
15A	Digital Input 15	15B	Digital Input 47
16A	Digital Input 16	16B	Digital Input 48
17A	Digital Input 17	17B	Digital Input 49
18A	Digital Input 18	18B	Digital Input 50
19A	Digital Input 19	19B	Digital Input 51
20A	Digital Input 20	20B	Digital Input 52
21A	Digital Input 21	21B	Digital Input 53
22A	Digital Input 22	22B	Digital Input 54
23A	Digital Input 23	23B	Digital Input 55
24A	Digital Input 24	24B	Digital Input 56
25A	Digital Input 25	25B	Digital Input 57
26A	Digital Input 26	26B	Digital Input 58
27A	Digital Input 27	27B	Digital Input 59
28A	Digital Input 28	28B	Digital Input 60
29A	Digital Input 29	29B	Digital Input 61
30A	Digital Input 30	30B	Digital Input 62
31A	Digital Input 31	31B	Digital Input 63
32A	Digital Input 32	32B	Digital Input 64

This connector can be used with a standard DIN rail mounted terminal panel using the following parts:

64 Way Screw Terminal to IDC Header - Farnell 449-210 or Klippon 022476

64 Way IDC 0.05" Cable Pitch Socket - Farnell 727-921

96 Way DIN41612 C Body a+c populated - Farnell 972-873

In which case the terminal panel connections are as follows:

<u>Terminal Panel for Opto Inputs Option</u>			
01	Digital Input 1	33	Digital Input 17
02	Digital Input 33	34	Digital Input 49
03	Digital Input 2	35	Digital Input 18
04	Digital Input 34	36	Digital Input 50
05	Digital Input 3	37	Digital Input 19
06	Digital Input 35	38	Digital Input 51
07	Digital Input 4	39	Digital Input 20
08	Digital Input 36	40	Digital Input 52
09	Digital Input 5	41	Digital Input 21
10	Digital Input 37	42	Digital Input 53
11	Digital Input 6	43	Digital Input 22
12	Digital Input 38	44	Digital Input 54
13	Digital Input 7	45	Digital Input 23
14	Digital Input 39	46	Digital Input 55
15	Digital Input 8	47	Digital Input 24
16	Digital Input 40	48	Digital Input 56
17	Digital Input 9	49	Digital Input 25
18	Digital Input 41	50	Digital Input 57
19	Digital Input 10	51	Digital Input 26
20	Digital Input 42	52	Digital Input 58
21	Digital Input 11	53	Digital Input 27
22	Digital Input 43	54	Digital Input 59
23	Digital Input 12	55	Digital Input 28

24	Digital Input 44	56	Digital Input 60
25	Digital Input 13	57	Digital Input 29
26	Digital Input 45	58	Digital Input 61
27	Digital Input 14	59	Digital Input 30
28	Digital Input 46	60	Digital Input 62
29	Digital Input 15	61	Digital Input 31
30	Digital Input 47	62	Digital Input 63
31	Digital Input 16	63	Digital Input 32
32	Digital Input 48	64	Digital Input 64

4.20 3.5mm Jack for +5V

This connector interface was primarily designed to supply +5v power to an external GPS/Compass unit. It is not fitted on later units.

<u>3.5mm Jack for +5v</u>	
Ring	Gnd
Tip	+5v DC

5 Internal Switch and Link Options

The 8881 Pylon EPC Controller is supplied pre-configured to the options ordered. This section is provided for reference only.

DIP Switch SW1

This switch selects the base I/O port address of the I/O card in the PC104 address space.

Default setting 0x310

SW1-1	On
SW1-2	Off
SW1-3	On
SW1-4	On
SW1-5	On
SW1-6	Off

Main I/O PCB Links

LK1	AI2+ Non-Isolated	Fitted
LK2	AI2+ Isolated	
LK3	AI2- Non-Isolated	Fitted
LK4	AI2- Isolated	
LK5	AI1+ Non-Isolated	Fitted
LK6	AI1+ Isolated	
LK7	AI1- Non-Isolated	Fitted
LK8	AI1- Isolated	
LK9	AI2+ Isolated	
LK10	AI2- Isolated	
LK11	AI1+ Isolated	
LK12	AI1- Isolated	

LK13 header linked as follows:

Pin 1 link to Pin 2 and Pin 15

Pin 3 link to Pin 4 and Pin 13

Pin 5 link to Pin 6 and Pin 11

Pin 7 link to Pin 8 and Pin 9

LK14 header linked as follows:

Pin 1 fit 10k to Pin 2 and 10k to Pin 16

Pin 2 link to Pin 15

Pin 3 fit 10k to Pin 4 and 10k to Pin 14

Pin 4 link to Pin 13

Pin 5 fit 10k to Pin 6 and 10k to Pin 12

Pin 6 link to Pin 11

Pin 7 fit 10k to Pin 8 and 13k to Pin 10

Pin 8 link to Pin 9

PC I/O PCB Links

J1	Audio in to Hybrid	Fitted
J2	Audio in to Com1:Rx	
J3	Audio out from Hybrid	Fitted
J4	Audio out from Com1:Tx	
J5	Audio in, bias	
J6	Audio in, High gain	
J7	VGA Red Terminator	Fitted
J8	VGA Green Terminator	Fitted
J9	VGA Blue Terminator	Fitted
J10	NTSC Select	Fitted
J11	PAL Select	

L1	Audio Input #2	
L2	Audio Output #2	
L3	Audio Input #2, Bias	
L4	+12V Supply to p9 Com2	Fitted
L5	Audio Output, Balanced	

L6,L7 – A Com3 Modem Option

L6,L7 – B Com3 Direct

4 Wire Modem Datacomms:

Move internal modem line cable from Conn11 to Conn10 on PC I/O pcb and set J1, J3, J6 In, with J2, J4, J5 Out.

4 Wire Audio Datacomms to Com1:

PC I/O pcb and set J2, J4, J5 In, with J1, J3, J6 Out.

PSTN MODEM MODULE (OPTION) Links

JP2 – 2/4 Fitted

JP2 – 3/4 Fitted

JP1 – IRQ6 Fitted

All other links removed.

6 Operation

Operation of 8881 Pylon EPC Controller is dependant on the application specific software installed in the controller. Refer to the specific documentation for the relevant controller software in use for details.

7 Maintenance

There is no software system maintenance necessary within the system. There are no user-serviceable hardware components within the operator station. There are no regular preventative maintenance activities.

8 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

8.1 How Do I Connect the SMMC Local Control Unit?

With a wiring loom as follows:

<u>D25S to</u> <u>Local</u> <u>Controller</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>D37S to</u> <u>CN1</u>	<u>D15P to</u> <u>CN2</u>	<u>D25S to</u> <u>CN3</u>
01	Move +		2	
02	Move Fast (was Move –)		3 (or 1) *	
03	Move – (was Move Fast)		1 (or 3) *	
04	Common to 1,2,3		10,12,13,7,9	
05				
06	Local	10		
07	Common to 6,8,9,10	29,32,34,35		
08	Move Polarisation	13		
09	Move Pan	15		
10	Move Tilt	16		
11	Azimuth OK to Stow		11	
12	Polarisation OK to Stow			18
13	Elevation > 10deg	22		
14	Servo Stalled	14		
15	Tilt Down Limit	12		
16	Tilt Up Limit	17		
17	Right Limit	11		
18	Left Limit	4		
19	Elevation	1		
20	Azimuth		6	
21	Polarisation		8	
22				
23				
24				
25				

* Pins 2 and 3 are transposed on later CML controllers!

8.2 How Do I Connect the GPS / Compass Box?

With a wiring loom as follows:

<u>D9P to GPS / Compass</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>D9S to EPC Com2</u>
01		
02	Transmit Data	2 (Rx)
03	Receive Data	3 (Tx)
04		
05	0V / Signal Ground	5 (Gnd) & External 0V if internal L4 not fitted
06		
07	GPS Comms Select	7 (RTS)
08		
09	+12V	9 (if L4 fitted internally) or External 12V Supply
Note: 12V dc supply may not be available internally on Com2 for EPC units prior to serial no. 9050		

8.3 How Do I Connect the RS232 Communications?

The PylonGDS-EPC controller system is designed to use RS 232 asynchronous communications directly in accordance with popular industry standards. The communications system requires the correct presentation of all RS 232 handshakes with the PC workstation or its inter-posing modems.

The standard 9 pin connections for a PC DTE are as follows:-

Pin	Id
01	DCD
02	RD
03	TD
04	DTR
05	GND
06	DSR
07	RTS
08	CTS
09	RI

The standard PC connections used for a 25 pin DTE are as follows:-

Pin	Id
02	TD
03	RD
04	RTS
05	CTS
06	DSR
07	GND
08	DCD
20	DTR

and a standard 9-25 pin modem cable can be used to present these if necessary to an external DCE.

The 25 pin presentation is directly compatible with EIA standard, RS232C and will operate with all compatible communications equipment (DCE equipment), such as dial-up, leased-line or limited distance modems.

To connect a PC workstation directly to the EPC controller a standard crossover (null modem) cable can be used (see section 8.3).

Whilst it is not recommended, a 3 wire RS232 connection can be adopted at potentially reduced performance at speeds of 9600 or less. In this case, the PC end of the connection must have its' TD, RD and Gnd pins connected through to the controllers RD, TD and Gnd respectively, whilst at both the master and slave end, the following links must be made between

- a) RTS and CTS and
- b) DTR, DCD and DSR.

Use of the IC476A-F Converter and cable:

An IC476A-F data convertor is available to allow the connection of the RS422/485 bus to the EPC PC compatible comm ports as a 'Local' bus master for the control of slave devices.

This is connected to the PC by a standard 9-25 pin modem cable. The converter is operated in DCE mode and its internal configuration switches are set SW1-4 and SW2 ON with all others OFF.

Fit the communications converter to a free 9 pin RS232 serial port and connect the RS422 cable to the device to control.

The normal bus connection cable is then made up as follows:

Transmit Pair:		D9P
XMIT+ (TXB)	Red	3
XMIT- (TXA)	Black	9
Receive Pair:		D9P
RCV+ (RXB)	White	4
RCV- (RXA)	Black	6
Shield Gnd:		D9P
		5

8.4 How Do I Connect the 10BASE-T Ethernet?

The controller may be connected to a local hub using up to 100m of category 5 UTP cable connected with a “straight” cable as follows:

EPC		HUB
1	white/orange Pair 2	1
2	orange/white Pair 2	2
3	white/green Pair 3	3
4	blue/white Pair 1	4
5	white/blue Pair 1	5
6	green/white Pair 3	6
7	white/brown Pair 4	7
8	brown/white Pair 4	8

The controller may be connected direct to a local PC using up to 100m of category 5 UTP cable connected with a “cross over” cable as follows:

EPC		PC
1	white/orange Pair 2	3
2	orange/white Pair 2	6
3	white/green Pair 3	1
4		
5		
6	green/white Pair 3	2
7		
8		

8.5 How Do I Make Up an RS232 PC-PC File Transfer Cable?

The controller may be connected to a local PC for file transfers as follows:

The connections for intervening 25 way connectors are also shown.

EPC			PC	
D9S	D25S		D25S	D9S
1				
2	3	Rd/Td	2	3
3	2	Td/Rd	3	2
4	20	Dtr/Dsr	6	6
5	7	Ground	7	5
6	6	Dsr/Dtr	20	4
7	4	Rts/Cts	5	8
8	5	Cts/Rts	4	7
9				

8.6 What are the Com port addresses and IRQ's used ?

These are as follows:

Com1:	0x3F8	IRQ4	(Rear Panel)
Com2:	0x2F8	IRQ3	(Rear Panel)
Com3:	0x3E8	IRQ5	(LCU/Rotator Modem Option)
Com4:	0x2E8	IRQ6	(PSTN Modem Option)

8.7 How do I use a PAL or NTSC video Monitor ?

IMPORTANT - To obtain the best display performance from the controller the standard SVGA computer monitor port should be used with a standard SVGA monitor, as composite video monitors do not handle the resolution and sharp colour changes used in PC's very well.

The PylonEPC controller contains an optional SVGA to composite video convertor for TV-Out, which can be used as an alternative to display the computer output on an NTSC or PAL monitor at lower performance. This can be useful for temporary configuration, or diagnostic use, where existing composite video monitors are already in use on other equipment in a scheme.

To use the composite video output, the controller must have been factory fitted with either the NTSC or PAL convertor option. A composite video monitor can be connected to the BNC socket on the controller. The controller has to be software configured for composite output as follows:

1. The video BIOS installed must have the NTSC/PAL support enabled, (this is identified by a 'PylonEPC NTSC/PAL support' message on power up). This is normally done on the CPU card when the factory video option is installed, but if not can also be temporarily installed as a TSR using CVgaBios.exe either from the command line or in the system Autoexec.bat file.
2. On startup the system defaults to SVGA monitor mode and must be put into NTSC or PAL mode using the PylonVID.exe program either from the command line or in the system Autoexec.bat file. "PylonVID NTSC" and "PylonVID PAL" switch the video into composite NTSC or PAL output respectively and blank any connected SVGA monitor.

If the system subsequently starts Windows95, then the display properties 'Chips' tab can be used to switch between the SVGA and TV outputs. The controller can handle resolutions up to 800x600 pixels, outside of the video window and has panning capability to view the other areas.

Notes: Internal links enable three 75ohm terminating resistors on the RGB outputs of the SVGA connector. This termination is normally provided by the monitor. These links should be fitted if the composite output is to be used on it's own, but if they are fitted and an SVGA monitor is temporarily connected also note that the display will be dimmer.

The only difference between the NTSC and PAL factory options is the xtal frequency used for the FSC clock.
