# Signal Booster Installation Guide



# AG Pro<sup>™</sup> Quint Selectable

700 (Band 12 / 17, 13) / 800 / AWS (1700 / 2100) / 1900 MHz In-Building Wireless Smart Technology II™ Signal Booster

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**Note:** This manual contains important safety and operating information. Please read and follow the instructions in this manual. Failure to do so could be hazardous and result in damage to your Signal Booster.



# Installation Instructions for the Following Wilson Electronic Signal Booster:

AG Pro<sup>™</sup> Quint Selectable 700 (Band 12 / 17, 13) / 800 / AWS (1700 / 2100) / 1900 MHz In-Building Wireless Smart Technology II<sup>™</sup> Signal Booster Model #273470 FCC: PWO273470

#### **How it Works**

Wilson Electronics Signal Boosters are bi-directional devices that deliver service levels consistent with what would be expected in areas of high cell network coverage. They amplify a weak or shadowed signal in mobile, M2M, marine and in-building applications. When using a Wilson Electronics Signal Booster in conjunction with Wilson Electronics antennas, the Outside Antenna will collect the cell tower signal and send it through the cable to the Signal Booster. The signal is then amplified and re-transmitted through the Inside Antenna into the room. Cell phones and cellular data cards in that area then communicate with the improved signal. When a cell phone or cellular device transmits, the signal is received by the Inside Antenna, amplified by the Signal Booster and transmitted back to the cell tower through the Outside Antenna.

## Inside this Package

Note: Kits may contain different accessories



AC/DC Power Supply 12V / 3A (859900)

#### **Outdoor Antenna Options & Accessories**

- Wide Band Directional Antenna 700 2700 MHz (304411) **Note:** The Outside fixed Antenna must be connected with a minimum of 26' of RG58 coax cable (950630).
- 2. Pole Mount Wide Band Panel Antenna (304453)



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#### Indoor Antenna Options & Accessories

- A. Wide-Band Panel Antenna 700-2700 MHz (multiple mounting options available)
- B. 50 Ohm Lightning Surge Protector N Connector (859902)

Splitter options on page 9







Appearance of device and accessories may vary.

To purchase, call Wilson Electronics Sales Department at: 800-204-4104

We recommend using directional antennas with this Signal Booster.

#### **Quick Install Overview**

See Installation Diagram on page 3 & 4. Contact Wilson Electronics Technical Support Team with any questions at 866-294-1660.

- Select a location to install the Signal Booster that is away from excessive heat, direct sunlight, moisture and has proper ventilation. Do not place the Signal Booster in an air-tight enclosure.
- Select a location on the roof of the building to install the Outside Antenna. Use a cell
  phone in test mode to find the strongest signal from the cell tower. Refer to page 7.
  Visit www.WilsonElectronics.com to find the test mode function for your particular cell
  phone.
- Run the Outside Antenna cable to the Signal Booster and attach it to the connector labeled "Outside Antenna" on the Signal Booster. Refer to page 8 for more information on running cable. Lightning Surge Protection is recommended for all inbuilding installations refer to page 6.
- 4. Select a location for the Inside Antenna, preferably in the center of where the signal needs to be amplified. A minimum separation distance of 20 vertical feet (within the null zone) or 50 horizontal feet is necessary for proper operation. If the inside coverage is not sufficient you may need as much as 75 feet of horizontal separation (refer to installation diagram on pages 3 & 4). Run the Inside Antenna cable to the Signal Booster and attach it to the connector labeled "Inside Antenna" on the Signal Booster.
- Before powering up the Signal Booster, verify that both the Outside Antenna and the Inside Antenna are connected and check that all connections are tight. Refer to page 9. Note: Be careful when plugging the connectors in so as not to bend the center pins on the connectors.
- 6. If the light is not green, please refer to pages 10 & 12.

Warning: Connecting the Signal Booster directly to a cell phone with use of an adapter will damage the cell phone and/or the Signal Booster.



- It is very important to power your Signal Booster using a surge protected AC Power Strip with at least a 1000 Joule rating.
- Failure to do this will void your warranty in the event of a power surge or lightning strike.

# **Installation Diagram**

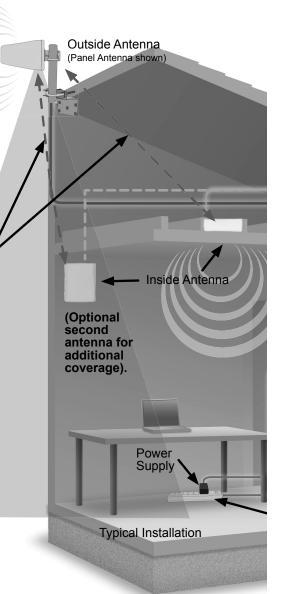
## Inside Antenna

Preferred Method: Place the Inside Antenna in the ceiling facing down for the best coverage.

**Note:** The Inside Antenna may be mounted on the wall directly under the Outside Antenna, in the null zone, if **20 feet of vertical** separation can be maintained.

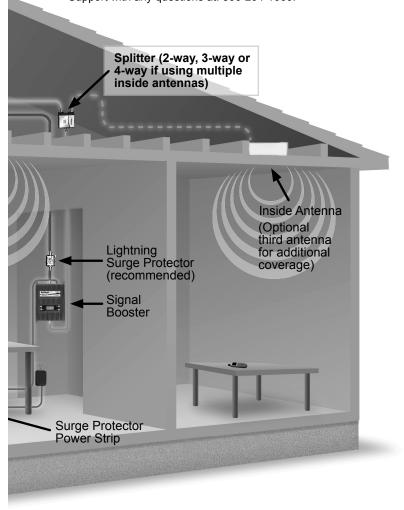
Null Zone: The area under the Outside Antenna, where the Outside Antenna radiates the least.

**Note:** A Lightning Surge Protector is recommended for all building installations (sold separately). Make sure the protector is installed in line between the Outside Antenna and the Signal Booster.



# **Before Getting Started**

This guide will help you properly install your Wilson Electronics Signal Booster. It is important to read through all of the installation steps for your particular application prior to installing any equipment. Read through the instructions, visualize where all the equipment will need to be installed and do a soft installation before mounting any equipment. Contact Wilson Electronics Technical Support with any questions at: 866-294-1660.



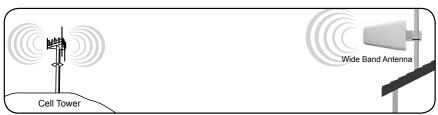
# **Reasons for Weak Cellular Signals**

Anyone who uses a cell phone or cellular data card knows the frustration of not being able to connect to or maintain a strong cellular signal. When this occurs, it is generally due to one of two reasons:

- Location of the Nearest Cell Tower Cell towers are situated to provide broad coverage; however, there are many areas in which signal strength may be reduced by topographic features or by local government restrictions on the height or placement of the towers themselves. Rural areas generally have fewer cell towers than urban regions.
- Natural and Man-Made Obstructions Signal strength can also be negatively
  affected by trees, hills, buildings, weather, and other obstructions. You may be
  relatively close to a cell tower but still unable to make a call. This often occurs
  in homes, offices and other buildings in which stucco, concrete or metal walls
  may block the signal.

The Signal Booster works with two antennas. The Inside Antenna communicates with your cell phone and the Outside Antenna communicates with the cell tower. The Outside Antenna receives the cell tower signal and sends it through the cable to the Signal Booster, where it is amplified and transmitted through the Inside Antenna into the room. When the Inside Antenna picks up a signal from your cellular device, the Signal Booster amplifies that signal and transmits it through the cable, then through the Outside Antenna and back to the cell tower.

Note: The Signal Booster will only operate if there is an adequate signal to amplify.



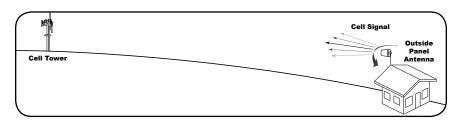
# **Selecting a Direction for the Outside Antenna**

Use a cell phone in test mode to find the strongest signal from the cell tower (refer to page 7 for more information). To get the strongest signal possible, it is very important to set up your Outside Antenna properly. The Inside and the Outside Antenna must be mounted in such a way that they are able to pick up the best possible cell signal on the outside of the building and provide the best possible signal on the inside of the building. Mount the Outside Antenna as high as possible facing the cell tower in an area with the best possible signal coverage.

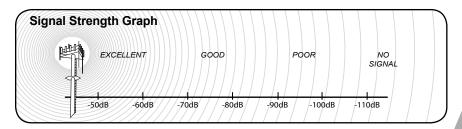
**Note:** Never point the front of a directional antenna toward the Inside Antenna. See Figures 1 & 2 on page 10.

# **Finding the Strongest Signal**

When installing your Signal Booster's Outside Antenna, aiming it towards the best signal source from you service provider is important. The best way of getting the strongest signal is to have one person on the roof to rotate the Outside Antenna, which is connected to the Signal Booster. Turn the Outside Antenna about 45 degrees at a time, while the second person is watching the signal strength on the phone inside the building. This allows you to read the signal strength from the cell tower. It is preferable to have the phone in the test mode so the actual signal strength can be read, as bars are not the most accurate. Go to <a href="https://www.WilsonElectronics.com">www.WilsonElectronics.com</a> for help in finding the test mode for your phone. Always make sure the person inside the building gives the signal time to arrive and register on the phone (between 10-30 seconds for phone to reset to the signal reading).



Signal readings usually appear as a negative number (for example, -86). The closer you get to zero the stronger the signal. (See graph below).



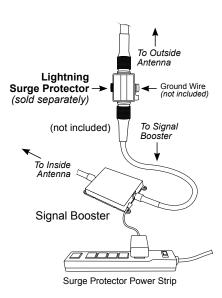
#### **Outside Antenna Installation**

The antenna should be mounted as shown in the illustration on page 5. The mounting bracket, included with antenna, is adjustable and will accommodate pipe diameters from 1.25" to 2" (pipe sold separately #901117). Mount the antenna so that there is at least 3 feet of clearance in all directions around it. Position the antenna so that it has an unobstructed line of sight to the cell tower's strongest signal. Make sure the antenna is not pointing across your own roof or at the Inside Antenna as this will cause the oscillation protection circuitry to shut down the Signal Booster.

⚠ Warning: The Outside fixed Antenna must be connected with a minimum of 26 feet of RG58 coax cable.

# Installing Lightning Protection (sold separately)

Install the Lightning Surge Protector (LSP) close to the Signal Booster. Attach the cable from the Outside Antenna to the surge protector, using a short length of low loss cable; attach one end to the LSP and the other to the Outside Antenna connector on the Signal Booster. Ensure the LSP is properly grounded (ground wire not included). LSP sold separately, go to www.WilsonElectronics.com or call 800-204-4104 to order.



# **Mounting Tips for Running Outside Antenna Cable**

If you are mounting the Outside Antenna on the roof of your building, we have found that it is easiest to run your cable underneath the down side of your roof's flashing. If you have satellite TV service installed you may be able to follow the same route as the satellite TV cables that are already running from outside of your building to the inside.

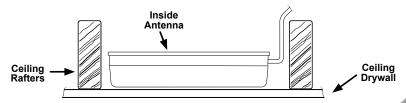
After routing the cable, we recommend sealing any areas where the cable passes into the building with cable bushings, silicone or a silicone-type sealant to keep your installation from leaking. If you are mounting the Outside Antenna to the outside wall of your home or building, the simplest way is to run the cable on the outside of the wall and attach it to the exterior of your home or office. Then drill a hole through the wall where you want the cable to appear on the inside of the building. Before drilling, make sure that there are no electrical outlets, sewer or water pipes, or electrical wiring in the wall that you are about to drill through as this could potentially harm you or damage the building.

After drilling the required hole, run the cable through and seal it with cable bushings or a silicone-type sealant to enclose the hole that you have created. In some instances, it may be possible to run the cable up into the fascia of the attic overhang. In this circumstance, the cable will be accessible in the attic for further routing.

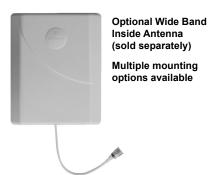
# **Installing the Inside Antenna**

(Instructions are for optional Inside Panel Antenna)

Select a location for the Inside Antenna, preferably in the center of where the signal needs to be amplified. A minimum separation distance of **20 vertical feet** (within the null zone) or **50 horizontal feet** is necessary for proper operation. If the inside coverage is not sufficient you may need as much as **75 feet of horizontal** separation. Refer to installation diagram on pages 3 & 4.



In some cases, multiple Inside Antennas may be required, for instance if you have multiple rooms with poor signal. A signal may be split by using a splitter (sold separately). Refer to the configuration on pages 3 & 4.





# **Installing a Wilson Electronics Signal Booster**

Select a location to install the Signal Booster that is away from excessive heat, direct sunlight, moisture and that has proper ventilation. Do not place the Signal Booster in an air-tight enclosure. Recommended installation locations for inbuilding Signal Boosters are near a power outlet and in a closet or on a shelf.

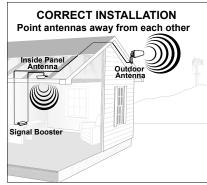
**Note:** It is important to have adequate air ventilation. Maintain at least 6 inches of clearance from surrounding objects. Be careful when plugging the connector in so as not to damage the center pins on the connectors.

Run the Outside Antenna cable to the Signal Booster and attach it to the connector labeled "Outside Antenna" on the Signal Booster. Run the Inside Antenna cable to the Signal Booster and attach it to the connector labeled "Inside Antenna" on the Signal Booster.

**Note:** For distances of 20 feet or more, use Wilson low loss cable.

**Note:** It is very important to power your Signal Booster using a surge protected AC Power Strip with at least a **1000 Joule rating.** Failure to do this will void your warranty in the event of a power surge or lightning strike.

Warning: An Inside Antenna must have a separation distance from all persons that is at least 8 inches for the Panel Antenna.



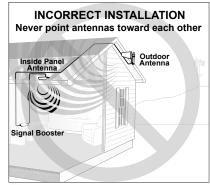


Figure 1 Figure 2

# Powering up a Wilson Electronics Signal Booster

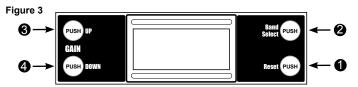
- 1. Never point the front of a directional Outside Antenna toward the Inside Antenna. Refer to Figures 1 & 2 above.
- Ensure that both the Outside Antenna cable and the Inside Antenna cable are connected to the Signal Booster and the connections are tight before powering up the Signal Booster.
- 3. Plug the power supply into the Signal Booster input marked "POWER" (carefully, to avoid damaging the center pin) and then into a surge protected AC Power Strip.
- 4. If the Signal Booster does not have green lights, please refer below.
- Using multiple Signal Boosters in one installation could cause interference to the cell tower.
- Contact Wilson Electronics Technical Support Team with any questions at 866-294-1660 or email tech@WilsonElectronics.com. Technical Support hours are Mon.- Fri. 7 am to 6 pm MST.

# **Button Operation**

♠ FACTORY RESET – Pushing and holding the "Reset" button for 5 seconds will reset the Signal Booster to max gains.

**Note:** If the Signal Booster is unplugged, a similar situation will occur, except the manual gains will remain the same as they were before being unplugged.

- 2 BAND SELECT Pressing the "Band Select" button will cycle through the bands. If "700" is selected, holding the "Band Select" button for 3 seconds will switch between bands 12/17 and 13.
- 3 UP Controls the manual gain adjustment.
  - a. Pressing the "UP" (refer to Figure 3) button will cause the selected gain to increase in 1dB increments.
  - b. Gains will never go higher than the maximum (70dB or 75dB).
  - c. Holding the "UP" button on the initial plug-in will turn all of the manual gains to maximum (70 dB or 75 dB) to aid the installer during setup.



- 4 DOWN Controls the manual gain adjustment.
  - a. Pressing the "DOWN" (refer to Figure 3) button will cause the selected gain to decrease in 1dB increments.
  - b. Gains will never go lower than the minimum (40 dB or 45 dB).
  - c. Holding the "DOWN" button on the initial plug-in will turn all of the manual gains to minimum (40dB or 45dB) to aid the installer during setup.

# **Understanding the LCD Screen**

- 1. Five Bands can be individually selected:
  - (a) 700 B12 (AT&T®) = Band 12/17 (LTE)

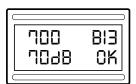
    Hold "Band Select" for 3 seconds while in 700 if B12 is not selected.



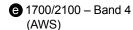
b 700 B13 (Verizon™) = Band 13 (LTE)

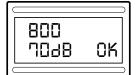
Hold "Band Select" for 3 seconds while in

700 if B13 is not selected.





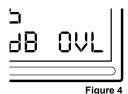


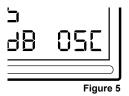






- 2. When a band is selected, using the "Band Select" button, manual gains can be changed from a maximum of 70dB / 75dB to a minimum of 40dB / 45dB by using the UP and DOWN buttons.
- 3. An ORANGE light and "OVL" in the bottomright corner of the LCD screen of the frequency that is receiving an overload signal (refer to Figure 4) indicates that one or more of the frequencies has been turned off (or reduced) due to receiver overload. This reduction is to prevent the disruption of cell towers. The "Band Select" button must be pressed to cycle through the frequencies to find the Band that has the overload. Press the "DOWN" button to decrease the gain until you have an "OK" on the bottom-right corner of the LCD screen. The Signal Booster is now working with reduced gain. More than one frequency can overload at the same time. If one frequency is reduced and an OVERLOAD exists on another band, the light will remain orange. Repeat the process for all frequencies until a green light and "OK" are achieved. Contact Wilson Electronics Technical Support Team for assistance: 866-294-1660.





4. A RED light and "OSC" in the bottom-right corner of the LCD screen (refer to Figure 5) indicates that the Signal Booster has shut down to prevent an oscillation, most likely caused by the Inside and Outside Antennas being physically too close to each other. Without this patented protection, oscillations could be transmitted to the cell tower, blocking calls to and from the cell tower. Oscillation occurs just like in an audio system when you put a microphone next to a speaker and get a big squeal. When the Inside Antenna is too close to the Outside Antenna, the same type of oscillation occurs.

During an oscillation, the Signal Booster will automatically select the first frequency that was found to oscillate. The oscillation on the corresponding frequency must be removed before another frequency can be selected. If a second frequency is found to oscillate, the Signal Booster will automatically select that frequency. All oscillations must be removed before the Signal Booster will operate properly. If the Signal Booster has a red light and "OSC" is displayed in the bottom-right corner, the following procedures need to be done:

- a To check your cables and connections, unplug the power cord, then remove the coax cables from the two connectors of the Signal Booster. Plug the Signal Booster back in and adjust the gains to minimum by holding the "DOWN" button. You should now have a green light (if not, call Wilson Electronics Technical Support). When the green light is achieved, unplug the power supply, reconnect the coax cables to the Signal Booster, tighten all connections and plug the power supply back in.
- **b** From minimum gain (40 / 45 dB) increase the gain on each frequency by pressing the "UP" button until you get a red light, then press the "DOWN" button 1-2 times to achieve a green light (for example, it may be at 50 dB for the red light). If your coverage area is to low, the Outside Antenna needs to be pointed at the cell tower with its back to the Inside Antenna. The Inside Antenna needs to have its back facing the back of the Outside Antenna (the Wilson Logo indicates the front of the antenna). Without proper orientation of the antennas, you will not be able to get maximum gain from the Signal Booster. You may need to separate the antennas further apart to get the necessary gain\* for the system to give maximum coverage and a green light. The lower the gain the less coverage area you will have.

\*Note: If the antennas cannot be sufficiently separated, the Signal Booster will have to operate with reduced performance by decreasing the gain(s) until a green light (OK on the LCD screen) is obtained.

# **Warnings and Recommendations**

Warning: The Outside Antenna must always be located so the back or side points to the Inside Antenna. Never point the front of the Outside Antenna toward the Inside Antenna – this is to prevent oscillation.

⚠ Warning: Connecting the Signal Booster directly to the cell phone with use of an adapter will damage the cell phone and/or Signal Booster.

Warning: Use only the correct Wilson Electronics power supply. Use of a non-Wilson Electronics product may damage your equipment.

Marning: **RF Safety**: All inside antennas used with this Signal Booster may not have gain (less cable loss) that exceeds 10.1 dBi and must be located at least 8 inches from all people. Outside fixed antennas may not have gain that exceeds 2.8 dBi (less cable loss) and must be located least 27 inches from all people. The outside fixed antenna must be connected with a minimum of 26 feet of RG58 coaxial cable. All antennas shown on page one meet these requirements.

Marning: Verify that both the Outside Antenna and the Inside Antenna are connected to the Signal Booster before powering up the Signal Booster.

Recommendation: Omni Directional Antennas are not recommended with this Signal Booster.

Recommendation: Lightning Surge Protection is recommended for all in-building installations.

This device complies with Part 15 of FCC rules. Operation is subject to two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Wilson Electronics could void the authority to operate this equipment.

#### **About Wilson Electronics**

Wilson Electronics, Inc. has been a leader in the wireless communications industry for over 40 years. The company designs and manufactures Signal Boosters, antennas and related components that significantly improve cellular telephone signal reception and transmission in a wide variety of applications, both mobile (marine, RV, vehicles) and in-building (home, office, M2M).

With extensive experience in antenna and Signal Booster research and design, the company's engineering team uses a state-of-the-art testing laboratory, including an anechoic chamber and network analyzers, to fine-tune antenna designs and performance. For its Signal Boosters, Wilson Electronics uses a double electrically shielded RF enclosure and cell tower simulators for compliance testing.

Wilson Electronics Signal Boosters feature patented Smart Technology II™ that enables them to automatically adjust their power based on cell tower requirements. By detecting and preventing oscillation (feedback), signal overload and interference with other users, these Smart Technology II™ Signal Boosters improve network cell phone areas without compromising carrier systems.

All products are engineered and assembled in the company's 55,000-square-foot headquarters in St. George, Utah. Wilson Electronics has product dealers in all 50 states as well as in countries around the world.

#### 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee

All Wilson Electronics products are protected by Wilson Electronics 30-day money-back guarantee. If for any reason the performance of any product is not acceptable, simply return the product directly to the reseller with a dated proof of purchase.

#### 2-Year Warranty

Wilson Electronics Signal Boosters are warranted for two (2) years against defects in workmanship and/or materials. Warranty cases may be resolved by returning the product directly to the reseller with a dated proof of purchase.

Signal Boosters may also be returned directly to the manufacturer at the consumer's expense, with a dated proof of purchase and a Returned Material Authorization (RMA) number supplied by Wilson Electronics. Wilson Electronics shall, at its option, either repair or replace the product. Wilson Electronics will pay for delivery of the repaired or replaced product back to the original consumer if located within the continental U.S.

This warranty does not apply to any Signal Booster determined by Wilson Electronics to have been subjected to misuse, abuse, neglect, or mishandling that alters or damages physical or electronic properties.

Failure to use a surge protected AC Power Strip with at least a 1000 Joule rating will void your warranty.

RMA numbers may be obtained by contacting Technical Support at 866-294-1660.

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#### Signal Booster Specifications

	AG Pro Quint Selectable				
Model Number	273470				
Antenna connectors	N-Female				
Antenna Impedance	50 Ohms				
Dimensions	8.875 x 6.0 x 1.5 inch (22.5 x 15.2 x 3.8 cm)				
Weight	2.8 lbs (1.270 kg)				
Frequency	698-746 MHz / 746-787 MHz / 824-894 MHz / 1850-1990 MHz / 1710-2155 MHz				
³Power output for single cell phone (dBm)	700 A MHz	700 V MHz	800 MHz	1900 MHz	1700/2100 MHz
Uplink Downlink	29.1 23.7	28.4 23.7	29.1 22.7	29.1 22.8	27.1 22.8
Noise Figure (typical downlink/uplink)	5 dB nominal				
Isolation	> 90 dB				
Power Requirements	110-240 V AC, 50-60 Hz, 20 W				

- Nominal gain is the maximum gain at any frequency in the passband.
   Nominal bandwidth is the difference between two frequencies that are adjacent to the passband where the amplification is 20 dB lower than the passband amplification. One of the frequents are the passband and the other is integer.
- 3. The Manufacturer's raided output power of this equipment is for single centre operation. For situations when multiple centre signals are present, the rating would have to be reduced by 3.5 dB, especially where the output raignal is re-adiatided and can cause interference to adjacent band users. This power reduction is to be by means of input power or gain reduction and not by an attenuator at the output of the device.
  In the manufacture the output of the device.
  In the manufacture to it or invalidations signals will be reduced by 6.68 every time the number of signals is doubted.



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