



RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower Uninterruptible Power Supplies

Product Guide

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) offerings provide extended power protection with increased efficiency and simplified power management to safeguard high-availability of System x® and ThinkServer® server environments. With efficiency ratings of up to 98%, these compact 6U rack or tower designs can help reduce energy usage without compromising performance or reliability.

The 6U Rack or Tower UPS units can be installed in a data center rack cabinet or can be used as tower UPS units in office and distributed IT environments where extended power protection is required.

The 6U Rack UPS unit (RT8kVA or RT11kVA) is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. RT8kVA or RT11kVA 6U Rack UPS unit (Power module (top) and Battery module (bottom))

Did you know?

6U Rack or Tower UPS units feature Advanced Battery Management (ABM) technology that uses a unique three-stage charging technique that significantly extends battery service life and optimizes recharge time, compared to traditional charging methods.

6U Rack or Tower UPS units come standard with the Maintenance Bypass module, which enhances system availability by providing service continuity during UPS maintenance and upgrades.

6U Rack or Tower UPS units come standard with UPS Manager software that integrates seamlessly with the major virtualization platforms, which enables you to view and manage your entire power system from your current dashboard. It also triggers live migration during power outages and avoids data loss by gracefully shutting down virtual machines and hosts in a cluster if there is an extended power outage.

Ordering information

Table 1 shows the part numbers and feature codes for the 6U Rack or Tower UPS models and options.

Table 1. Part numbers and feature codes

Description	Part number	Feature code (MTM 5594-RU8)
UPS units		
IBM RT8kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	55948KX	A542
IBM RT8kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)	55948PX	A546
IBM RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	55949KX	A543
IBM RT11kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)	55949PX	A547
Extended Battery Modules (EBMs)		
8kVA/11kVA 3U Rack or Tower Extended Battery Module	55949BX	A545
Options		
Environmental Monitoring Probe	46M4113	6146

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS models are shipped standard with the Network Management Card (NMC) installed and include the following items:

- A power module
- A battery module
- A Maintenance Bypass module (MBP) with the hardwired MBP detection cable and two hardwired power cables for connections to the power module's terminal block
- An accessory kit that contains the following items:
 - Rack-mount kit
 - Rack installation instructions
 - Tower kit
 - Serial cable: 3.7 m (12 ft)
 - USB cable
 - Remote On/Off (ROO) and Remote Power Off (RPO) connector
 - Battery power cable
 - Battery detection cable
- A documentation kit that contains the following items:
 - Warranty flyer
 - Important Notices Manual
 - Documentation CD
 - Software CD, which contains UPS Manager power management software

The Extended Battery Modules are shipped with the following items:

- An accessory kit that contains the following items:
 - Rack-mount kit
 - Tower kit
 - EBM power cable
 - EBM detection cable
- A documentation kit that contains the following items:
 - Warranty flyer
 - Important Notices Manual
 - Documentation CD

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units have a hardwired terminal block connector for AC input power.

All 6U Rack or Tower UPS models come standard with a NMC installed. The NMC provides convenient, over-the-network UPS remote monitoring and management through a standard web browser or UPS Power Manager UPM software. Figure 2 shows the UPS NMC.



Figure 2. UPS Network Management Card

The NMC includes the following features:

- Versatile connectivity through HTTP, SNMP, SMTP, Telnet, SSL, and SSH
- Simultaneous shutdown of protected servers
- Configuration of automatic email messages in response to UPS alarms and to transmit reports
- Customizable actions, including automatic shutdown if there is an extended power failure with standard UPS Power Protector software
- Control of UPS on/off switching with a web browser
- Adjustment and control of load segments through the HTML interface, including sequential starting of the installation and optimization of backup time by shutting down non-priority systems
- Automatic date and time adjustment through an NTP server
- Dual stack IP v4/IP v6
- Recording of events and measurements in the card log
- Data and event logging in the nonvolatile memory
- Card firmware update through the network
- 10/100 Mb Ethernet (RJ-45 connector) with auto-negotiation
- Measurement of humidity and temperature with the optional Environmental Monitoring Probe (EMP)

An optional EMP (part number 46M4113) is used to report local temperature and humidity values and make that information available to management tools. The EMP connects to the UPS via the NMC. The EMP is shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Environmental Monitoring Probe

The Environmental Monitoring Probe has the following features:

- Monitors temperature, humidity, and status of two user-provided contact devices or sensors

- Connects to an NMC through an RJ-45 CAT5 Ethernet cable (1 m cable that is included with the EMP)
- Can be located up to 20 m (65.6 ft) from the UPS
- Measures ambient temperatures between 0 - 80 °C (32 - 176 °F), with an accuracy of ±1 °C (33.8° F)
- Measures relative humidity between 10 - 90%, with an accuracy of ±5%
- Displays temperature, humidity, and contact closure status through a Web browser
- Supports user-defined alarm thresholds for temperature, humidity, and contact closure status
- Stores events in the NMC's event log
- Sends SNMP alarms to network management systems
- Sends email notifications through SMTP

Features

A UPS is a device that acts as a defensive barrier between electronic equipment and incoming power problems. It conditions, regulates, and filters out power disturbances to ensure a clean power source for IT equipment. A UPS also provides battery backup if there is a power failure.

In today's high availability server environments, unplanned power outages or line quality irregularities can have a considerable financial impact on all sized businesses. The typical utility power is 99.9% available, but that means that there can be almost 9 hours of downtime a year, not to mention brownouts and other power quality problems. Selecting the right UPS can help protect against these potentially costly issues.

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units protect against the following power problems: power failures, power sags, power surges, under-voltage, electrical line noise, over-voltage, frequency variation, switching transients, and harmonic distortion.

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS models offer the following features:

- High-efficiency protection delivers more real power (Watts) in a compact tower or 6U rack design, which lowers power and cooling consumption
- Graphical Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) provides intuitive configuration, management, and monitoring capabilities in the following languages to reduce management complexity:
 - English
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish
 - Russian
 - Portuguese
 - Italian
- Hot-swappable batteries for maximum uptime, availability, and ease of maintenance
- Standard UPS Power Manager software provides effective local or remote power monitoring and management for servers and virtual machines, and allows for graceful remote system shutdown
- ABM technology significantly extends battery service life and optimizes recharge time
- Optional external battery modules (EBMs) provide extra run time to critical systems during a prolonged power outage
- Standard NMC provides enhanced UPS monitoring and control over-the-network through a standard web browser
- Optional Environmental Monitoring Probe provides thermal management requirements (temperature and humidity)
- Standard Maintenance Bypass enhances availability by providing service continuity during UPS

maintenance and upgrades

- Provides dual channel communication through the USB or RS-232 port and an NMC at the same time to maximize communications flexibility
- Flash upgrades firmware for both the UPS and the NMC, which makes it an ideal solution for remote locations
- Includes ROO and RPO connectors to control power of the UPS unit through a wired remote switch

Technical specifications

Table 2 lists the technical specifications for the 8kVA and 11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS models.

Table 2. Technical specifications

Specification	RT8kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	RT8kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)	RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	RT11kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)
General				
Part number	55948KX	55948PX	55949KX	55949PX
Form factor	6U Rack or Tower	6U Rack or Tower	6U Rack or Tower	6U Rack or Tower
Topology	Online, double conversion, sinewave output			
VA/Watts rating	8000 VA/7200 W	8000 VA/7200 W	11000 VA/10000 W	11000 VA/10000 W
Efficiency (on utility power)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online mode: Up to 94.5% • High efficiency mode: Up to 98% 			
Transfer time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online mode: 0 ms (no break) • High efficiency mode: 10 ms maximum (due to loss of utility power) 			
Energy Star compliant	Yes	No	Yes	No
Electrical input				
Input voltage	200 - 240 V AC, 1-Phase	380 - 415 V AC, 3-Phase	200 - 240 V AC, 1-Phase	380 - 415 V AC, 3-Phase
Input frequency	50/60 Hz	50/60 Hz	50/60 Hz	50/60 Hz
Max input amperage	40 A	40 A	50 A	50 A
Input connector	Hardwired terminal block			
Input line cord	Onsite wiring required			
Electrical output				
Output voltage settings	200/208/220/230/240 V AC		200/208/220/230/240 V AC	
Output frequency	50/60 Hz		50/60 Hz	
Output power capacity	200 - 240 V AC: 8000 VA/7200 W		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200-208 V AC: 10000 VA/9000 W • 220 V AC: 11000 VA/9900 W • 230-240 V AC: 11000 VA/10000 W 	
Output connectors	4x IEC 320-C19 (16 A) (on the MBP)		4x IEC 320-C19 (16 A) (on the MBP)	
Batteries				
Battery type	Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA): Maintenance-free, sealed, leak-proof			

Specification	RT8kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	RT8kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)	RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)	RT11kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)
Battery management	ABM technology or temperature-compensated charging method (user selectable), automatic battery test and deep discharge protection, and automatic recognition of external battery units			
Battery replacement	Hot-swap standard and extended battery modules			
External battery support	Up to 4 (PN 55949BX)			
Typical backup times	See Table 3			
Communications and management				
USB port (Type B)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RS-232 serial port (RJ-45)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10/100 Mbps Ethernet port (RJ-45)	Yes (on the Network Management Card)			
Environmental monitoring	Optional with Environmental Monitoring Probe, 46M4113 (connects to the Network Management Card)			
Management software	UPS Power Manager and UPS Power Protector			
Control panel	Intelligent 5-button graphical LCD			
LED indicators	Online, On Battery, Bypass, and Fault			
Remote On/Off and Power Off	Remote On/Off and Remote Power Off terminal block connectors			

Table 3 lists the expected period that the 6U Rack or Tower UPS models operates only on batteries, depending on the load.

Note: Battery backup times are approximate and can vary with equipment, configuration, battery age, and temperature.

Table 3. 6U Rack or Tower UPS runtime chart

Load		Run time, Minutes				
Percentage	Watts	Standard battery module	1x EBM	2x EBMs	3x EBMs	4x EBMs
RT8kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (1-phase or 3-phase)						
25%	1800 W	35	85	140	173	220
50%	3600 W	16	36	65	86	118
75%	5400 W	9	23	36	53	72
100%	7200 W	5	16	27	36	50
RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (1-phase or 3-phase)						
25%	2500 W	25	60	97	136	163
50%	5000 W	10	25	42	61	79
75%	7500 W	5.5	15	25	37	48
100%	10000 W	3	10	18	25	34

Connectors and controls

The 6U Rack or Tower UPS units have a 5-button graphical LCD on the front. It provides useful information about the UPS itself, load status, events, measurements, and settings.

Figure 4 shows the control panel on the front of the 6U Rack or Tower UPS.

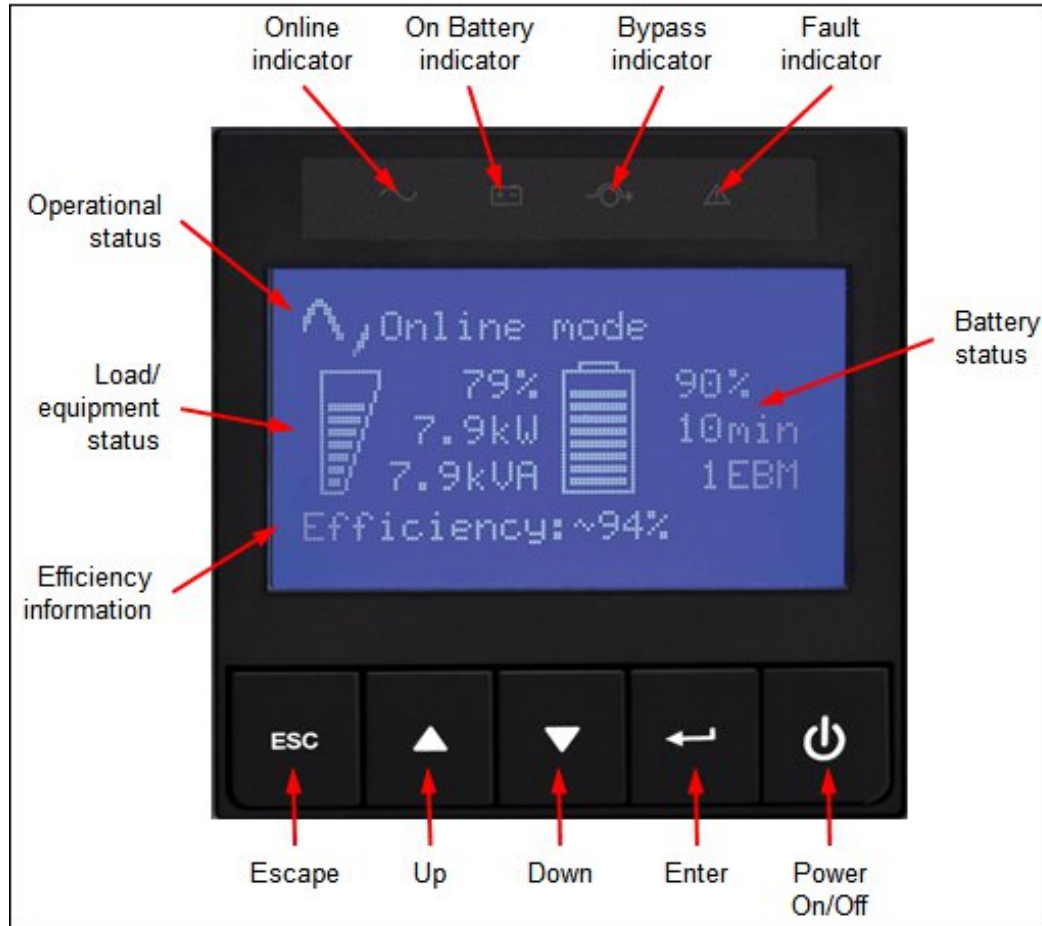


Figure 4. Control panel on the front of the 6U Rack or Tower UPS

The following functions are available on the control panel:

- Status information: Displays the battery status, load percentage, output power, operational mode, and load group information.
- Measurements: Displays the output Watts/VA, amperage, power factor, voltage, frequency, input voltage, input frequency, battery voltage, efficiency, and power usage.
- Control: Displays the battery test, reset error state, configure load segments, clear power usage measurements, and restore settings.
- Settings: Allows you to change product general parameters and set input and output parameters, on/off conditions, and battery configuration.
- Event log: Displays the stored events, selects faults, alarms and events to display, and clears events.
- Fault log: Displays the event log and alarm history.
- Identification: Displays the machine type, model, and serial number of the unit, and the firmware level of the UPS, including the NMC's firmware level and IP address.

Figure 5 shows the rear view of the RT8kVA or RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC).

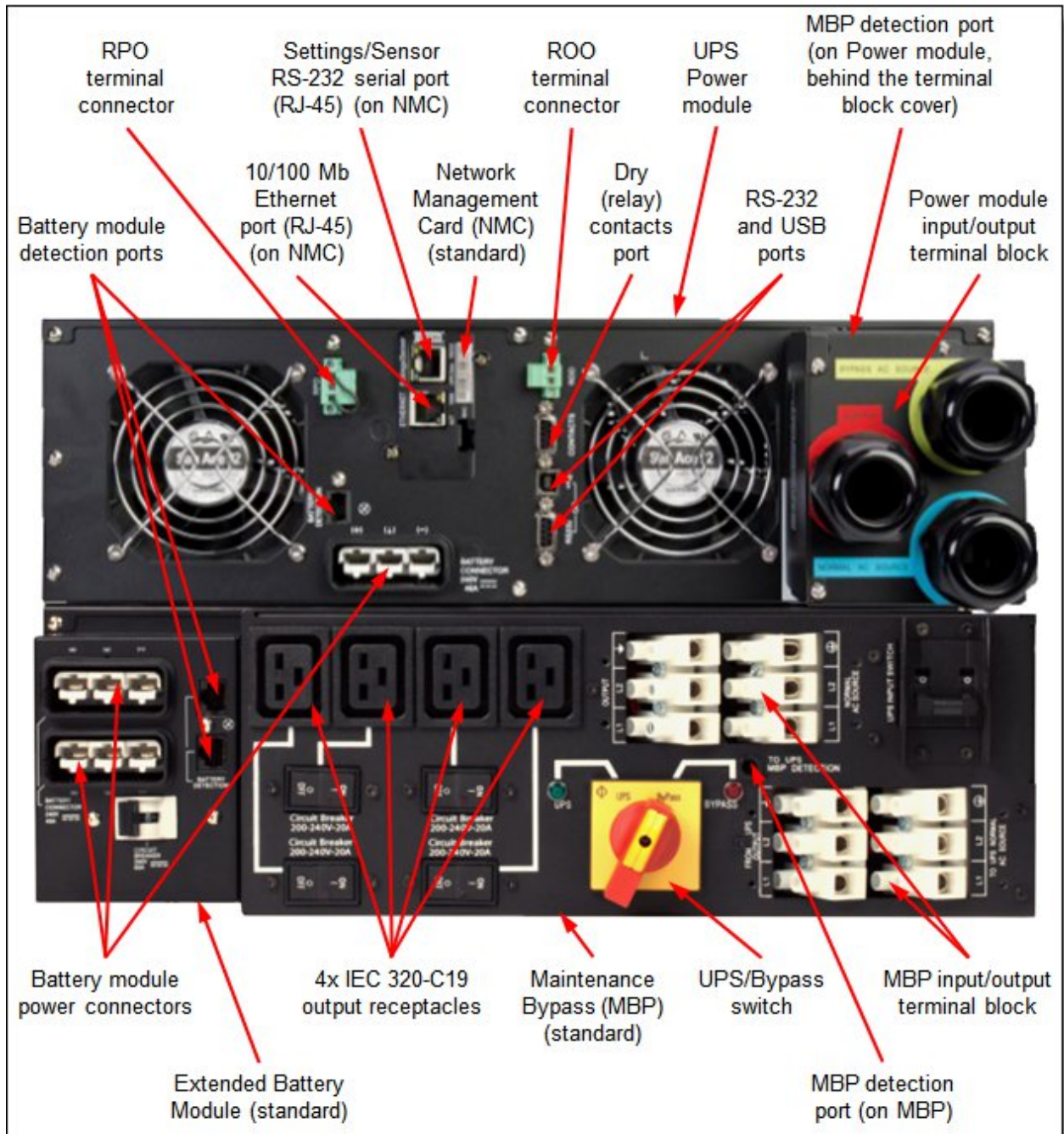


Figure 5. Rear view of the RT8kVA or RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS (200-240VAC)

Figure 6 shows the rear view of the RT8kVA or RT11kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC).

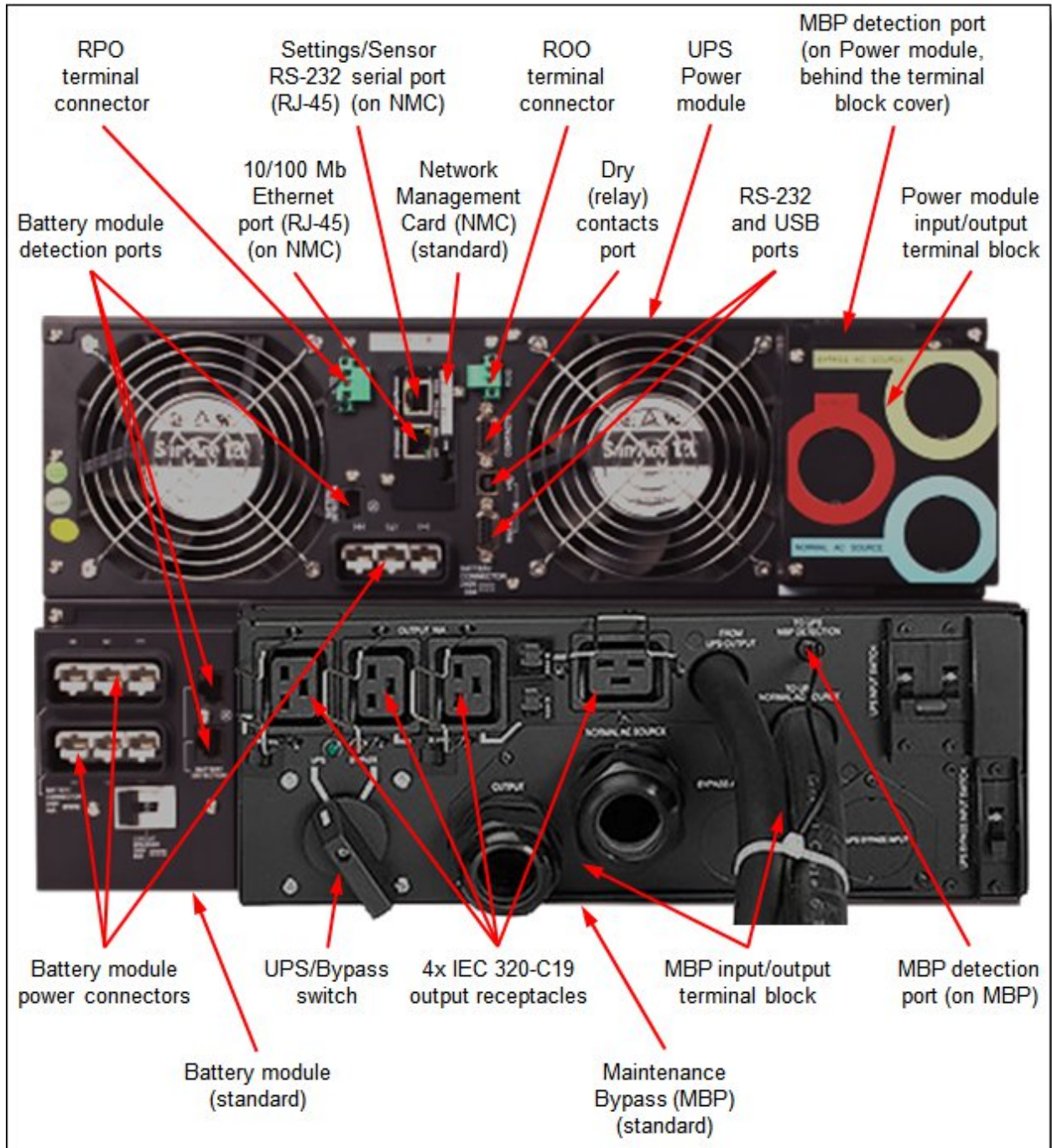


Figure 6. Rear view of the RT8kVA or RT11kVA 6U 3:1 Phase Rack or Tower UPS (380-415VAC)
 Figure 7 shows the rear view of the 8kVA/11kVA 3U Rack or Tower Extended Battery Module (55949BX).

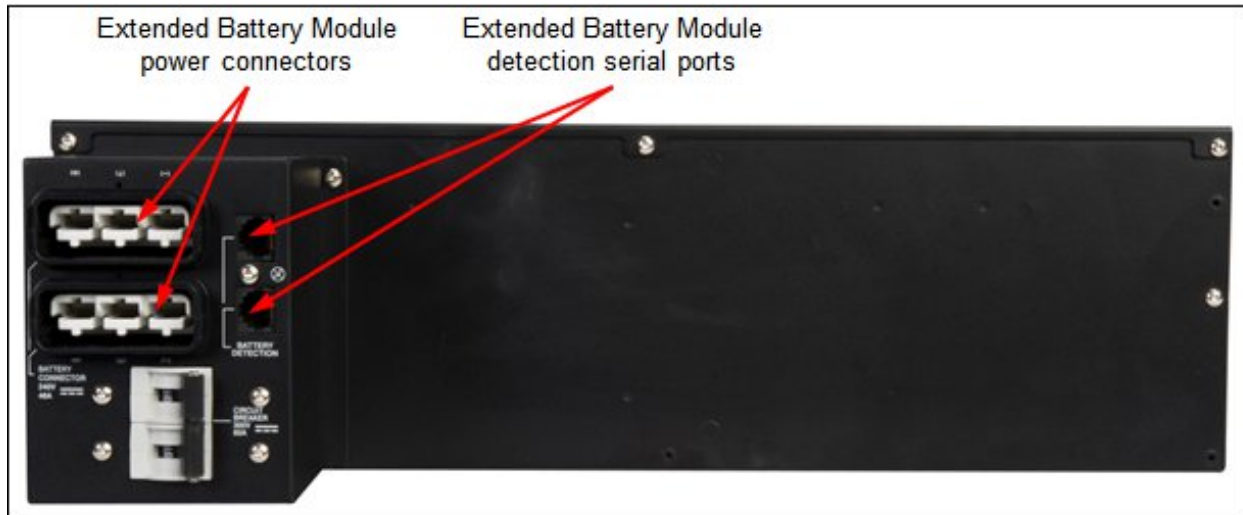


Figure 7. Rear view of the 8kVA/11kVA 3U Rack or Tower Extended Battery Module (55949BX)

Physical specifications

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS Power Modules have the following physical specifications (approximate):

- Height: 130 mm (5.1 in.)
- Width: 441 mm (17.4 in.)
- Depth: 700 mm (27.6 in.)
- Weight:
 - 8kVA 1-phase (55948KX): 19 kg (42 lb)
 - 8kVA 3-phase (55948PX): 23 kg (51 lb)
 - 11kVA 1-phase (55949KX): 21 kg (46 lb)
 - 11kVA 3-phase (55949PX): 23 kg (51 lb)

The 8kVA/11kVA 3U Rack or Tower Extended Battery Module has the following physical specifications (approximate):

- Height: 130 mm (5.1 in.)
- Width: 441 mm (17.4 in.)
- Depth: 680 mm (26.8 in.)
- Weight: 65 kg (143 lb)

Operating environment

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units are supported in the following environments:

- Temperature (operation): 0 - 40 °C (32 - 104 °F), with linear derating for altitude
- Relative humidity: 0 - 95%
- Maximum altitude (operation): 3,000 m (9,843 ft)

Note: These UPS units are not supported in a maritime environment.

Agency approvals

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units conform to the following regulations:

- FCC
- UL
- CSA or cUL
- CE Mark
- NOM
- GOST
- BSMI Taiwan
- CB Report
- VCCI
- C-Tick (Australia)
- IRAM (Argentina)

Warranty

The RT8kVA and 11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS models have a 3-year limited warranty. Optional features have a 1-year warranty.

Management software

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units come standard with UPS Power Manager (UPM) and UPS Power Protector (UPP) software.

UPM brings managing various power and environmental devices under control through a single, web-based interface. The UPM software solution ensures system uptime and data integrity by allowing you to monitor, manage, and control the devices on your network remotely.

The UPM user interface is shown in Figure 8.

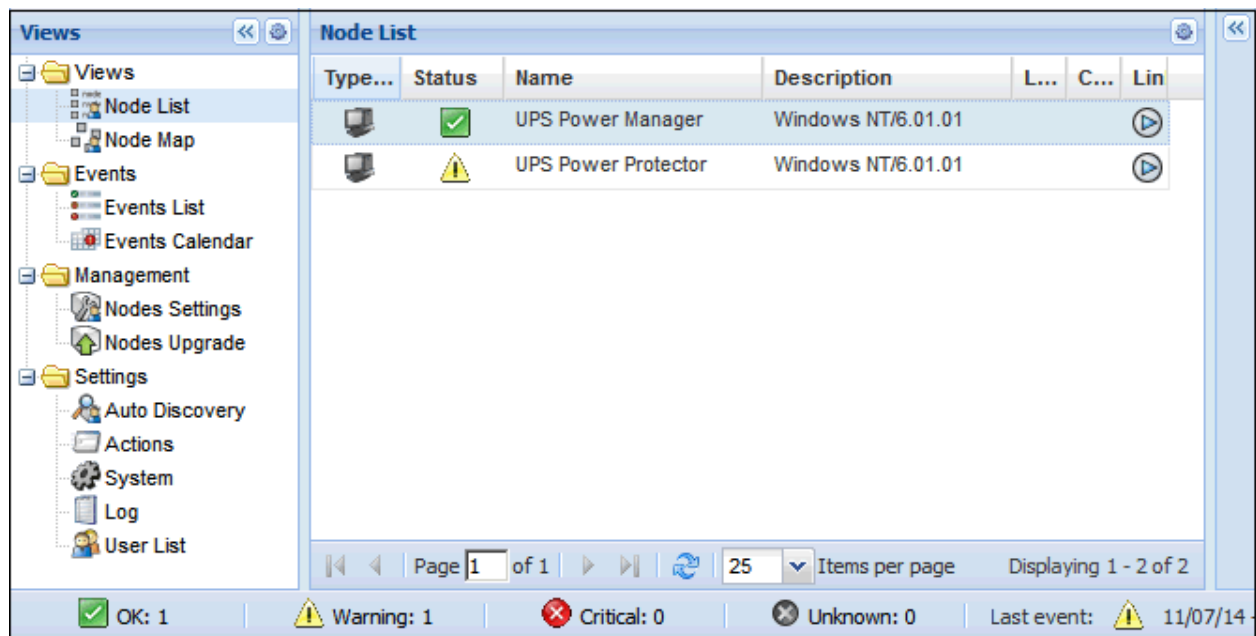


Figure 8. UPM User Interface

The UPM software offers the following features:

- Monitors and manages multiple power and environmental devices from a web browser or your

virtual machine management dashboard

- Seamlessly integrates into popular virtualization infrastructures, including VMware ESXi, Microsoft Hyper-V, Citrix XenServer, and Linux KVM
- Triggers live migration for virtual machines during power outages
- By using a user-definable tree structure, enables grouping, access, and management of multiple devices across multiple locations
- Monitors power consumption, which helps track ways to improve energy efficiency
- Uses auto discovery to provide fast installation by automatically detecting devices on the network
- Mass-upgrades firmware, which reduces network management card setup and maintenance time

UPP software facilitates automatic, graceful shutdown of computers, servers, and network devices that are powered by a UPS, which saves all work-in-progress and ensures data integrity. UPP's user interface provides detailed information about connected servers and UPS units through USB and serial or network communication.

The UPP user interface is shown in Figure 9.

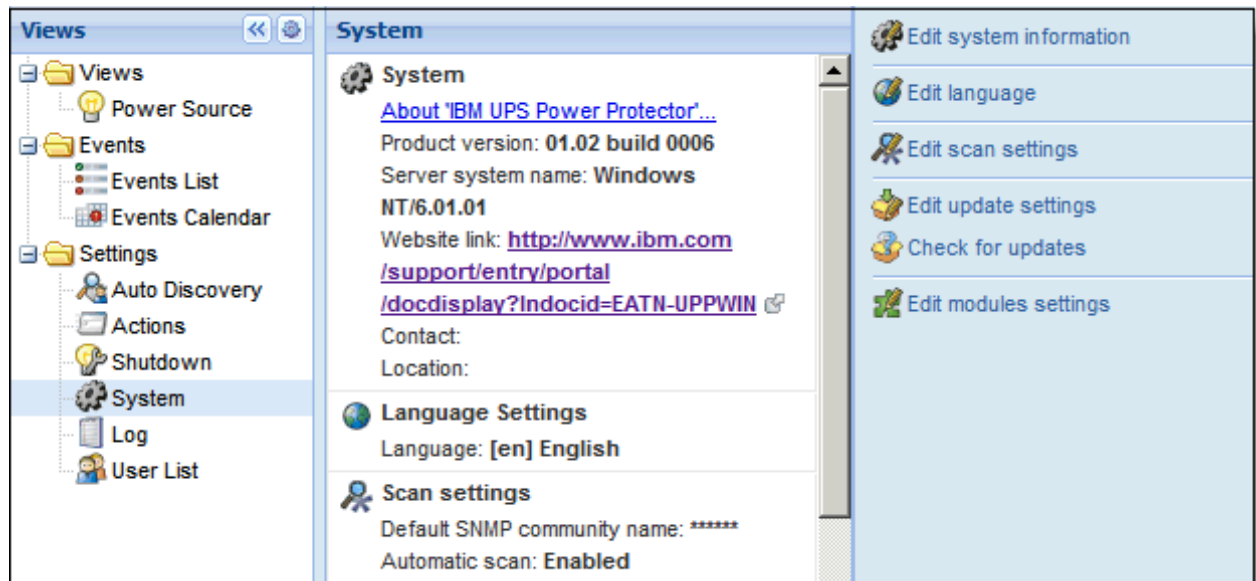


Figure 9. UPP User Interface

The UPP software offers the following features:

- Helps avoid data loss by gracefully shutting down computers and virtual machines or servers that are powered by a UPS during an extended power outage
- Keeps servers running smoothly by automatically identifying hang-ups and rebooting the machine by using a watchdog capability
- Provides redundancy capability for dual-cord servers
- An easy-to-use web browser interface
- Communicates with the protected device directly (via USB or serial) or through the network (via NMC)

Supported servers

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS offerings are compatible with all System x and ThinkServer servers and other devices that require AC power. These UPS units are intended for use with the following System x and ThinkServer servers:

- System x:
 - x3100 M4
 - x3100 M5
 - x3250 M4
 - x3250 M5
 - x3300 M4
 - x3500 M4
 - x3500 M5
 - x3530 M4
 - x3550 M4
 - x3550 M5
 - x3630 M4
 - x3650 M4
 - x3650 M4 BD
 - x3650 M4 HD
 - x3650 M5
 - x3690 X5
 - x3750 M4
 - x3850 X5/x3950 X5
 - x3850 X6/x3950 X6
- ThinkServer:
 - RS140
 - RD340
 - RD440
 - RD540
 - RD550
 - RD640
 - RD650
 - TS140
 - TS440
 - TD340
 - TD350

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units are intended for use with the following BladeCenter and Flex System blade chassis and iDataPlex and NeXtScale dense platforms:

- BladeCenter S
- BladeCenter E
- BladeCenter H
- BladeCenter HT
- Flex System Enterprise Chassis
- iDataPlex dx360 M4
- NeXtScale n1200 Enclosure

Supported rack cabinets

The RT8kVA and RT11kVA 6U Rack or Tower UPS units can be installed in the compatible rack cabinets that are listed in Table 4.

Table 4. Rack cabinets

Part number	Description
201886X	11U Office Enablement Kit
93072RX	25U Standard Rack
93072PX	25U Static S2 Standard Rack
93634PX	42U 1100mm Dynamic Rack
93634EX	42U 1100mm Dynamic Expansion Rack
93604PX	42U 1200mm Deep Dynamic Rack
93604EX	42U 1200mm Deep Dynamic Expansion Rack
93614PX	42U 1200mm Deep Static Rack
93614EX	42U 1200mm Deep Static Expansion Rack
93084PX	42U Enterprise Rack
93084EX	42U Enterprise Expansion Rack
93074RX	42U Standard Rack
93074XX	42U Standard Rack Extension
93624PX	47U 1200mm Deep Static Rack
93624EX	47U 1200mm Deep Static Expansion Rack
93634AX	PureFlex® System 42U Rack
93634BX	PureFlex System 42U Expansion Rack
93634CX	PureFlex System 42U Rack
93634DX	PureFlex System 42U Expansion Rack

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