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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AV-141C1
×10 GAIN, ±3V OUTPUT
PULSE AMPLIFIER
WITH 800 ps RISE AND FALL TIMES

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

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INTRODUCTION

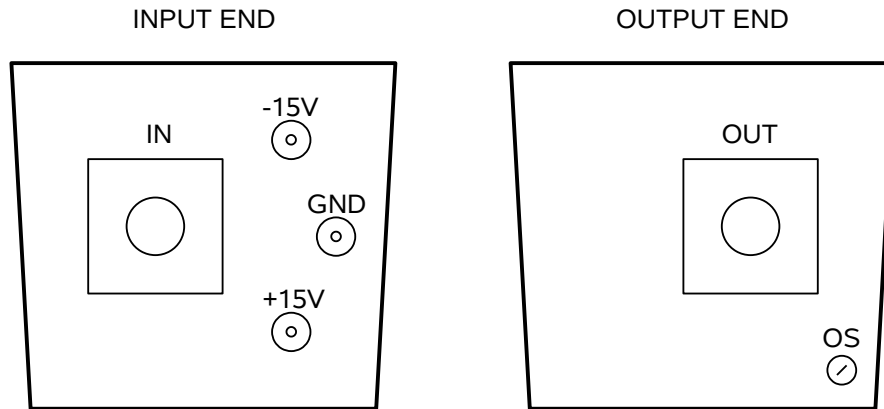
The Model AV-141C1 is a DC-powered amplifier module, designed to amplify bipolar nanosecond rise time baseband pulses in the pulse width range of 1.5 ns and higher and CW signals in the frequency range of DC to 800 MHz.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	AV-141C1
Bandwidth:	DC - 800 MHz
Gain: in dB:	20 dB
voltage gain (V/V):	× 10
Rise/fall time ¹ :	800 ps
Input impedance:	50 Ω
Peak output: (to 50 Ω)	±3 V
Output impedance:	3 Ω, approx.
Min. input pulse width:	1.5 ns
Max. input pulse width:	No limit.
Equivalent input noise:	4 nV / √Hz
Connectors:	SMA
Prime power:	±15V, 100 mA
Dimensions:	1.4" x 1.1" x 2.3"

1) Measured for a pulse from 0V to maximum positive voltage output, between the 20% and 80% amplitude points.

CONTROLS



The input and output SMA connectors are located on opposite ends of the module, as shown above.

The +15V, -15V, and GND input solder terminals are located on the input end.


A DC offset nulling trimpot is accessible from the output end. It may be adjusted using a small screwdriver.

POWER SUPPLIES

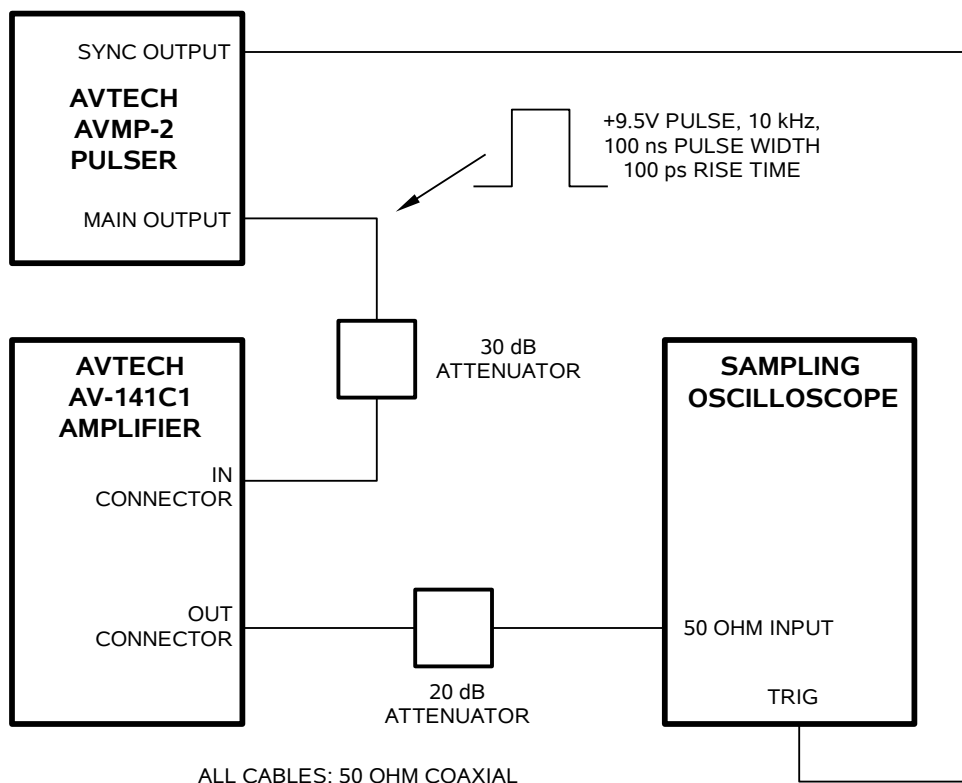
The AV-141C1 must be supplied with DC power supplies of nominally +15V and -15V (as well as a ground connection). In practice, the supplies may be as low as $\pm 8V$. The DC power supplies are internally regulated.

The power supply inputs are protected from excessive voltages and incorrect polarities by externally-mounted (and replaceable) 1N4746A Zener diodes. These diodes may be damaged by reversed polarities, or voltages exceeding $\pm 17V$.

PROTECTING YOUR INSTRUMENT

 To obtain maximum performance, the input of the AV-141C1 is not protected against excessive input voltages. The input signal **MUST NOT EXCEED ± 300 mV!** It may be damaged by voltages greater than ± 300 mV. Failures due to the application of excessive input voltages are not covered by warranty.

BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT



The recommended test set-up is shown above.

The Avtech AVMP-2 series can be used to generate a +9.5V pulse at 10 kHz, with 100 ns pulse width. The rise time will be 100 ps. The 30 dB attenuator will reduce this signal to 300 mV.

The AV-141C1 amplifier will amplify the signal to 3V. The output rise time should be 800 ps or less. (Note that if a slower input signal is used, the observed output signal will be correspondingly slower.)

A 20 dB attenuator should be placed at the input of the oscilloscope, to avoid over-driving the input. Most high-bandwidth sampling oscilloscopes do not tolerate inputs of more than $\pm 1V$.

The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed several gigahertz.

PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET