

GO BOX

Go Box Development Questions

How will you be using the Go Box?

1. Emergency or recreational use?
2. In the field or at a remote location?
3. Will there be external power available?
4. Will you use in your car?
5. Is it for HF? VHF? UHF? Winlink?

Go Box Development Questions

What will you include in your Go Box?

1. Radio (s)?
2. Power Supply?
3. Digital interface (Kantronics, Signalink, Built-in sound card)?
4. Speaker?
5. Battery?
6. Antenna Tuner?
7. SWR/Power meter?
8. Power distribution? (Rigrunner, etc?)
9. Power management? (Powergate, etc?)
10. Connection to laptop computer?

Go Box Development Questions

How will your Go Box integrate with other resources?

1. Antennas & masts?
2. Batteries?
3. Emergency Kits?
4. Handhelds?
5. External power? (120, Generator, Solar)

Go Box Development Questions

How will you carry your Go Box?

1. Backpack
2. Hard Case (Ammo boxes, Suitcases, Gator Box, etc.)
3. If Gator type box:
 - Size height? (4u, 6u etc.)
 - Size depth? (narrow, full size)
 - What kind of shelves will you use?
4. What other equipment will you need to have with you to make it all work? (antennas & masts, tools, emergency backpack)

My decisions

1. Radio that does HF/VHF/UHF and includes sound card
2. Built-in power supply, but with connection for battery
3. Kantronics KPC3+ for Winlink in VHF/UHF
4. Speaker
5. SWR/Power meter
6. Rigrunner for power distribution
7. Powergate to manage switching of power from internal to battery
8. Gator 4U narrow box (6U would be too heavy)
9. Antenna and mast in separate bag

Gator Case

Lightweight Molded
4U Rack Case with
Heavy Duty Latches;
Shallow 14.25" depth,
(GR-4S)



Icom 7100 (HF/UHF/VHF)
7" Rack Shelf
Mounted upside down
Mounted from back
At top of Gator Box



Icom 7100
rear
connectors



6" Rack Shelf – Middle of Gator Box



Icom 7100 head
Velcroed so I can
move it out when
in use.

Speaker

Kantronics KPC3+

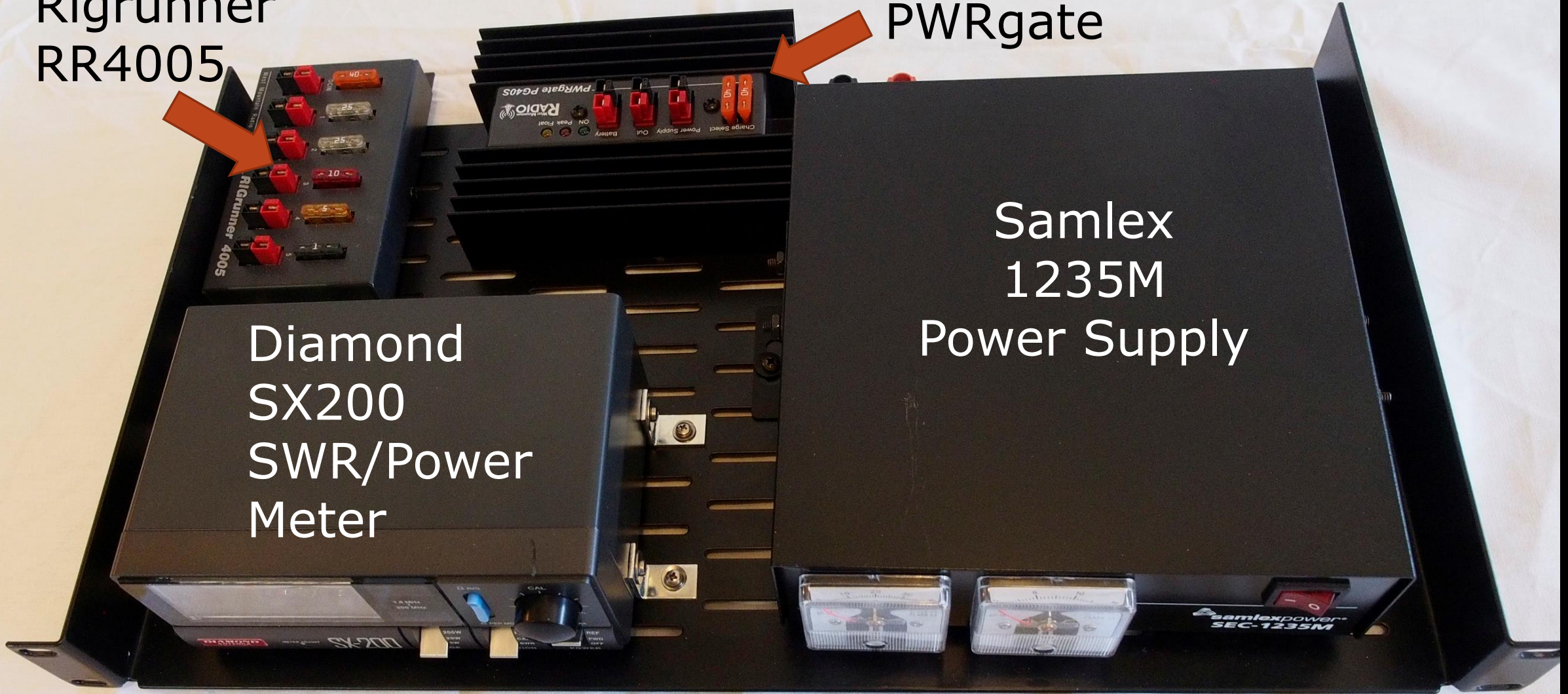
Rigrunner
RR4005

PWRgate

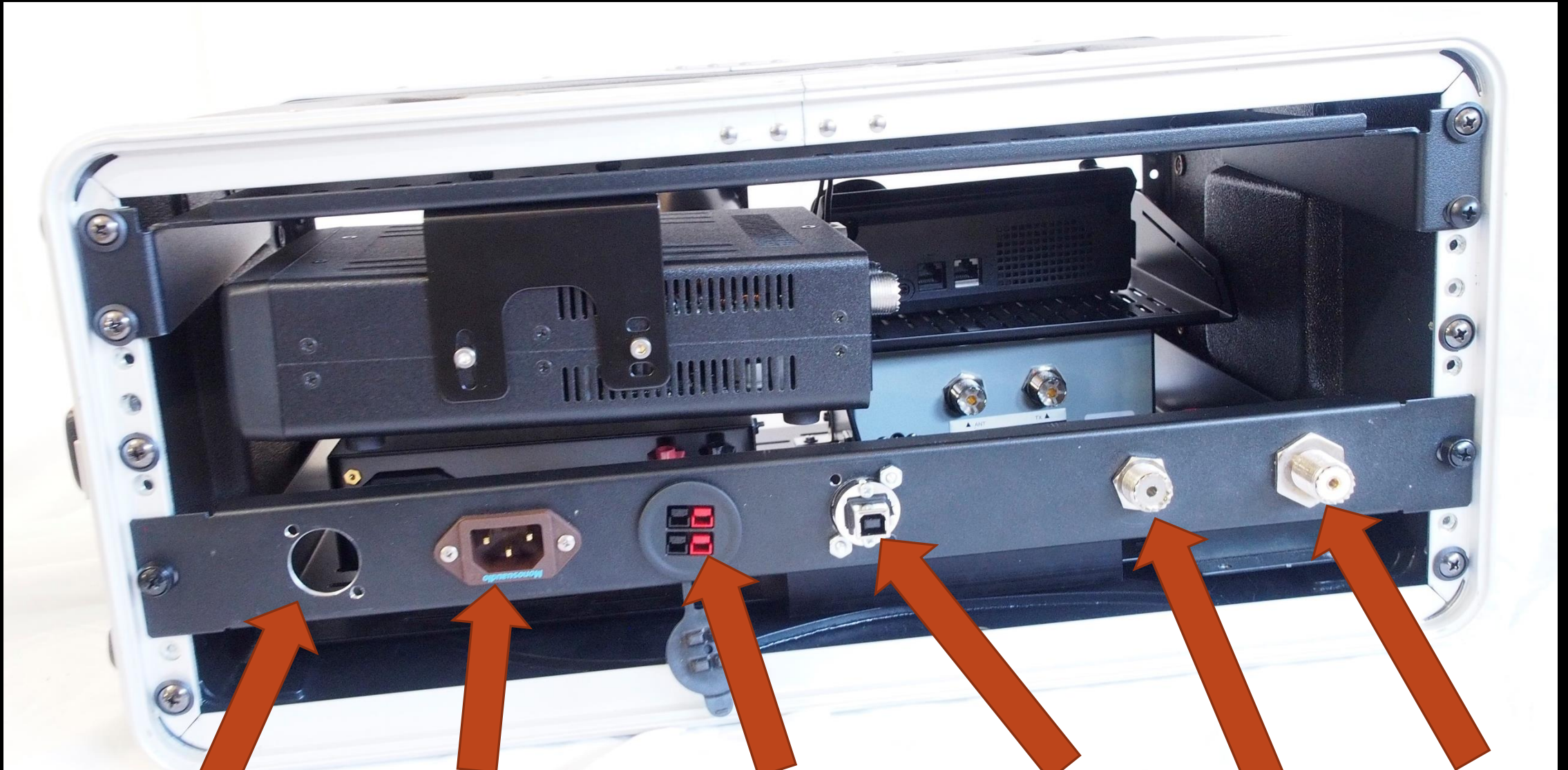
Diamond
SX200
SWR/Power
Meter

Samlex
1235M
Power Supply

10" Rack Shelf – Bottom of Gator Box







USB
Kantronics

Power
Supply

Top-Battery
Bottom-out

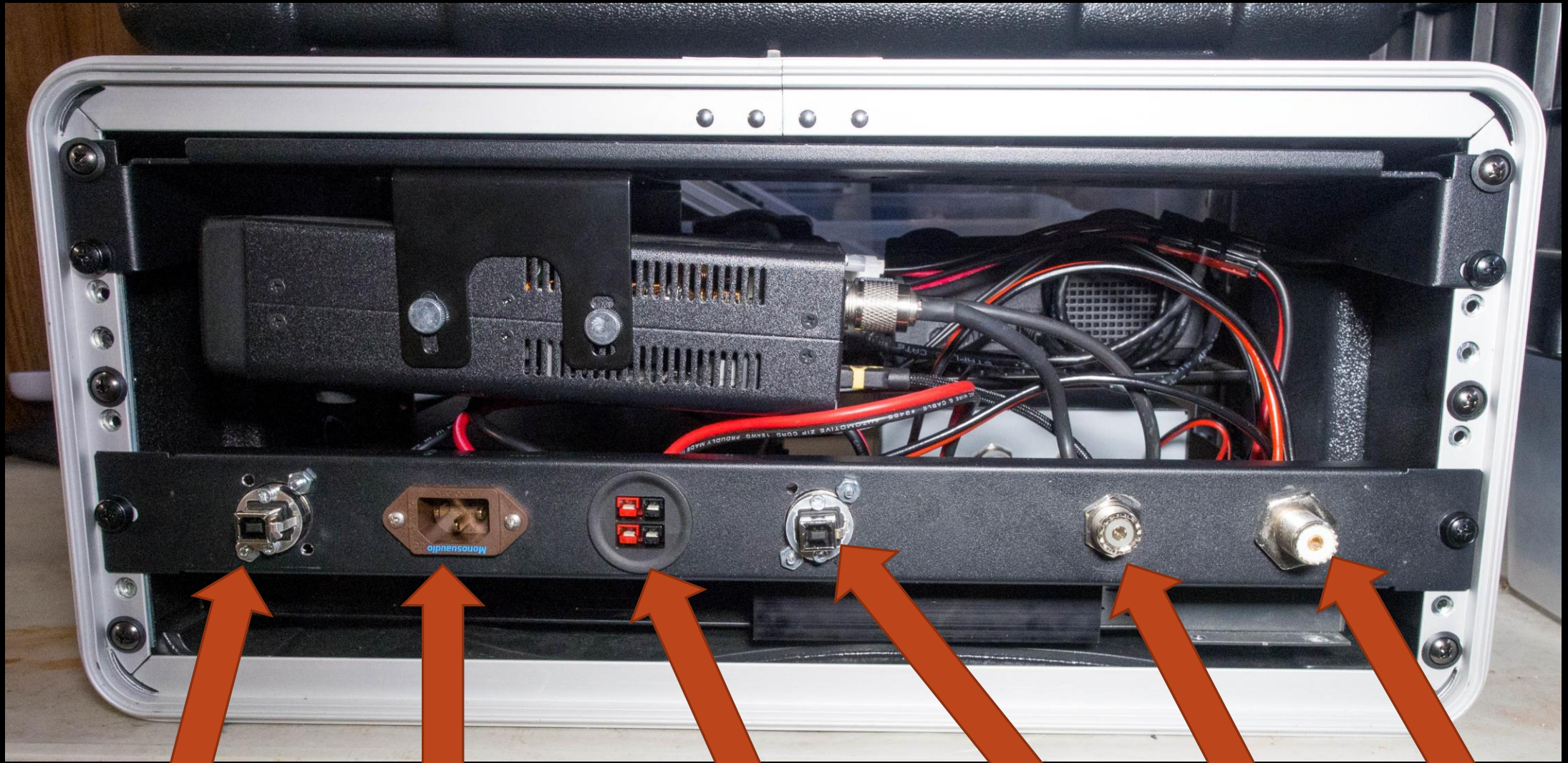
USB
7100

VHF/
UHF

HF

THE WIRING

1. RG8x Coax from radio HF antenna to SWR meter.
2. RG8x Coax from SWR meter to Connection bar
3. RG8x Coax from radio VHF/UHF antenna connection to Connection bar.
4. USB from Radio to Connection Bar
5. USB from Kantronics KPC3+ to Connection bar
6. 120 connection cable form Samlex power supply to connection bar
7. Powerpole connection from Samlex power supply to Powergate
8. Powerpole connection from Rigrunner to Powergate
9. Powerpole connection from Powergate to Connection bar
10. Powerpole connection from radio to Rigrunner
11. Powerpole connection from Kantronics KPC3+ to Rigrunner
12. Powerpole connection from SWR meter to Rigrunner
13. Powerpole connection from Rigrunner to Connection Bar
14. Speaker connected to radio
15. Radio connected to Head



USB
Kantronics

Power
Supply

Top-Battery
Bottom-out

USB
7100

VHF/
UHF

HF



(2) USB Cable, (1) Power Cord for Power supply,
(2) PowerPole extension cables

What I have left out

1. Antenna Tuner

I use antenna's I can tune manually or are resonant.

2. Lighting

3. Separate HF and VHF radios

Lose ability to use HF and VHF radios at same time

4. Power booster

Keeps power high even when battery is low

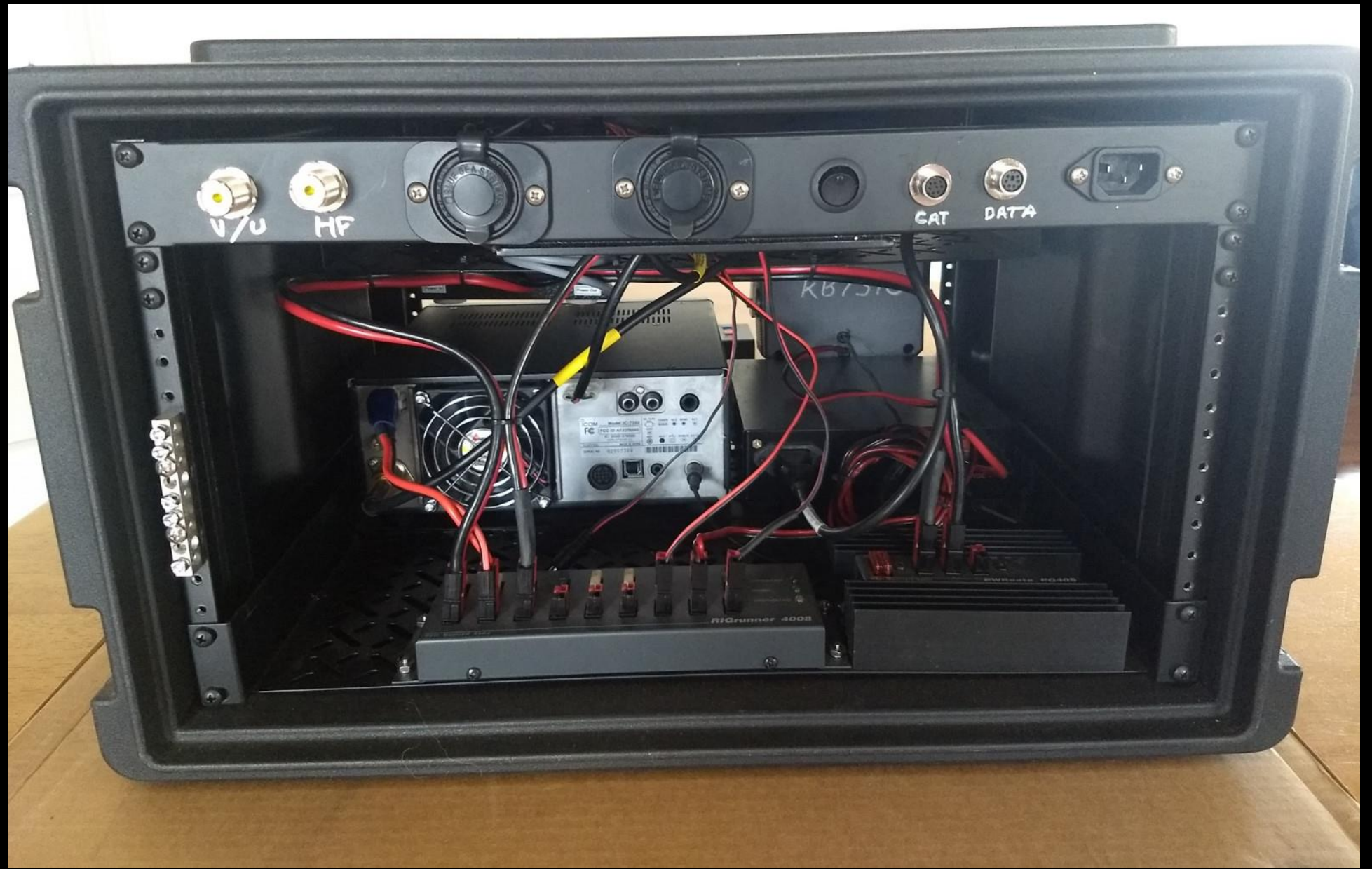
K7STO



K7STO
HF Only



K7ST0



K7ST0



WA7TNT



WA7TNT



WA7TNT



Other Examples



Other Examples N8ATZ

