



AVG-1 Output (10 kHz, 50 V/div, 2 ns/div)

- PW as low as 2 ns, amplitudes to 920 Volts
- PRF to 30 kHz
- Rise times as low as 0.9 ns
- IEEE-488.2 GPIB and RS-232 control
- Ethernet port for VXI-11.3 support

The AVG series of high-voltage impulse generators provides nanosecond-scale impulses with amplitudes of several hundred Volts, into 50Ω loads.

The pulse width measurements for most models (except the AVG-3-B model) are taken at the 20% maximum amplitude point. The full-width half-maximum (FWHM) pulse widths will be lower.

The AVG-1 family generates < 4 ns impulses at repetition rates up to 30 kHz. For repetition rates below 10 kHz, the maximum amplitude is 240V. The maximum amplitude at 10-30 kHz falls to 180V.

The AVG-2 family provides 120V, < 2 ns output.

The AVG-3 family provides up to 500V, with a half-power pulse width of < 5 ns.

Model AVG-3A-B is similar, but features a pulse width at the 20% rise point of < 4 ns and rise times of < 1 ns.

The AVG-3B family provides 420V, < 2.7 ns outputs.

For much higher power applications, the AVG-4A, -4B2 and -4C2 families provide peak outputs of 600, 800, or 920 Volts and 20% rise time pulse widths of < 5 ns.

Either output polarity can be provided. A dual-polarity option is also available. The polarity is controlled from the

front panel menu or by computer command. A DC offset or bias insertion option is available with most units. Units with this option include a circuit similar to Model AVX-T at the output. The required DC offset or bias is applied directly to rear-panel solder terminals.

All models include a complete computer control interface. This provides GPIB and RS-232 computer-control, as well as front panel keypad and adjust knob control of the output pulse parameters. A large backlit LCD displays the output amplitude, polarity, frequency, and delay. (See <http://www.avtechpulse.com/gpib> for details). To allow easy integration into automated test systems, the programming command set is based on the SCPI standard.

A rear-panel Ethernet connector allows the instrument to be remotely controlled using the VXI-11.3, ssh, telnet, and web protocols. In particular, the VXI-11.3 features allows software like LabView to control an instrument using standard VISA communications drivers and network cabling, instead of using older-style GPIB cabling and GPIB controller cards. For additional details, please see <http://www.avtechpulse.com/options/vxi>.

All models require 100 – 240 V, 50 – 60 Hz prime power.





## SPECIFICATIONS

## AVG SERIES

|  |  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
|--|--|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Model <sup>1</sup> :   | AVG-1-B  | AVG-2-B        | AVG-3-B                        | AVG-3A-B       | AVG-3B-B         | AVG-4A-B       | AVG-4B2-B   | AVG-4C2-B   |
| Amplitude <sup>2,7,8</sup> :   | 40 - 240 V <sup>6</sup>  | 15 - 120 V     | 75 - 500 V                     | 70 - 420 V     |                  | 90 - 600 V     | 120 - 800 V | 150 - 920 V |
| Pulse width, measured at:  | ≤ 4 ns, at 20%   | ≤ 2 ns, at 20% | ≤ 5 ns, at 70.7% <sup>10</sup> | ≤ 4 ns, at 20% | ≤ 2.7 ns, at 20% | ≤ 5 ns, at 20% |             |             |
| Rise time (20%-80%):   | ≤ 2 ns   | ≤ 1 ns         | ≤ 2 ns                         | ≤ 1 ns         | ≤ 0.9 ns         | ≤ 1.5 ns       |             |             |
| Fall time (80%-20%):   | ≤ 2 ns   | ≤ 1 ns         | ≤ 10 ns                        | ≤ 2.5 ns       | ≤ 0.9 ns         | ≤ 3 ns         |             |             |
| PRF:   | 0 to 30 kHz  |                | 0 to 20 kHz                    |                |                  | 0 to 10 kHz    |             |             |
| Required load:   | 50Ω <sup>7</sup>   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Polarity <sup>3</sup> :  | Positive or negative or both (specify)   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| GPIB & RS-232 control <sup>1</sup> :                                 | Standard on -B units.  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Ethernet port, for emote control using VXI-11.3, ssh, telnet, & web: | Included. Recommended as a modern alternative to GPIB / RS-232. See <a href="http://www.avtechpulse.com/options/vxi">http://www.avtechpulse.com/options/vxi</a> for details. |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Settings accuracy:   | Not specified / not calibrated. Verify the output parameters with a calibrated oscilloscope.   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| LabView Drivers:   | Check <a href="http://www.avtechpulse.com/labview">http://www.avtechpulse.com/labview</a> for availability and downloads   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Propagation delay:   | ≤ 50 ns (Ext trig in to pulse out)   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Jitter:  | ± 100 ps (Ext trig in to pulse out)  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| DC offset:   | -OS option <sup>4</sup> : Apply required DC offset (± 50 Volts, 250 mA DC max) to rear-panel solder terminals  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Trigger modes:   | Internal trigger, external trigger (TTL level pulse, > 10 ns, 1 kΩ input impedance), front-panel "Single Pulse" pushbutton, or single pulse trigger via computer command.    |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Variable delay:  | 0 to 1.0 seconds, for all trigger modes (including external trigger)   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Sync out:  | + 3 Volts, 200 ns, will drive 50 Ohm loads.  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Gate input:  | Active high or low, switchable. Suppresses triggering when active.   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Monitor output:  | Optional <sup>5</sup> : Provides a 20 dB attenuated coincident replica of main output  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Connectors:  | Out: SMA <sup>9</sup> , Trig, Sync, Gate: BNC  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Dimensions (H x W x D):  | 100 mm x 430 mm x 375 mm (3.9" x 17" x 14.8")  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Power:   | 100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Chassis material:  | Cast aluminum frame & handles, blue vinyl on aluminum cover plates   |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |
| Temperature range:   | +5°C to +40°C  |                |                                |                |                  |                |             |             |

1) -B suffix indicates IEEE-488.2 GPIB and RS-232 control of amplitude, pulse width, PRF and delay (see <http://www.avtechpulse.com/gpib>).  
 2) For operation at amplitudes of less than 20% of full-scale, best results will be obtained by setting the amplitude near full-scale and using external attenuators on the output.  
 3) Indicate desired polarity by suffixing model number with -P or -N (i.e. positive or negative) or -PN for the dual polarity option. AVX-1 transformer may be used to invert polarity.  
 4) For DC offset option suffix model number with -OS.

5) For monitor option add suffix -M.  
 6) Falls to 180V for PRF above 10 kHz.  
 7) A 50 Ohm load is required. Other loads may damage the instrument. Consult Avtech (info@avtechpulse.com) if you need to drive other load impedances.  
 8) Maximum amplitudes are for positive outputs only. The maximum negative amplitude for -N and -PN units will be approximately 10% lower, due to the use of an internal inverting transformer.  
 9) Pulse width at 70.7% = FWHP (full-width at half-power).