

FAST-PS

Current- and Voltage-Controlled Bipolar Digital Power Supply Series



User's Manual



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User Manual – Models – Options – Custom Models

This manual covers the following standard Power Supplies models:

Model	Ordering code
FAST-PS 0520-100	FASTPS052001
FAST-PS 0540-200	FASTPS054002
FAST-PS 0580-400	FASTPS058004
FAST-PS 1020-200	FASTPS102002
FAST-PS 1040-400	FASTPS104004
FAST-PS 2020-400	FASTPS202004
FAST-PS 2040-400	FASTPS204004
FAST-PS 3020-600	FASTPS302006
Custom Models	
FAST-PS-C001 2516-400	FASTPSC00001

The FAST-PS can be equipped with the following options:

Option	Ordering code
FAST-PS HS: High Stability Option with Embedded 0-FLUCS DCCT	FASTPSHSXAAA
FAST-PS AN-CTRL: Analog Control Input (± 10 V) on BNC connector	FASTPSACINXA
FAST-PS TGR-IN: Trigger Input on BNC connector	FASTPSTRINXA

This manual cover the Custom Model named as following:

FAST-PS-Cxxx yyzz-kkk

Where:

- xxx is the Customization code
- yy is the maximum output current in [A]
- zz is the maximum output voltage in [V]
- kkk is the maximum output power in [W]



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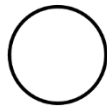
The following table shows the general environmental requirements for a correct operation of referred instruments in this User's Manual:

Environmental Conditions	Requirements
Environment	Indore use
Operating Temperature	0°C to 50°C
Operating Humidity	20% to 80% RH (non-condensing)
Altitude	Up to 2000 m
Pollution degree	2
Overvoltage Category	II
Storage Temperature	-10°C to 60°C
Storage Humidity	5% to 90% RH (non-condensing)

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- Do not operate the device around explosives gas, vapor or dust.
- Always use the device with the cables provided.
- Turn off the device before establishing any connection.
- Do not operate the device with the cover removed or loosened.
- Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the product.
- Return the product to the manufacturer for service and repair to ensure that safety features are maintained

1. Introduction

1.1 User Manual Content

This manual contains basic operating instructions and installation instructions for the FAST-PS bipolar power supplies; information contained in this manual refer both to the standard and custom FAST-PS models.

In this manual only the local control of the power supply is covered, while for the remote control interface the “VISUAL manual” is the reference. The expert user can then refer to the “Remote Control Manual” in order to use the dedicated programming language of the power supplies.

1.2 FAST-PS Overview

High performances, high efficiency, high stability, easiness of configuration and maintenance are the key features of the FAST-PS power supply series.

The FAST-PS is an independent current- or voltage-controlled digital bipolar power supply module. There are available different models with different current and voltage ranges:

Model Name	Current	Voltage	Maximum Power
FAST-PS 0520-100	±5 A	±20 V	100 W
FAST-PS 0540-200	±5 A	±40 V	200 W
FAST-PS 0580-400	±5 A	±80 V	400 W
FAST-PS 1020-200	±10 A	±20 V	200 W
FAST-PS 1040-400	±10 A	±40 V	400 W
FAST-PS 2020-400	±20 A	±20 V	400 W
FAST-PS 2040-600	±20 A	±40 V	600 W
FAST-PS 3020-600	±30 A	±20 V	600 W

Table 1: FAST-PS models

CAEN ELS can produce also customized FAST-PS with different current and voltage ranges based on special request; if this manual is ship with a custom FAST-PS different from the mentioned in Table 1 refer to Appendix A for the parameter differing from standard model.

The FAST-PS module is compact and fits in a single 19-inch 1U standard crate. The power unit implements a completely digital control loop with a Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) generation technique that allows to adapt the system to any load condition.

The control board houses a dedicated FPGA with integrated dual-core ARM CPU. The loop regulation task is performed directly by the FPGA logic, in order to have high performance and deterministic loop control. On the ARM CPU an embedded Linux OS is installed, with the task to supervise all process as communication, diagnostics and local interface handling.

Remote communication is guaranteed by means of an Ethernet 10/100/1000 autosensing socket present on the front panel of the power unit. The power supply can be also monitored and controlled via a navigation switch and a graphic high resolution color display featuring user-friendly menus.

In addition to the standard Ethernet interface it is possible to communicate with the unit using the SFP-ports on the front panel. This interface allows to communicate with the unit using a proprietary packet structure with a very high update rate (more than 10 kHz). These ports are connected directly to the FPGA logic and so the given packet is elaborated directly by the hardware logic.

This approach eliminates the software stratification that manages the packet and the computational time is smaller and deterministic, allowing a very high update rate of the setpoint, giving the user more flexibility and excellent rates for the digital control of the power supply.

1.3 FAST-PS at a glance

The FAST-PS system is composed by a single 19-inch 1U crate. The FAST-PS unit and its I/O connections can be easily seen in **Figure 1** (front view) and **Figure 2** (rear view).



Figure 1: FAST-PS front view

On the front side of the FAST-PS unit are placed: a power switch, a colour graphic display with navigation switch for the local control of the module, three

communication sockets (2 SFPs and one Ethernet ports), four status LEDs and one USB device connector.



Figure 2: FAST-PS rear view

On the rear side of the unit are placed: AC power line input, fuse holder, the output connection, the D-Sub 15 Female Pin I/O connector. From units of all models with SN ending in x010 and later, a separate connector for the voltage remote sensing is also present below the I/O connector.

The used fuse by the FAST-PS series has the fast acting blow characteristic with 1A fuse current.

Some models can mount one or two BNC connectors reserved for additional features of the power supply.

1.4 Modes of Operation

The FAST-PS system has multiple features and multiple configurations that allow using the unit for a very widespread topology of applications.

A brief summary of the basic configurations that the unit is able to handle are hereafter presented.

1.4.1 Regulation Mode

The FAST-PS can be used as current-controlled or voltage-controlled bipolar units. The regulation types are:

- **C.C.** mode: it is the Constant Current regulation mode. The power supply regulates the output current set by the user;
- **C.V.** mode: it is the Constant Voltage regulation mode. The power supply regulates the output voltage set by the user.

In C.V. mode it is possible to use the *remote sensing* terminals that allow regulating the output voltage directly on the load thus compensating the voltage drops on the output cables. The maximum voltage drop that the power supply is able to compensate is of 0.5V.

1.4.2 Local, Remote, Fast-Interface Control Mode

The FAST-PS unit can be controlled in three main different ways, hereafter listed:

- **LOCAL** control: the unit can be controlled directly via the front panel color display and the navigation switch. When the unit is set in LOCAL mode it is possible to perform readings and monitor from the remote interface but any setting command is denied;
- **REMOTE** control: the unit is controlled via the TCP-IP Ethernet interface. The setting and control of the unit can be performed exclusively via this interface while monitoring is still possible from the local display. Please refer to “Remote Control Manual” and “VISUAL Manual” for this feature;
- **FAST-INTERFACE** control: this interface allows controlling the unit via a proprietary protocol over the SFP/SFP+ interfaces (optical or electrical) and it is meant to be used for very fast applications. Update rates of more than 10 kHz are reachable using this communication channel. Please refer to “Operation Manual” for this feature;

1.4.3 Update Mode

The current or voltage setting of the unit can also be performed in four different modes:

- **NORMAL**: the update of the set-point (current or voltage, depending on the operation mode) is performed as soon as a new set-point is received via the remote, local or fast interfaces;
- **WAVEFORM**: the update of the set-point is performed on a specific timing (defined as a “waveform” attribute, more information on the *Waveform* section) and it is done internally;
- **TRIGGER**: the set-point is updated by an external event – i.e. a hardware trigger coming from the rear BNC connector. Please note that this mode of operation is obtainable only on the units that have the external trigger input connector installed (ordering option – factory configurable);
- **ANALOG INPUT**: the unit is controlled by an external signal that is fed to the rear BNC connector. The unit acts as a C.C. or C.V. generator depending on the pre-set Regulation Mode. This option is only available in units that have been factory configured (ordering option).

Please note that the last two Update Modes of operation are available only in models that have been factory configured at the time of purchase to have the Trigger Input and/or the Analog Control Input features.

2. Power Supply Main Features

The features listed in this chapter are common to the FAST-PS family and can be regarded as the basic features of this power supplies family.

2.1 Connectors

Three different types of connections are present in FAST-PS power supplies: connectors for power cables, I/O connectors and remote sensing connectors. The analog control input and trigger connectors on BNC are optional.

2.1.1 Power Cables Connectors

The load needs to be connected to the output connector placed on the rear panel of the unit as shown in **Figure 3**. This type of connector offers a convenient and reliable form of connection; it is suggested to connect the wire directly to the connector. The suggested cross-sectional area of the cables is rated to be from AWG 24 to AWG 6.

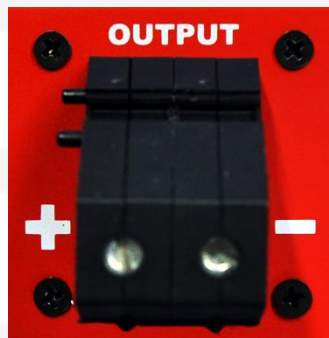


Figure 3: Output Connector

The symbols “+” and “-” on the rear panel indicate the positive and negative polarity of the terminal respectively.

2.1.2 I/O Connectors

The FAST-PS module has two configurable dry-contact input interlocks and output status signals that are directly available on the D-Sub 15 Pin Female connector on the rear panel (**Figure 4**).

A mating connector, a standard D-Sub 15 Pin Male type, can be installed in order to use/access these available signals.

**Figure 4:** I/O Connector

The pin index of the D-Sub 15 rear connector is summarized in the following table:

Pin Number	Signal name
#1 - #4	DNC
#5	Magnetic Relay Common Contact (C-TAP)
#6	Magnetic Relay Normally Closed Contact (NC-TAP)
#7	Interlock #2 input
#8	Interlock #1 return
#9 - #12	DNC
#13	Magnetic Relay Normally Open Contact (NO-TAP)
#14	Interlock #2 return
#15	Interlock #1 input

Table 2: D-sub 15 Pin pinout

DNC = DO NOT CONNECT

The magnetic relay provides the output status of the power module: when the module is ON, the Normally Closed contact (NC-TAP) switch opens and vice-versa. The absolute maximum current that can be sunk by the output status magnetic relays (pins #5, #6 and #13) is 200 mA.

The interlock pins are galvanically isolated from ground and outputs terminal, nevertheless the absolute maximum voltage, referred to ground, that pins can sustain is

48V. The two interlocks inputs have their own return connection. The interlock is hardware-activated when the input pin and its corresponding return pin are shorted. Do not apply voltage between any input interlock and its corresponding return.

The configurability of the FAST-PS series allows users to decide what interlock are enabled or not, set the interlock “trip” level (i.e. low or high), the time of intervention (the time that an interlock signal has to be at the trip level before generating a fault condition) and an associated interlock name. These advanced features are discussed in the “Operational Manual”. The interlocks are disabled by default.

2.1.3 Remote Sensing

From FAST-PS of any model with SN (Serial Number) ending with x10 and later – i.e. x11, x12, etc. – there is a different voltage-sensing connector on the rear panel that allows using the voltage sensing feature especially when using the power supply in C.V. mode. Connector is shown in **Figure 5**.

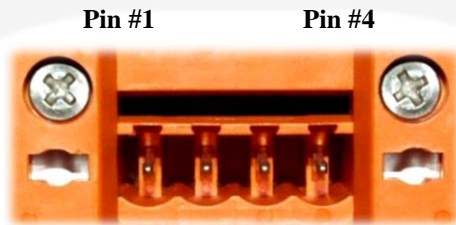


Figure 5: Remote Sensing Connector

The FAST-PS can be used in constant voltage (CV) mode and two remote sensing terminals are present on the corresponding connector on the rear panel:

- V_{SENSE+} on pin #1: +S;
- V_{OUT+} on pin #2: +;
- V_{OUT-} on pin #3: -;
- V_{SENSE-} on pin #4: -S.

By using these two “sensing” pins it is possible to sense the output voltage directly on the load, thus recovering possible voltage drops on the output cables up to 0.5V.

It is strongly suggested to use twisted cables when using the *remote sensing* feature in order to minimize possible noise pick-up.

The FAST-PS is shipped with a mating connector for the remote sensing that short-circuits the +S and + pins and the -S and - pins respectively. This configuration performs the remote sensing directly at the output connector of the power unit. Leaving +S and -S pins disconnected will make the power supply sense the output voltage

directly at the output terminal connections. When using the remote sensing feature leave pins #2 (+) and #3 (–) disconnected.

In order to perform remote sensing at different points – e.g. the load terminals – it would be necessary to connect Pin #1 and Pin #4 as in **Figure 6**:

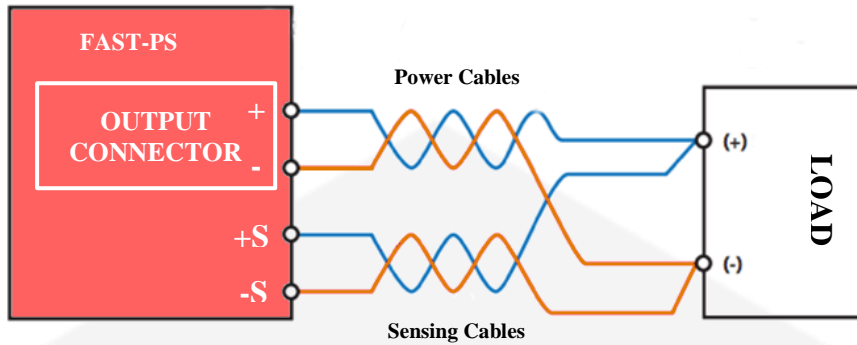


Figure 6: Example of Remote Sensing

2.2 Options

The FAST-PS can be configured with options that are factory-configured and can be found on the rear panel in places of connectors A (Analog Control) and B (Trigger Input).

The standard version of the FAST-PS, on the rear panel, is as shown in the following **Figure 7** and **Figure 8**.

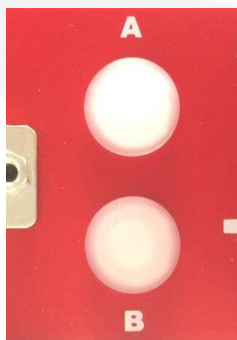


Figure 7: no options installed

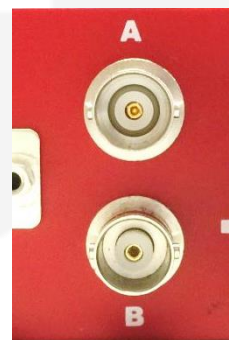


Figure 8: A and B options installed

Options A and B are related to the following ordering codes (to be added at the time of the order):

Ordering Code	Description
FASTPSACINXA	Analog Control Input ($\pm 10V$) on BNC connector - <i>optional</i>
FASTPSTRINXA	Trigger Input on BNC connector - <i>optional</i>

A brief description of the two options is presented hereafter.

2.2.1 Analog Control Input

An input that allows the FAST-PS to be controlled as an “amplifier” is provided on the rear panel on a BNC connector on the “A” socket. This input is labelled as “AN CTRL”.

This input accepts signals ranging from $-10V$ to $+10V$ and generates an output which is proportional to the input signal, meaning a –Full-Scale for a $-10V$ input, 0 for a $0V$ input and +Full-Scale for a $+10V$ input. An example of the relation between the analog input signal and the output (can be either current or voltage, depending on the Regulation mode) is shown in **Figure 9**.

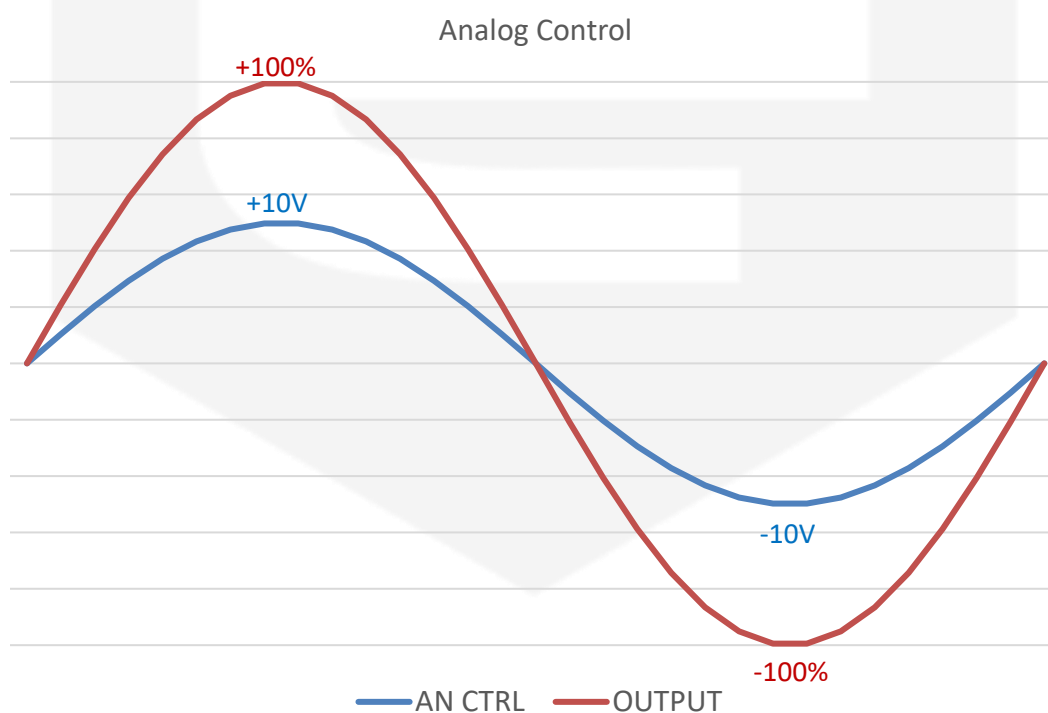


Figure 9: AN CTRL vs OUTPUT dependence

Please note that the bandwidth of the analog control input is internally limited to 1 kHz.

2.2.1 Trigger Input

An input that allows the FAST-PS to be triggered is provided on the rear panel on a BNC connector on the “B” socket. This input is labelled as “TRG IN”.

This input accepts TTL (5V) and LVTTTL (3.3V) compatible signals and should be driven by a low-impedance source or generator.

The logic levels are subject to a hysteresis that allows for this recognized values that guarantee correct operation of the trigger as listed in **Table 3**:

Logic Level	Value
Low-to-HIGH	$> 2.2 \text{ V}$
High-to-LOW	$< 0.7 \text{ V}$

Table 3: Trigger Logic Levels

The absolute maximum rating for the Trigger Input signal is of **5.5 V** (a higher voltage level applied to this input can seriously damage the device).

A visual representation of the voltage levels for the trigger operation is presented in the following **Figure 10**:

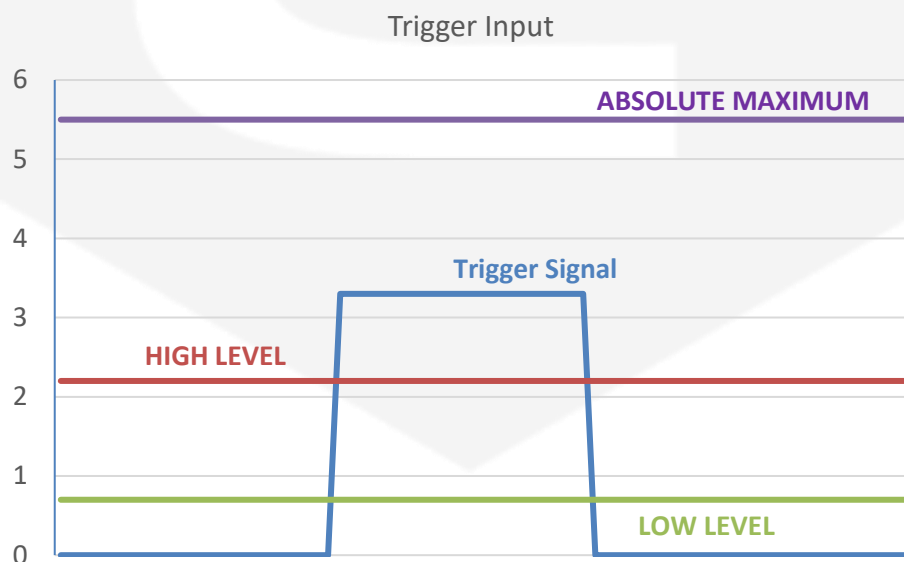


Figure 10: Trigger Thresholds

2.3 Front Panel Indicators

The FAST-PS has four (4) front panel LED indicators as shown in the following **Figure 11**.

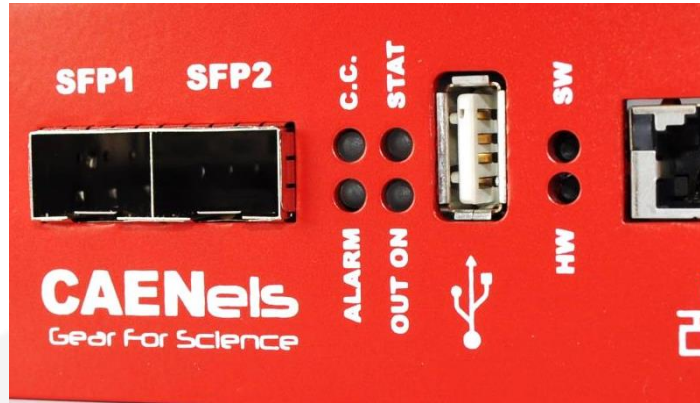


Figure 11: front panel indicators

The front panel indicators and their behaviour are hereafter listed (clockwise starting from top-left):

- **C.C.:** Constant Current mode (**blue**). If turned on, the FAST-PS is working in constant-current mode. When off, it is regulating the output voltage;
- **STAT** (**green**): signals the correct operation of the module diagnostics. The blinking signaling the correct operation has a 1-second period;
- **OUT ON** (**blue**): it signals if the output is enabled or not. The blue LED is on if the output is enabled and it is regulating output current or voltage;
- **ALARM** (**red**): if turned on signals that the power unit has experienced a fault condition. It is necessary to perform a “reset fault” command in order to turn off this LED and to turn to module output again (only if the fault condition/cause has been removed).

2.4 Internal Protections

The FAST-PS is equipped with several internal protections that allow configuring the unit for optimal operation. These protections have the dual use of protecting the unit and the connected load/device from unwanted damages or undesired operation conditions.

A brief description of the FAST-PS internal protections is hereafter presented with some more basic considerations on their operation and use. It is highlighted that this section is a general overview on internal protections, which needs to be integrated with the “Remote Control Manual” or the “VISUAL Manual” to be mastered.

In the case of a fault condition the power supply needs to be reset by the user before turning the power supply output back on again. Different values related to a fault condition can be set, and these procedures are explained in the “Remote Control Manual” and in the “VISUAL Manual”, together with the commands to reset the power supply after a fault condition.

2.4.1 Earth Leakage Current

This protection continuously monitors the current flowing to earth and it has a settable threshold [A] that can be set by experienced users.

2.4.2 Earth Fuse

An earth fuse is present on the rear side of each FAST-PS and it is rated at 1A Fast Acting. The fuse housing is shown in **Figure 12**.



Figure 12: earth fuse housing

2.4.3 Regulation Fault

This fault is generated when the power supply is not able to correctly regulate the output current or output voltage (in CC and CV mode respectively).

Different thresholds for the differential current, differential voltage and the intervention time can be set by experienced users.

A typical example of a regulation fault is represented by a 10- Ω load on a FAST-PS 3020-600 for example where the maximum power supply output voltage is 20V. By setting a current of 5A to the load, the output voltage should reach a value of 50V which obviously is not feasible: once the power unit supplies 2A to the load it already reaches the maximum output voltage condition. The power unit recognizes this difference between the set-point – i.e. 5A – and the actual output current, thus generating a “regulation fault” condition.

2.4.4 Input OVerCurrent - OVC

The internal current drawn from the AC/DC power section of the unit is sensed by a hall transducer that, in conjunction with a comparator, generates a signal that turns off the device. The threshold value of intervention depends on the FAST-PS specific model and cannot be changed by the user.

2.4.5 OVerPower - OVP

The FAST-PS can work continuously at a 5% over its power rating as expressed in the specifications.

The module is able to work at a power comprised between 5% and 10% over its rating – i.e. between 105% and 110% – for a 20-second period before turning off on an over-power fault.

If the actual output power drawn from the power supply is more than 10% above its nominal ratings the power unit will shut down after 1 second.

This behaviour is summarized in the following Table 4 (an example of a FAST-PS 2020-400 unit is also listed):

Output Power	Time of Operation
$< 105\% \text{ of } P_N$ <i>e.g. FAST-PS 2020-400: $< 420W$</i>	Continuous
$< 110\% \text{ of } P_N$ <i>e.g. FAST-PS 2020-400: $< 440W$</i>	20 s
$\geq 110\% \text{ of } P_N$ <i>e.g. FAST-PS 2020-400: $\geq 440W$</i>	1 s

Table 4: FAST-PS Output Power

where P_N is the rated nominal output power of the power supply unit, as indicated in the technical specifications.

In a similar way, also energy from the load to the power supply has upper limits. Over these thresholds the power supply may risk hardware issues and thus, it will automatically trip an “OverPower” fault.

The limits are listed in the table below.

Input Power (Load to Power Supply)	Time of Operation
$< 20 \text{ W}$	Continuous
$\geq 20 \text{ W and } < 25 \text{ W}$	20 s
$\geq 25 \text{ W and } < 40 \text{ W}$	1 s

Table 5: FAST-PS Input Power limits

2.4.6 Crow-Bar

The energy stored in reactive loads – e.g. inductors – needs to be dissipated in order to protect the power supply from damages when, for example, the output stage gets suddenly disconnected.

A hardware circuit with some voltage suppressors triggering TRIACs is present on each FAST-PS model with different triggering thresholds. This circuit allows protecting the unit from unwanted and dangerous over-voltage conditions.

Being a hardware protection, the Crow-Bar is fixed for every model and the intervention thresholds are different based on the FAST-PS maximum voltage rating.

2.4.7 OverTemperature - OVT

Internal monitoring of temperature is performed in different places inside the FAST-PS power supply. If a pre-defined threshold is exceeded by any of these internal sensors, an OVT condition is generated, thus shutting off the power unit.

The threshold value [°C] can be set by experienced users. A reset fault operation needs to be executed on the status register of the FAST-PS before turning the output off again.

2.4.8 DC-Link Undervoltage

The FAST-PS is composed internally by a power AC-DC section cascaded with a DC-DC stage. The voltage generated by the AC-DC section is also called DC-Link and it is proportional to the maximum rated voltage for the specific model. Usually the DC-Link voltage is about 20% higher than the rated output of the FAST-PS.

A continuous monitoring of the DC-Link voltage is performed in order to always guarantee the capability of obtaining the maximum voltage from the power supply. If the DC-Link drops below a certain threshold, the power supply unit could not be able to regulate correctly or some faulty conditions have arisen so that a fault conditions is generated.

It is necessary to reset the status register and to get rid of the fault cause before turning the power supply back on again.

2.5 Waveform

The FAST-PS is able to act as a waveform generator both in current and in voltage regulation modes.

The waveform is stored internally in a point-by-point manner and it gives a lot of flexibility since the maximum number of points of the waveform can be defined as well as the sampling period (of the waveform execution).

The minimum time interval for the waveform execution period is rated at 0.1 ms = 100 μ s, giving an equivalent output waveform update rate of 10 kHz.

In order to correctly execute the output waveform, it is necessary to “tune” the PID regulator parameters of the power supply to the specific load (and have an adequate load at the output).

More information on the waveform feature can be found in the corresponding command section in the “Remote Control Manual”.

3. Installation

This chapter contains instructions for initial inspection and preparation for use.

3.1 Preparation for use

In order to be operational the power supply must be connected to an appropriate AC source. The AC source voltage should be within the power supply specification. Do not apply power before reading, Section 2.6 and 2.7. Table 2.1 below, describes the basic setup procedure. Follow the instructions in Table 2.1 in the sequence given to prepare the power supply for use.

Step	Checklist	Description
1	Initial inspection	Physical inspection of power supply
2	Mounting	Installing the power supply, ensuring proper ventilation
3	AC Input Power Connection	Connect the power supply to the AC source
5	Load connection	Wire size selection, Remote Sensing
4	First switch-on	Switch-on checkout procedure

Table 6: Installation checklist

3.2 Initial inspection

Prior to shipment this power supply was inspected and found free of mechanical or electrical defects. Upon unpacking of the power supply, inspect for any damage which may have occurred in transit.

The inspection should confirm that there is no exterior damage to the power supply such as broken switch or connectors and that the all panel and display are not scratched or cracked. Keep all packing material until the inspection has been completed. If damage is detected, compile the RMA form available to the CAEN ELS web site.

3.3 Mounting

The FAST-PS module can be used either as a desktop unit or as a rack-mount device since the unit form factor is designed to be installed in a standard 19-inch cabinet.

CAUTION

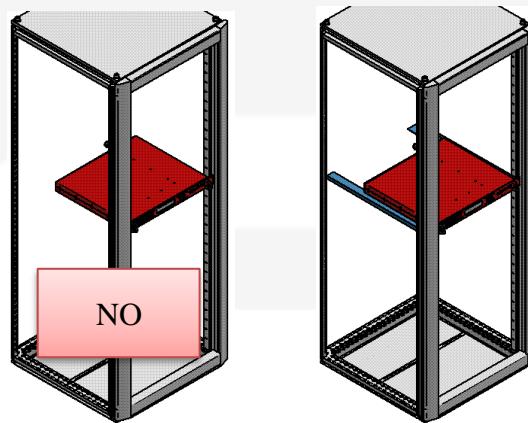
This power supply is fan cooled, the air intake is at the front panel and the exhaust is at the rear panel. Upon installation allow cooling air to reach the front panel ventilation inlets. Allow minimum 10 cm of unrestricted air space at the front and the rear of the unit.

3.3.1 Rack Mounting

The FAST-PS power supply series is designed to fit in a standard 19" equipment rack.

CAUTION

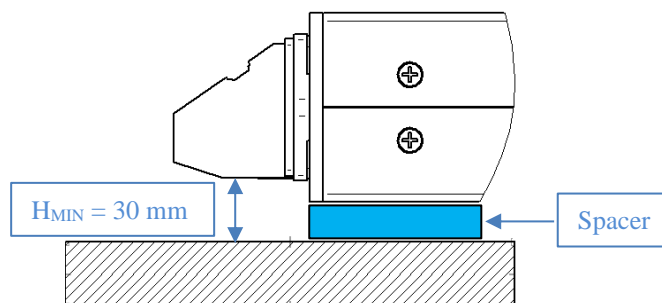
Use a support bar to provide adequate support for the power supply.



3.3.2 Desktop use

The FAST-PS power supply series can be used as desktop unit but a proper spacer shall be provided between the Desk and the power supply in order to allow cable route from the bottom of the output connector to the load.

CAUTION



3.4 AC Input Power Connection

The AC line input connector on the rear panel is a standard IEC C14 male inlet socket, with include fuse holder (**Figure 13**).

The required fuses characteristics for all the models are (**T10AL250V**):

- Size: **20 x 5 mm**
- Current rating: **10 A**
- Blow characteristic: **Time delay**
- Breaking Capacity: **35 A**
- AC Voltage rating: **250V**



Figure 13: AC Power Line input socket

3.4.1 AC Source requirement

The FAST-PS power supplies are designed for universal AC input range since it can operate with voltage from 100V to 240V and input frequency ranging from 47 Hz to 63 Hz. Installation Category shall be **CAT II** so maximum impulse voltage on the network mains must be below 2500 V.

3.4.2 AC Input Cord

All the FAST-PS power supplies are directly shipped with the corresponding power cord (suitable for the destination country of the purchase). Power supply side connector is a standard IEC C13 plug. Current rating for the connector is 10A. Wire size for detachable power supply cord, not longer than 2 m, shall be at least 0.75 mm². Wire size for fix installation shall be at least 1.5 mm².

WARNING

There is a potential shock hazard if the power supply chassis is not connected to an electrical safety ground via the safety ground in the AC input connector!

WARNING

Turn off the AC input power before making or changing any rear panel connection, Ensure that all connections are securely tightened before applying power. There is a potential shock hazard when using a power supply with a rated output greater than 60 V

3.4.3 Wire selection

Two factors must be consider for the selection of the wires:

- Current carrying capacity -> Cross section area
- Maximum wire length.
- Insulation voltage

Wire cross section and length

Wire size should be selected to enable voltage drop per lead to be less than 1 V at the maximum power supply current to prevent excessive output power consumption. Suggested wire size are listed in the following table:

Wire Cross Section Area [mm ²]	Resistivity [Ω/km]	Maximum Cable length in meters to limit voltage drop to be less than 2 V (1 V per lead)			
		5 A	10 A	20 A	30 A
2.5	8.21	24	12	6	4
4	5.09	39	19.5	9.5	6.5
6	3.39	59	29.5	14.5	9.8
10	1.95	102.5	51	25.5	17
16	1.24	161	80.5	40	26.5

Table 7: Wire selection

Wire range allowed from the output connectors is from 0.5 to 16 mm², but wire cross section below 2.5 mm² are discourage to be used for minimize power losses and voltage drops. If Table 7 values are used the maximum voltage to the load will be limited to:

FAST-PS nominal output voltage + Maximum compensation Voltage if Remote sensing is used – Cable Drop Voltage

Maximum compensation Voltage for all models is 0.5 V

For instance the FAST-PS 2020-400 that have a nominal output voltage of 20 V connected to a load at 6 meter of distance using 2x2.5 mm² cable can drive at maximum $20 + 0.5 \cdot 2 = \mathbf{18.5\ V}$ at 20 A on the load.

FAST-PS model with nominal output voltage < 60 V

FAST-PS power supplies which have output voltage levels below 60 V could be connected to the load with a single insulation wires which have voltage rating of at least 60 V_{DC}.

To make a secure and reliable connection a “Wire Ferrule Terminal” is strongly suggested to use within the pilled wire as illustrated in **Figure 14**. Dimension of the Ferrule have to be suitable for the wire cross section being used.



Figure 14: Wire Ferrule Terminal

Tightening torque shall be between 1.2 to 2.4 Nm.

FAST-PS model with nominal output voltage > 60 V

FAST-PS power supplies which have output voltage levels higher than 60 V shall be connected to the load with a double insulation cables which have voltage rating adequate to the maximum output voltage.

WARNING

Hazardous voltage exist at the outputs and the load connections. To protect personnel against accidental contact with hazardous voltage, ensure that the load and its connections have no accessible live parts. Ensure that the load wiring insulation ratings is greater than or equal to the maximum output voltage of the power supply.

For safety reason a safety cover box is required on the rear panel that is protecting the output screws terminals. Follow the below instruction for connection of the load cable to the power supply:

1. Insert the cable in the Spiral Gland **Figure 15**
2. Remove the O-Ring from the Gland if the cable diameter is bigger than 10 mm, **Figure 16**
3. Insert the cable into the Gland and the safety cover box; install the appropriate size Ferrule Terminal in the appropriate size wire, **Figure 17**
4. Strip the wires and connect the wires to the screw terminal **Figure 18**.
Tightening torque shall be between 1.2 to 2.4 Nm

5. Fix the Safety cover to the rear panel using the four M3x8 mm screw provided with the safety cover. Tight the Cable Spiral Gland to hold the cable in position.



Figure 15: Cable in Spiral Gland



Figure 16: O-Ring from Cable Gland

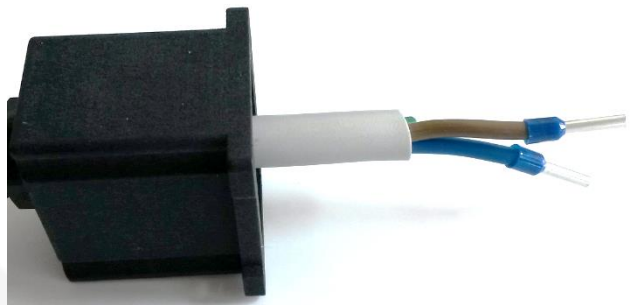


Figure 17: Ferrule Terminal crimp wire

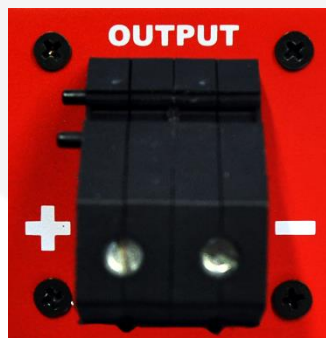


Figure 18: Connect the wire to the output connector

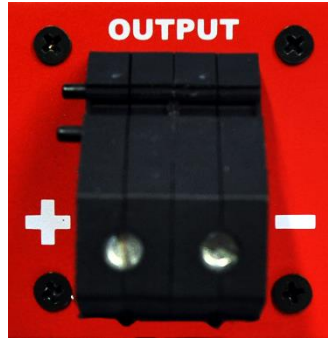


Figure 19: Screw the safety cover to the rear panel and tight the spiral Gland

3.4.4 Remote Sensing

WARNING

There is a potential shock hazard at the sense point when using power supply with rated output voltage greater than 60 V. Ensure that the connections at the load end are shielded to prevent accidental contact with hazardous voltages.

CAUTION

A short from $V_{\text{SENS+}}$ or $V_{\text{OUT+}}$ to $V_{\text{SENS-}}$ or $V_{\text{OUT-}}$ will cause damage to the power supply. Reverse the sense wire might cause damage to the power supply in local and remote sensing. Do not connect +S to – or –S to +.

Use remote sense where the load regulation at the load end is critical. In remote sense the power supply will compensate for voltage drop on load wires. Refer to the power supply specification for maximum voltage drop on load wires. The voltage drop is subtracted from the total voltage available at the output. Follow the instructions below to configure the power supply for remote sensing:

1. Ensure that Mains switch is on Off position “O”
2. Remove factory jumpers between +S to + and –S to –.
3. Using a twisted pair or shielded cable (suggested wire size is 0.3 or 0.5 mm²) connect the +S terminal to the positive output terminal and the –S to the negative output terminal as illustrated in **Figure 20**.

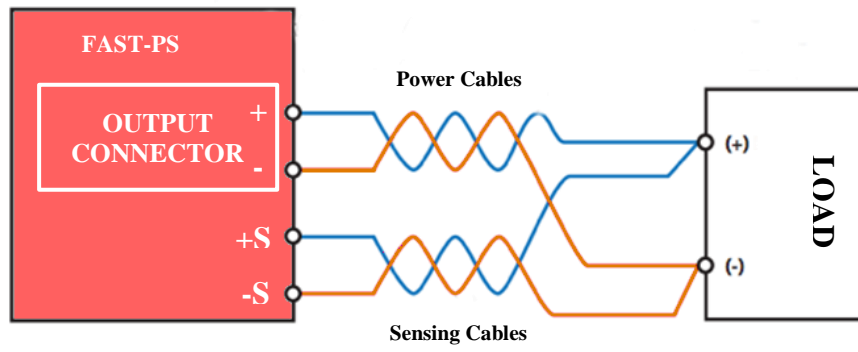
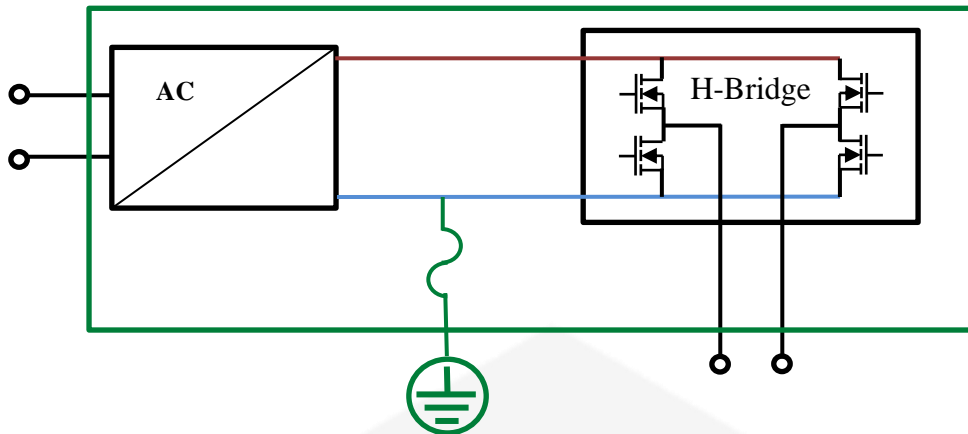


Figure 20: Example of Remote Sensing

3.4.5 Grounding Outputs



The FAST-PS is composed by an AC/DC power supply that is providing a constant DC-Link voltage to the output stage. By factory default configuration the DC-Link minus terminal is grounded to the Protective Ground (i.e. chassis, Mains-Earth terminal and all metallic parts composing the box) through a fuse. This fuse called Earth Fuse (E.F.) is accessible from the back panel. With this configuration the Output Terminals are not floating and cannot be connected to Protective Ground.

If accidentally one of the output terminals is conducting to the Protective Ground a fault will be triggered switching the power supply Off. Refer to Earth Fuse Fault and Earth Leakage Fault.

To allow floating operation of the output it is sufficient to remove the Earth Fuse from the fuse-holder and set the Power supply for Floating operation. When the FAST-PS is configured to operate in floating mode either the positive or negative output terminals can be grounded. Always use two wires to connect the load to the power supply regardless of how the system is grounded.

WARNING

Models up to 60VDC Rated Output shall not float outputs more than +/-60VDC above/below chassis ground. Models > 60VDC Rated Output shall not float outputs more than +/- 200VDC above/below chassis ground.

4. Local Control

This chapter describes the local control functionalities that are provided by the FAST-PS power supply and some useful information on how to use it.

The power supply can work either in LOCAL mode or in REMOTE mode. The control mode (LOCAL or REMOTE) can be set on the configuration page of the local display. Remote control is discussed in the “Remote Control Manual” and in the “VISUAL Manual”.

4.1 Navigation Switch

Each FAST-PS power supply module is equipped with a Navigation Switch on the front panel of the unit as shown in the following **Figure 21**:



Figure 21: Navigation switch

There are multiple actions that can be performed via this front navigation switch:

- Left, Right arrow pushbuttons;
- Internal encoder rotation;
- Back pushbutton;
- Central pushbutton (it will also be referred to as “Enter”).

4.2 Display

The colour display on the FAST-PS power supply unit allows users to visualize information about the power supply status and to control the unit in order to use it locally. Screens and pages of the display can be navigated from the navigation switch though user friendly menus and sub-menus.

By default, the display will be automatically turned off after 30 minutes from the last local command or from the turning on of the power supply.

The user can disable this feature or change the turning off time; for more information please refer to the “Remote Control Manual”.

4.2.1 Power-up

The FAST-PS, upon power-up or power-cycling, will display an empty screen until the unit embedded OS is initialized.

Please note that this procedure will take approximately 25-seconds before the Home Screen is displayed.

4.2.2 Home Screen

The FAST-PS home screen is the first loaded page upon power-up or power-cycling of the module, it is shown in **Figure 22**, and contains information on:

- the FAST-PS model;
- the module IP address;
- output current readback value [A] with the light blue status bar;
- output voltage readback value [V] with the green status bar;
- the status of the output – i.e. ON or OFF;
- the status of the control – i.e. Local or Remote;
- the module Identification Name;
- the regulation mode of the unit – i.e. constant-current or constant-voltage.



Figure 22: Home Screen

The Home screen presents some indications on the right side as:

- **ON – OFF**: shows if the power supply output is enabled or not;
- **REM – LOC – FCI**: shows if the module is in Local, Remote or Fast Control Interface control mode;
- **C.C. – C.V.**: shows if the module is working in C.C. or in C.V. regulation mode.

An example of the indications on the right side of the Home screen is hereafter shown in **Figure 23**:

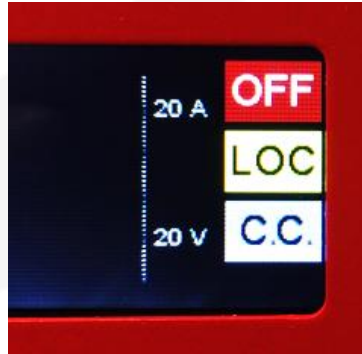


Figure 23: *Home Screen indicators*

If the module has experienced one or more faults – e.g. interlock intervention, over-temperature, etc. – the home page screen would display a list the faults, turning also the module OFF.

The power supply latches on every fault recognized by the internal logic so that every type of fault is recorded: this means that the first fault happening does not ban the other ones to be recorded so that, giving users more information, permits a better investigation of the fault cause.

4.2.3 Menu Page

The Menu page is reachable by performing any action on the navigation switch when in the *Home Screen*.

The Menu Page gives access to all the local features of the FAST-PS power supply unit. There are five different options that can be selected as shown in **Figure 24**:

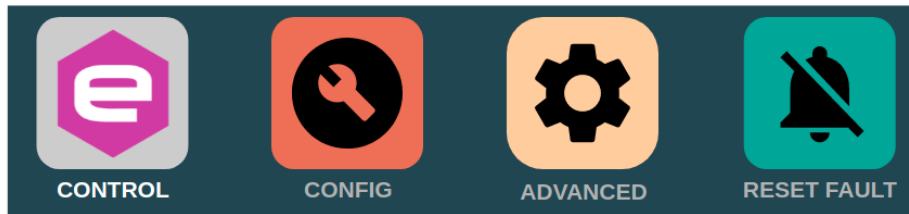


Figure 24: *Menu Page*

The accessible sub-pages and/or actions from this page are hereafter listed (note that the selected sub-menu is lightened in a lighter shade):

- **Control** – *sub-page*;
- **Config** – *sub-page*;
- **Advanced** – *sub-page*;
- **Reset faults** - *action*;

The access to each sub-menu (or action) is necessary to highlight the selected rectangle by using the encoder or the arrows of the navigation switch and press the “Enter” button.

The **Reset faults** rectangle, once pressed, resets the status register of the power supply and sends back to the visualization of the *Home Screen*.

4.2.3.1 Control Page

The *Control Page* is reachable by selecting the corresponding rectangle from the *Menu Page*.

The *Control Page* gives access to the main settings of the FAST-PS power supply unit. An example of a *Control Page* visualization is shown in **Figure 25**:

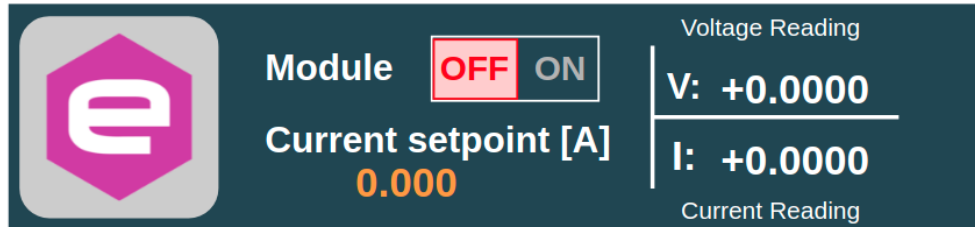


Figure 25: *Control Page*

From this screen it is possible to turn the power supply unit ON and OFF and to set the output current or voltage (depending on the regulation type, C.C. or C.V.).

Actual values of output current and output voltage (readbacks) can also be seen at the bottom line of this page.

4.2.3.2 Config Page

The *Config Page* is reachable by selecting the corresponding rectangle from the *Menu Page*.

This page allows the user to set the control mode of the power supply – e.g. LOCAL or REMOTE – to select the regulation mode (C.C. or C.V.) and to set the slew rate in [A/s] or [V/s] depending on the selected regulation mode.

An example of a *Config Page* visualization is shown in **Figure 26**:

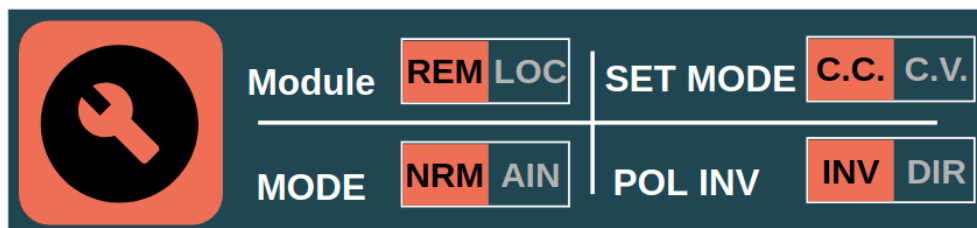


Figure 26: *Config Page*

The firmware installed version is shown at the bottom of this page (FW Version).

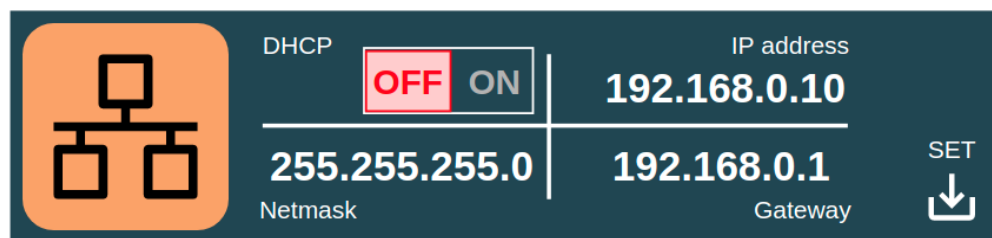
4.2.3.3 *Advanced Page*

The *Advanced Page* is reachable by selecting the corresponding rectangle from the *Menu Page*.

This page allows to locally set the power supply Ethernet IP address, the Network Mask and the Gateway.

In alternative, the user may select “DHCP ON” and the Network configuration will be automatically assigned by DHCP server (if present).

An example of an *Advanced Page* visualization is shown in **Figure 27**:



The screenshot shows a network configuration interface with a dark blue background. On the left is an orange square icon containing a black network diagram with three nodes. To the right of the icon is a table with two rows and two columns. The first row is for DHCP settings, with 'DHCP' in the first column and 'OFF' (highlighted in red) and 'ON' in the second column. The second row is for IP address settings, with 'IP address' in the first column and '192.168.0.10' in the second column. Below the first row, the first column contains '255.255.255.0' and the second column contains '192.168.0.1'. Below the second row, the first column is labeled 'Netmask' and the second column is labeled 'Gateway'. To the right of the table is a 'SET' button with a downward arrow icon.

DHCP	OFF ON
IP address	192.168.0.10
255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
Netmask	Gateway

SET
↓

Figure 27: *Advanced Page*

It is very important to notice that once the "OK" button has been clicked, the user can remotely communicate and get control of the power supply again only by opening a new TCP socket to the IP that has just been set.

5. Mechanical Dimensions

The mechanical dimensions of the FAST-PS unit are hereafter presented (in units of mm) in **Figure 28**:

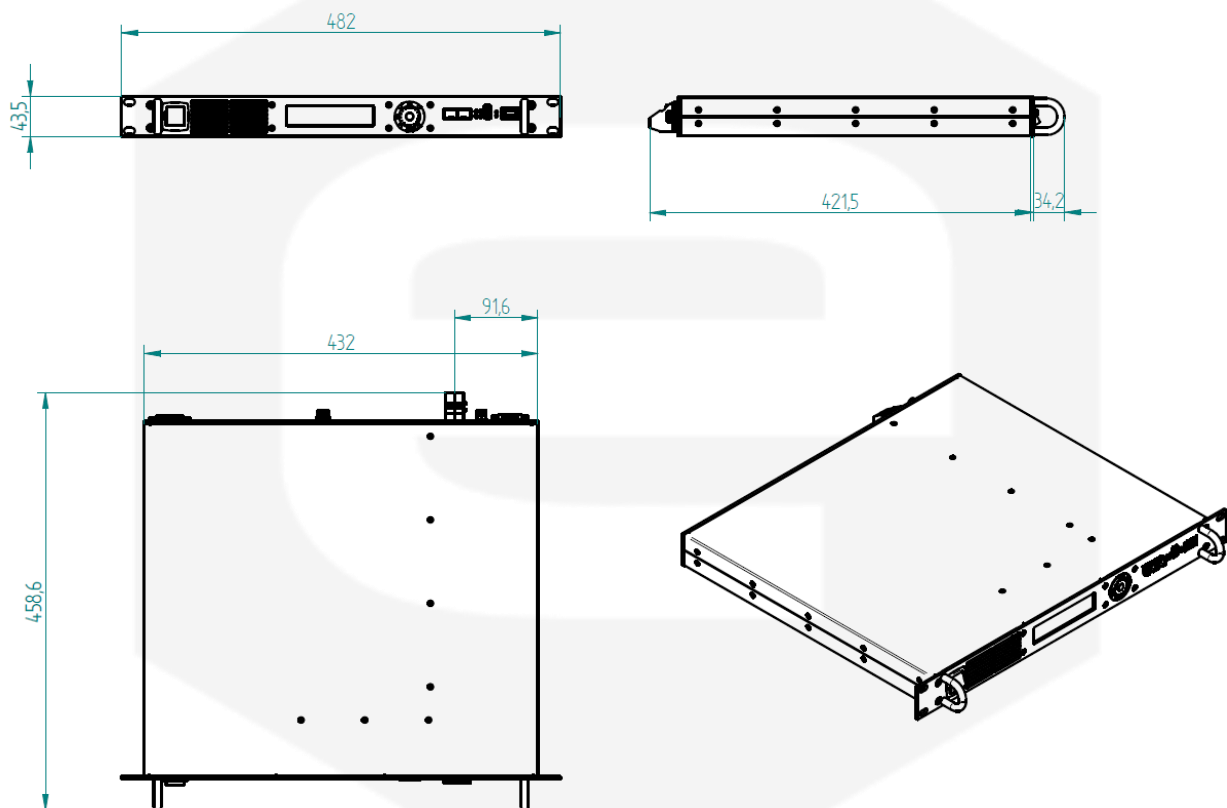


Figure 28: FAST-PS Mechanical Drawings

6. Technical Specifications

The main technical specifications for the FAST-PS models are hereafter presented:

Technical Specifications	FAST-PS
Output current range	± 5 A ± 10 A ± 20 A ± 30 A
Output voltage range	± 20 V ± 40 V ± 80 V
Maximum output power	Up to 600W
Regulation Type	Current- or Voltage- Control
Current setting resolution	18 bit
Voltage setting resolution	18 bit
Output current readback	20 bit
Output voltage readback	20 bit
Output current ripple*	30 ppm / FS
Output current stability	50 ppm / FS
Output voltage stability	50 ppm / FS
Switching Frequency	100 kHz
Max Current/Voltage update rate (SFP/SFP+)	10 kHz
Accuracy	< 0.05%
Max Input power (Load to Power Supply)	< 5 W (continuous) ≥ 5 W & < 10 W (20s) ≥ 10 W (1s)
External Interlock/States	2 Inputs: user-configurable “dry” contacts 1 Output: magnetic relay-type (3 contacts)
Internal Interlocks	DC Link Under-Voltage Over-Temperature Input Over-Current Crowbar Earth Leakage Current Regulation Fault

Technical Specifications	FAST-PS
Hardware protections	Input fuses Earth fuse
Auxiliary ADC Read-Backs (16 bit resolution)	DC Link Voltage Ground Leakage Current Heatsink Temperature
Cooling	On-module self-regulated fans
Drivers	EPICS
Communication interfaces	1x Ethernet 10/100/1000 TCP-IP 2x SFP ports
Extra-features	Point-by-point current waveform User-definable interlock thresholds, active levels and timings Firmware remote update Analog Input Control (± 10 V, BW = 1 kHz) - <i>optional</i>
Dimensions	19" wide – 1U high rack – 400 mm deep
Input Nominal Voltage	100-240 VAC 50-60 Hz
Input Range Voltage	90-260 VAC 50-60 Hz
Efficiency	up to 84%
Weight	< 8 kg
Local Control / Monitor	Graphic Display and Encoder 6 LEDs

Table 8: Technical Specifications

6.1 Custom Models

The main technical specifications for the FAST-PS custom models are hereafter presented:

Technical Specifications	FAST-PS
Output current range	± 25 A
Output voltage range	± 16 V
Maximum output power	Up to 400W
Regulation Type	Current- or Voltage- Control
Current setting resolution	18 bit
Voltage setting resolution	18 bit
Output current readback	20 bit
Output voltage readback	20 bit
Output current ripple*	30 ppm / FS
Output current stability	50 ppm / FS
Output voltage stability	50 ppm / FS
Switching Frequency	100 kHz
Max Current/Voltage update rate (SFP/SFP+)	10 kHz
Accuracy	< 0.05%
Max Input power (Load to Power Supply)	< 5W (continuous) ≥ 5 W & <10W (20s) ≥ 10 W (1s)
External Interlock/States	2 Inputs: user-configurable “dry” contacts 1 Output: magnetic relay-type (3 contacts)
Internal Interlocks	DC Link Under-Voltage Over-Temperature Input Over-Current Crowbar Earth Leakage Current Regulation Fault
Hardware protections	Input fuses Earth fuse
Auxiliary ADC Read-Backs (16 bit resolution)	DC Link Voltage Ground Leakage Current Heatsink Temperature
Cooling	On-module self-regulated fans
Drivers	EPICS
Communication interfaces	1x Ethernet 10/100/1000 TCP-IP 2x SFP ports
Extra-features	Point-by-point current waveform User-definable interlock thresholds, active levels and timings

Technical Specifications	FAST-PS
	Firmware remote update Analog Input Control (± 10 V, BW = 1 kHz) - <i>optional</i>
Dimensions	19" wide – 1U high rack – 400 mm deep
Input Nominal Voltage	100-240 VAC 50-60 Hz
Input Range Voltage	90-260 VAC 50-60 Hz
Efficiency	up to 84%
Weight	< 8 kg
Local Control / Monitor	Graphic Display and Encoder 6 LEDs