

Annex - GB2382473B amended Claims

1. A cable tap unit comprising a base unit with an input for a signal from a cable network, at least one group of signal outputs, and at least one receptor means positioned in the base unit in a signal path between the input and the group of outputs, and directional coupler means, wherein the directional coupler means is received by and detachable from the receptor means such that the signal transmission characteristics of the path are selectable as required by choice of directional coupler means, wherein the directional coupler means is separable from and insertable into the base unit independent of the group of signal outputs.

2. A cable tap unit according to claim 1, wherein the base unit is provided with a detachable module which carries at least one group of signal outputs, and wherein the cable tap unit includes the detachable module which carries at least one group of signal outputs.

3. A cable tap unit comprising a base unit with an input for a signal from a cable network, at least one group of signal outputs, and at least one receptor means positioned in the base unit in a signal path between the input and the group of outputs, wherein a directional coupler means is received by and detachable from the receptor means such that the signal transmission characteristics of the path are selectable as required by choice of directional coupler means, the cable tap unit including multiple groups of signal outputs and wherein the groups of signal outputs are individually replaceable without interrupting a through signal path.

~~34.~~ A cable tap unit according to any of claims 1 or claim 2 to 3, wherein the receptor means and the directional coupler means are provided with respective co-operating formations to establish electrical contact when the directional coupler is placed within the receptor means.

~~45.~~ A cable tap unit according to claim ~~34~~, wherein sealing means is provided in association with the receptor means and directional coupler means to maintain electrical integrity.

56. A base unit with an input for a signal from a cable network, and with at least one receptor means placed in the base unit, directional coupler means being inserted into and detachable from the receptor means such that the signal transmission characteristics to signal splitters connected to subscriber outlets are selectable as required by choice of directional coupler means.