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INSTRUCTIONS

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

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

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INTRODUCTION

The Model AV-141C1-PS is high-performance bench-top amplifier instrument, 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-PS
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:	100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz
Dimensions:	100 mm x 215 mm x 375 mm (3.9" x 8.5" x 14.8")

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

EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We

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declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 89/336/EEC for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance pertains to the following specifications as listed in the official Journal of the European Communities:

EN 50081-1 Emission

EN 50082-1 Immunity

and that this pulse generator meets the intent of the Low Voltage Directive 72/23/EEC as amended by 93/68/EEC. Compliance pertains to the following specifications as listed in the official Journal of the European Communities:

EN 61010-1:2001 Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use



INSTALLATION

VISUAL CHECK

After unpacking the instrument mainframe and the transformer module, examine to ensure that they have not been damaged in shipment. Visually inspect all connectors, knobs, and handles. Confirm that a power cord and an instrumentation manual (this manual), are with the instrument. If the instrument has been damaged, file a claim immediately with the company that transported the instrument.

POWER RATINGS

This instrument is intended to operate from 100 - 240 V, 50 - 60 Hz.

The maximum power consumption is 57 Watts. Please see the “FUSES” section for information about the appropriate AC and DC fuses.

This instrument is an “Installation Category II” instrument, intended for operation from a normal single-phase supply.

CONNECTION TO THE POWER SUPPLY

An IEC-320 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket. The other end of the detachable power cord plugs into the local mains supply. Use only the cable supplied with the instrument. The mains supply must be earthed, and the cord used to connect the instrument to the mains supply must provide an earth connection. (The supplied cord does this.) The table below describes the power cord that is supplied with this instrument, depending on the destination region:

Destination Region	Description	Volex (http://www.volex.com) Part Number	Newark (http://www.newark.com) Stock Number
Continental Europe	European CEE 7/7 “Schuko” 230V, 50Hz	17850-C3-326	44F1841
United Kingdom	BS 1363, 230V, 50Hz	17962-C3-10	84F1025
Switzerland	SEV 1011, 230V, 50Hz	2102H-C3-10	93F2452
Israel	SI 32, 220V, 50Hz	2115H-C3-10	04F1115
North America, and all other areas	NEMA 5-15, 120V, 60 Hz	17250-B1-10	36F1255

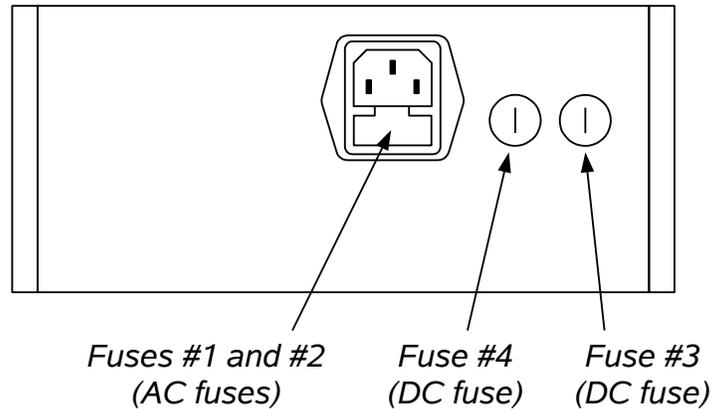
ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

This instrument is intended for use under the following conditions:

1. indoor use;
2. altitude up to 2 000 m;
3. temperature 5 °C to 40 °C;
4. maximum relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C;
5. Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to ± 10 % of the nominal voltage;
6. no pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution.

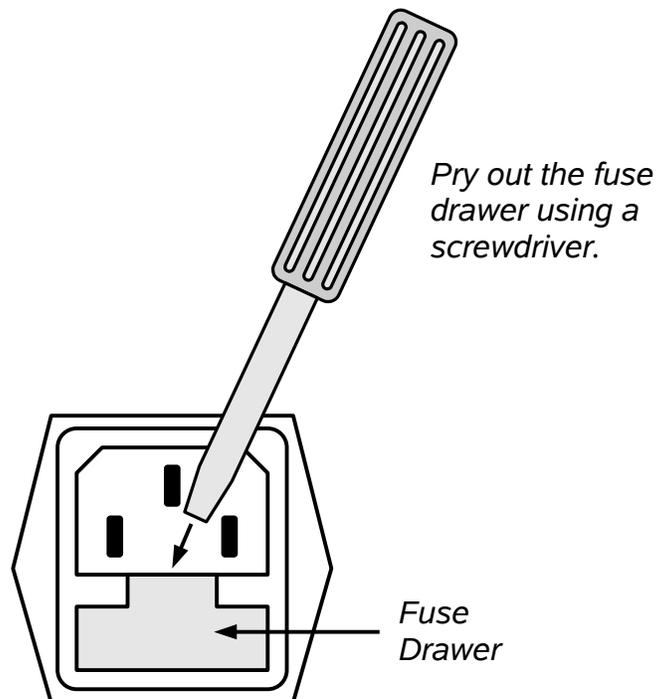
FUSES

This instrument contains four fuses. All are accessible from the rear-panel. Two protect the AC prime power input, and two protect the internal DC power supplies. The locations of the fuses on the rear panel are shown in the figure below:



AC FUSE REPLACEMENT

To physically access the AC fuses, the power cord must be detached from the rear panel of the instrument. The fuse drawer may then be extracted using a small flat-head screwdriver, as shown below:



DC FUSE REPLACEMENT

The DC fuses may be replaced by inserting the tip of a flat-head screwdriver into the fuse holder slot, and rotating the slot counter-clockwise. The fuse and its carrier will then pop out.

FUSE RATINGS

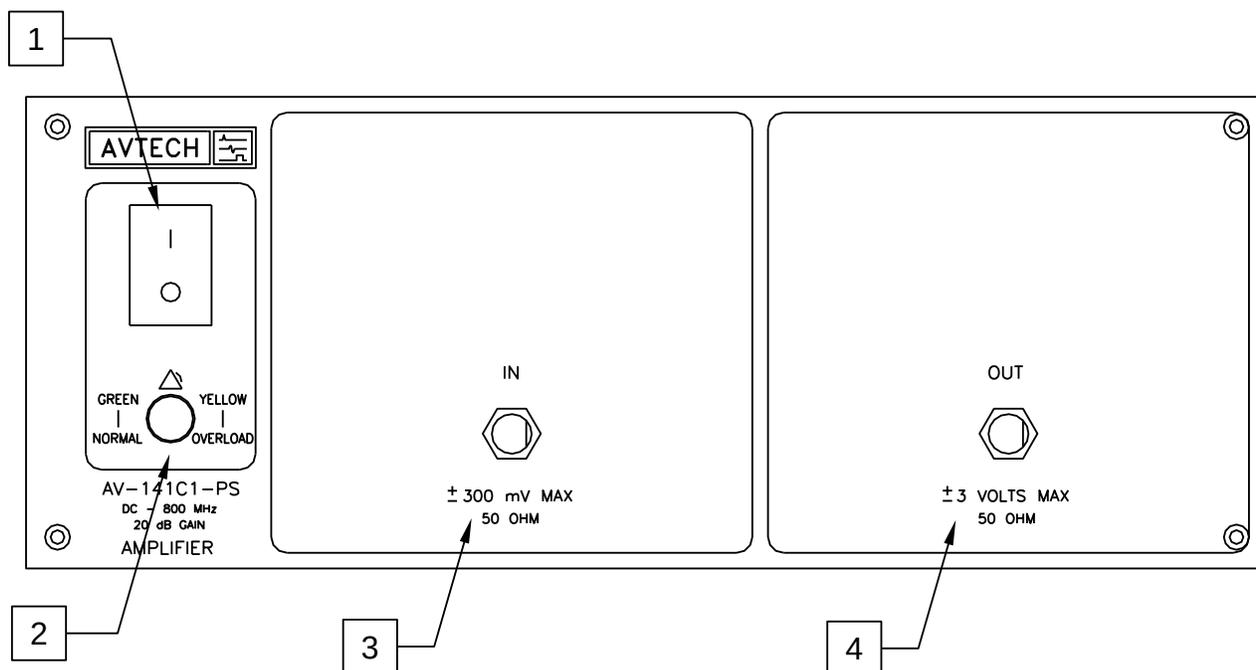
The following table lists the required fuses:

Fuses	Nominal Mains Voltage	Rating	Case Size	Manufacturer's Part Number (Wickmann)	Distributor's Part Number (Digi-Key)
#1, #2 (AC)	100-240V	0.5A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950500000	WK5041-ND
#3 (DC)	N/A	0.5A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950500000	WK5041-ND
#4 (DC)	N/A	Not used. A spare 0.5A fuse is installed.			

The fuse manufacturer is Wickmann (<http://www.wickmann.com/>).

Replacement fuses may be easily obtained from Digi-Key (<http://www.digikey.com/>) and other distributors.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

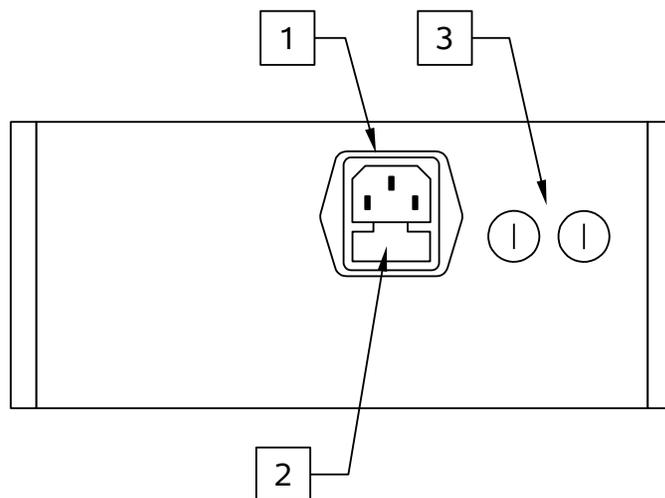


1. POWER Switch. This is the main power switch. When turning the instrument on, there may be a delay of several seconds before the instrument appears to respond.
2. OVERLOAD Indicator. When the instrument is powered, this indicator is normally green, indicating normal operation. If this indicator is yellow, an internal automatic overload protection circuit has been tripped. If the unit is overloaded (by operating at an exceedingly high duty cycle or by operating into a very low impedance), the protective circuit will disable the output of the instrument and turn the indicator light yellow. The light will stay yellow (i.e. output disabled) for about 5 seconds after which the instrument will attempt to re-enable the output (i.e. light green) for about 1 second. If the overload condition persists, the output will be disabled again (i.e. light yellow) for another 5 seconds. If the overload condition has been removed, the instrument will resume normal operation.

This overload indicator may flash yellow briefly at start-up. This is not a cause for concern.

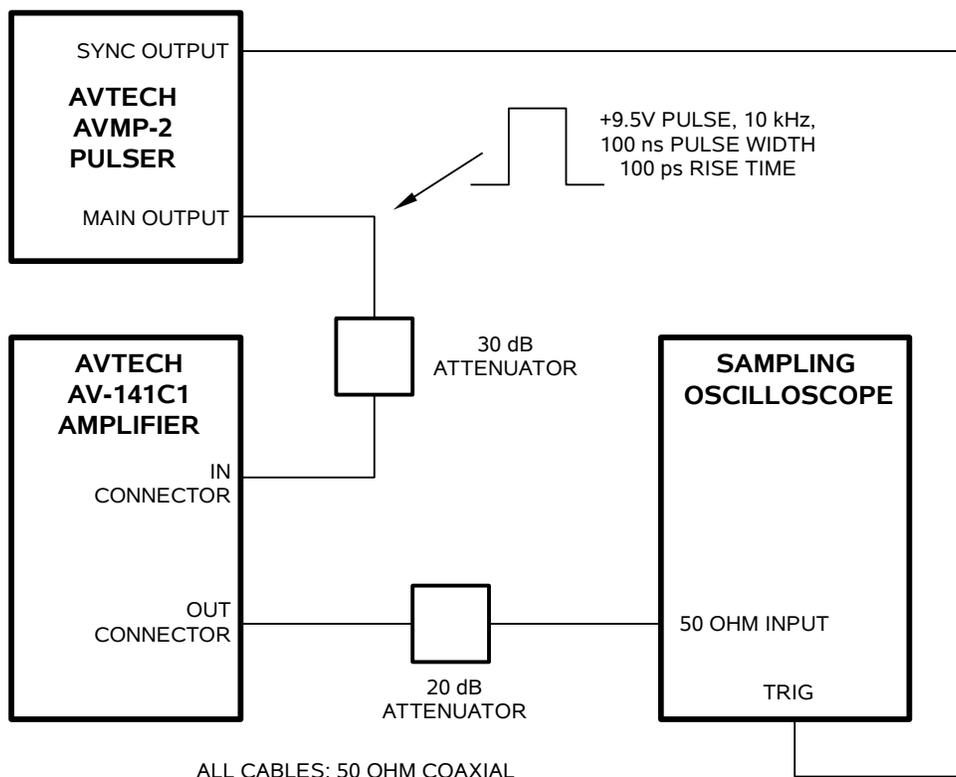
3. IN CONNECTOR. The input is applied to this SMA connector. The input voltage must always lie between -300 mV and +300 mV. Voltages outside of this range may damage the instrument. The input impedance is 50 Ω .
4. OUT Connector. This is the output. It can drive loads impedances of 50 Ohms or higher.

REAR PANEL CONTROLS



- 1) AC POWER INPUT. An IEC-320 C14 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket.
- 2) AC FUSE DRAWER. The two fuses that protect the AC input are located in this drawer. Please see the “FUSES” section of this manual for more information.
- 3) DC FUSES. These two fuses protect the internal DC power supplies. Please see the “FUSES” sections of this manual for more information.

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-PS 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.

PROTECTING YOUR INSTRUMENT

 To obtain maximum performance, the input of the AV-141C1-PS 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.

PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET