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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**MODEL AVO-2L-B** 

0 TO 2 Amp, 0.5 ns RISE TIME 20 kHz LASER DIODE DRIVER WITH IEEE 488.2 AND RS-232 CONTROL

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#### INTRODUCTION

The AVO-2L-B is a high performance, GPIB and RS232-equipped instrument capable of generating 0 to 2 A at repetition rates up to 20 kHz. The rise and fall times are less than 0.5 ns. The AVO-2L-B includes an internal trigger source, but it can also be triggered or gated by an external source. A front-panel push-button can also be used to trigger the instrument.

The AVO-2L-B features front panel keyboard and adjust knob control of the output pulse parameters along with a four line by 40-character back-lit LCD display of the output amplitude, pulse width, pulse repetition frequency, and delay. The instrument includes memory to store up to four complete instrument setups. The operator may use the front panel or the computer interface to store a complete "snapshot" of all key instrument settings, and recall this setup at a later time.

The AVO-2L-B consists of two parts, the mainframe and the output module. The mainframe is a voltage pulser, designed to operate into 50 Ohm loads. The output module contains a current-doubling transformer, which requires a load impedance of approximately 12.5 Ohms (e.g., a 10 Ohms resistor in series with a diode with 2.5 Ohms of parasitic resistance). The amplitude at the output of the output module ( $V_{\text{OUT}}$ ) can vary from 0 to 25V, when operating into a 12.5 Ohm load, providing up to 2A of current.

When driving a diode load in series with a resistor, the diode current is given by:

$$I_{DIODE} = (V_{OUT} - V_{DIODE}) / (R_{SERIES} + R_{DIODE})$$

where  $V_{\text{DIODE}}$  is the voltage drop across the diode,  $R_{\text{DIODE}}$  is the parasitic resistance of the diode, and  $R_{\text{SERIES}}$  is the resistance of the series resistor.  $R_{\text{SERIES}}$  +  $R_{\text{DIODE}}$  should be equal to 12.5 Ohms.

This instrument is intended for use in research and development laboratories.

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Model:	AVO-2L-B
Amplitude:	
"-P" units:	0 to +2 A (0 to +25 Volts into 12.5 Ohms)
"-N" units:	0 to -2 A (0 to -25 Volts into 12.5 Ohms)
"-PN" units:	0 to ±2 A (0 to ±25 Volts into 12.5 Ohms)
Pulse width:	1 to 20 ns
Rise time:	≤ 0.5 ns
Fall time:	≤ 0.5 ns
PRF:	1 Hz to 20 kHz
Output impedance:	≈ 12.5Ω
Computer control:	GPIB and RS-232 interfaces included
Propagation delay:	≤ 200 ns (Ext trig in to pulse out)
Jitter:	± 100 ps ± 0.03% of sync delay (Ext trig in to pulse out)
Trigger required:	External Mode: +5 Volt, 50 ns or wider (TTL)
Sync delay:	Sync out to pulse out: Variable 0 to 200 ns
Sync output:	+ 3 Volts, 200 ns, will drive 50 Ohm loads
Connectors:	Out: solder terminals,
	Trig: BNC, Sync: BNC, Gate: BNC
Power, AC:	100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz
Dimensions:	Mainframe: 100 x 430 x 375 mm (3.9" x 17" x 14.8")
	Transformer Module: 23 x 28 x 38mm (0.9" x 1.1" x 1.5")
Chassis material:	anodized aluminum, with blue plastic trim
Mounting:	Any
Temperature range:	+5°C to +40°C

## EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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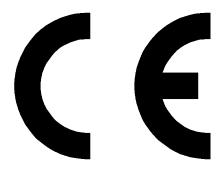
declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 89/336/EEC for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance pertains to the following specifications as listed in the official Journal of the European Communities:

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 cable used to connect the instrument to the mains supply must provide an earth connection. (The supplied cable does this.)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

This instrument is intended for use under the following conditions:

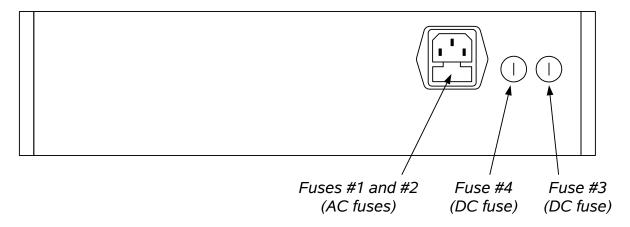
- 1. indoor use;
- 2. altitude up to 2 000 m;
- 3. temperature 5 °C to 40 °C;
- 4. maximum relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C;
- 5. Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to ±10 % of the nominal voltage;
- 6. no pollution or only dry,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

## **LABVIEW DRIVERS**

A LabVIEW driver for this instrument is available for download on the Avtech web site, at http://www.avtechpulse.com/labview. A copy is also available in National Instruments' Instrument Driver Library at http://www.natinst.com/.

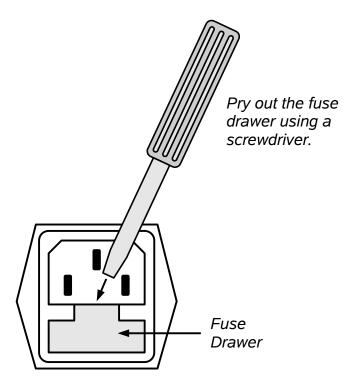
## **FUSES**

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**

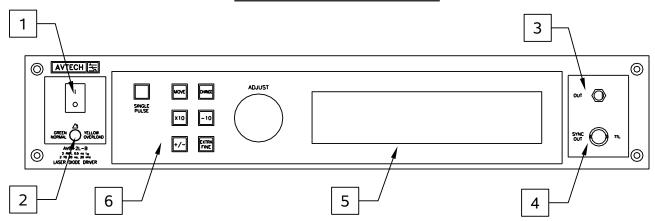
The following table lists the required fuses:

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	0.8A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950800000	WK5046-ND
#4 (DC)	N/A	0.25A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950250000	WK5035-ND

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. <u>POWER Switch</u>. 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.

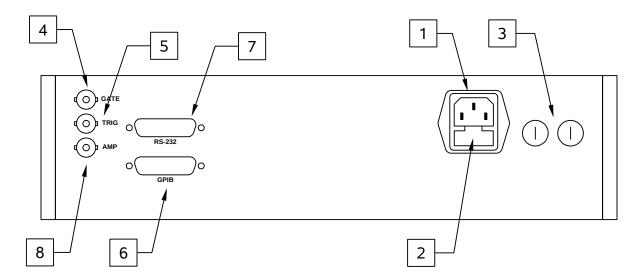
Note that the output stage will safely withstand a short-circuited load condition.

- 3. <u>OUT CONNECTOR</u>. The cable from the AVO-2L-T transformer module connects to this SMA connector.
- 4. <u>SYNC OUT</u>. This connector supplies a SYNC output that can be used to trigger other equipment, particularly oscilloscopes. This signal leads (or lags) the main output by a duration set by the "DELAY" controls and has an approximate amplitude of +3 Volts to  $R_L > 1 \text{ k}\Omega$  with a pulse width of approximately 100 ns.
- 5. <u>LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY (LCD)</u>. This LCD is used in conjunction with the keypad to change the instrument settings. Normally, the main menu is displayed, which lists the key adjustable parameters and their current values. The "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" describes the menus and submenus in detail.

# 6. <u>KEYPAD</u>.

Control Name	Function
MOVE	This moves the arrow pointer on the display.
CHANGE	This is used to enter the submenu, or to select the operating
	mode, pointed to by the arrow pointer.
×10	If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, this
	increases the setting by a factor of ten.
÷10	If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, this
	decreases the setting by a factor of ten.
+/-	If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, and
	this parameter can be both positive or negative, this changes the
	sign of the parameter.
EXTRA FINE	This changes the step size of the ADJUST knob. In the extra-
	fine mode, the step size is twenty times finer than in the normal
	mode. This button switches between the two step sizes.
ADJUST	This large knob adjusts the value of any displayed numeric
	adjustable values, such as frequency, pulse width, etc. The
	adjust step size is set by the "EXTRA FINE" button.
	When the main menu is displayed, this knob can be used to
	move the arrow pointer.

#### REAR PANEL CONTROLS



- 1. <u>AC POWER INPUT</u>. 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. <u>AC FUSE DRAWER</u>. 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. <u>DC FUSES</u>. These two fuses protect the internal DC power supplies. Please see the "FUSES" sections of this manual for more information.
- 4. <u>GATE</u>. This TTL-level (0 and +5V) logic input can be used to gate the triggering of the instrument. This input can be either active high or active low, depending on the front panel settings or programming commands. (The instrument triggers normally when this input is unconnected). When set to active high mode, this input is pulled-down to ground by a 1 k $\Omega$  resistor. When set to active low mode, this input is pulled-up to +5V by a 1 k $\Omega$  resistor.
- 5. TRIG. This TTL-level (0 and +5V) logic input can be used to trigger the instrument, if the instrument is set to triggering externally. The instrument triggers on the rising edge of this input. The input impedance of this input is  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$ . (Depending on the length of cable attached to this input, and the source driving it, it may be desirable to add a coaxial 50 Ohm terminator to this input to provide a proper transmission line termination. The Pasternack (www.pasternack.com) PE6008-50 BNC feed-thru 50 Ohm terminator is suggested for this purpose.)

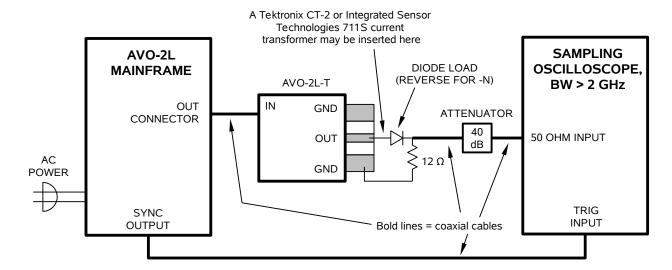
When triggering externally, the instrument can be set such that the output pulse width tracks the pulse width on this input, or the output pulse width can be set independently.

- 6. <u>GPIB Connector</u>. A standard GPIB cable can be attached to this connector to allow the instrument to be computer-controlled. See the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" for more details on GPIB control.
- 7. <u>RS-232 Connector.</u> A standard serial cable with a 25-pin male connector can be attached to this connector to allow the instrument to be computer-controlled. See the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" for more details on RS-232 control.
- 8. <u>AMP Connector</u>. (Optional feature present on -EA units only.) The output amplitude can be set to track the voltage on this input. Zero Volts in corresponds to zero amplitude output, and +10V in corresponds to maximum amplitude out. This mode is activated by selecting "Ext Control" on the front-panel amplitude menu, or with the "source:voltage external" command.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT

The AVO-2L-C should be tested with a sampling oscilloscope with a bandwidth of at least 2 GHz to properly observe the high-speed waveform. A typical test arrangement is shown below:



#### **OUTPUT MODULE**

The AVO-2L-C consists of two parts, the mainframe and the output module. The mainframe is a voltage pulser, designed to operate into 50 Ohm loads. The output module contains a current-doubling transformer, which requires a load impedance of approximately 12.5 Ohms (e.g., a 10 Ohms resistor in series with a diode with 2.5 Ohms of parasitic resistance). The amplitude at the output of the output module ( $V_{\text{OUT}}$ ) can vary from 0 to 25V, when operating into a 12.5 Ohm load, providing up to 2A of current.

When driving a diode load in series with a resistor, the diode current is given by:

$$I_{DIODE} = (V_{OUT} - V_{DIODE}) / (R_{SERIES} + R_{DIODE})$$

where  $V_{\text{DIODE}}$  is the voltage drop across the diode,  $R_{\text{DIODE}}$  is the parasitic resistance of the diode, and  $R_{\text{SERIES}}$  is the resistance of the series resistor.  $R_{\text{SERIES}}$  +  $R_{\text{DIODE}}$  should be equal to 12.5 Ohms.

Aside from providing the required termination, the added series resistance may also be used to monitor the output current waveform. However, better results (i.e., with less distortion) are normally obtained if a current transformer, such as a Tektronix (<a href="http://www.tek.com">http://www.tek.com</a>) CT-2 or an Integrated Sensor Technologies (<a href="http://www.isensortech.com">http://www.isensortech.com</a>) model 711S, is used to measure the current.

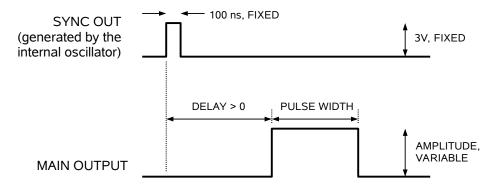
The AVO-2L-T module connects to the AVO-2L mainframe via a 2-foot long miniature coaxial cable. 1/4 watt carbon film or carbon composition resistors may be used for R<sub>SERIES</sub> but all leads must be as short as possible (< 0.1 inch). Solder leads directly to the GND and OUT terminals.

CAUTION: Use moderate heat when soldering to the OUT terminal.

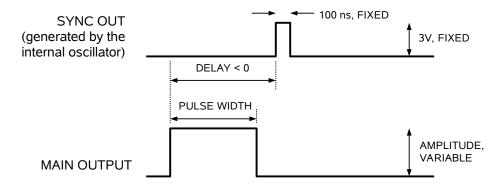
## **BASIC PULSE CONTROL**

This instrument can be triggered by its own internal clock or by an external TTL trigger signal. In either case, two output channels respond to the trigger: OUT and SYNC. The OUT channel is the signal that is applied to the load. Its amplitude and pulse width are variable. The SYNC pulse is a fixed-width TTL-level reference pulse used to trigger oscilloscopes or other measurement systems. When the delay is set to a positive value the SYNC pulse precedes the OUT pulse. When the delay is set to a negative value the SYNC pulse follows the OUT pulse.

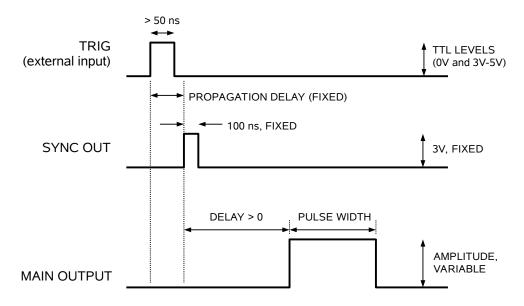
These pulses are illustrated below, assuming internal triggering and a positive delay:



If the delay is negative, the order of the SYNC and OUT pulses is reversed:



The next figure illustrates the relationship between the signal when an external TTL-level trigger is used:



As before, if the delay is negative, the order of the SYNC and OUT pulses is reversed.

The delay, pulse width, and frequency (when in the internal mode), of the OUT pulse can be varied with front panel controls or via the GPIB or RS-232 computer interfaces.

## TRIGGER MODES

This instrument has four trigger modes:

- Internal Trigger: the instrument controls the trigger frequency, and generates the clock internally.
- External Trigger: the instrument is triggered by an external TTL-level clock on the back-panel TRIG connector.
- Manual Trigger: the instrument is triggered by the front-panel "SINGLE PULSE" pushbutton.
- Hold Trigger: the instrument is set to not trigger at all.

These modes can be selected using the front panel trigger menu, or by using the appropriate programming commands. (See the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" for more details.)

# **GATING MODES**

Triggering can be suppressed by a TTL-level signal on the rear-panel GATE connector. The instrument can be set to stop triggering when this input high or low, using the front-panel gate menu or the appropriate programming commands.

## PROTECTING YOUR INSTRUMENT

## TURN OFF INSTRUMENT WHEN NOT IN USE

The lifetime of the switching elements in the pulse generator module is proportional to the running time of the instrument. For this reason the prime power to the instrument should be turned off when the instrument is not in use. In the case of failure, the switching elements are easily replaced following the procedure described in a following section.

## DO NOT EXCEED 20 kHz

The output stage may be damaged if triggered by an external signal at a pulse repetition frequency greater than 20 kHz.

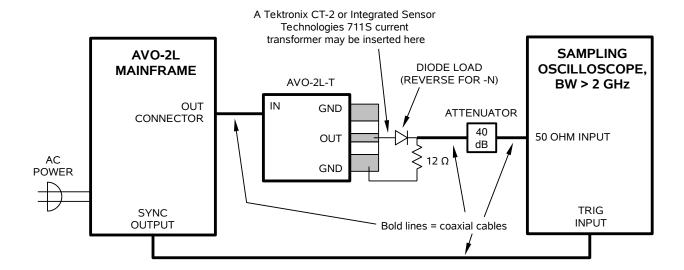
## TERMINATE THE TRANSFORMER PROPERLY

Make sure that the load connected to the output module has approximately 10 to 13 Ohms of series resistance.

#### OPERATIONAL CHECK

This section describes a sequence to confirm the basic operation of the instrument. It should be performed after receiving the instrument. It is a useful learning exercise as well.

Before proceeding with this procedure, finish read this instruction manual thoroughly. Then read the "Local Control" section of the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" thoroughly. The "Local Control" section describes the front panel controls used in this operational check - in particular, the MOVE, CHANGE, and ADJUST controls.



- 1. Connect the pulse generator to a sampling oscilloscope as shown above. Note that:
  - a) The use of 40 dB attenuator at the sampling scope vertical input channel will insure a peak input signal to the sampling scope of less than 1 Volt.
  - b) The TRIG output channel provides TTL level signals (approximately 0 and +3V). To avoid overdriving the TRIG input channel of some scopes, a 20 dB attenuator may be required at the input to the scope trigger channel.
  - c) The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 2 GHz.
  - d) Set the oscilloscope to trigger externally with the vertical setting at 100 mV/div and the horizontal setting at 20 ns/div.
- 2. Turn on the AVO-2L-B. The main menu will appear on the LCD.

- 3. To set the AVO-2L-B to trigger from the internal clock at a PRF of 10 kHz:
  - a) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the frequency menu item. If it is not, press the MOVE button until it is.
  - b) Press the CHANGE button. The frequency submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the frequency is set at 10 kHz.
  - c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Internal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
  - d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
- 4. To set the delay to 100 ns:
  - a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the delay menu item.
  - b) Press the CHANGE button. The delay submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the delay is set at 100 ns.
  - c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
  - d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
- 5. To set the pulse width to 20 ns:
  - a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the pulse width menu item.
  - b) Press the CHANGE button. The pulse width submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the pulse width is set at 20 ns.
  - c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
  - d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
- 6. At this point, nothing should appear on the oscilloscope.
- 7. To enable the output:
  - a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the output menu item.
  - b) Press the CHANGE button. The output submenu will appear.

- c) Press MOVE until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "ON" choice.
- d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
- 8. To change the output amplitude:
  - a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the amplitude menu item.
  - b) Press the CHANGE button. The amplitude submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the amplitude is set at 25V
  - c) Observe the oscilloscope. You should see 20 ns wide, 240 mV pulses (2A  $\times$  12 $\Omega$   $\times$  -40dB = 240 mV). If you do not, you may need to adjust the delay setting to a value more compatible with your sampling oscilloscope. Repeat step 4 if required. You may also need to adjust the sampling scope controls.
  - d) Rotate the ADJUST knob. The amplitude as seen on the oscilloscope should vary. Return it to 25V.
  - e) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
- 9. Try varying the pulse width, by repeating step (5). As you rotate the ADJUST knob, the pulse width on the oscilloscope will change. It should agree with the displayed value.

This completes the operational check.

If desired, the negative-current operation of the instrument may be tested by turning off the instrument, reversing the laser diode connection, and repeating this procedure with negative settings for the current. Beware that connecting the diode in the incorrect direction may drive the diode into breakdown, and possibly damage the diode.

## MECHANICAL INFORMATION

#### TOP COVER REMOVAL

If necessary, the interior of the instrument may be accessed by removing the four Phillips screws on the top panel. With the four screws removed, the top cover may be slid back (and off).

Always disconnect the power cord before opening the instrument.

There are no user-adjustable internal circuits. For repairs other than fuse replacement, please contact Avtech (info@avtechpulse.com) to arrange for the instrument to be returned to the factory for repair.

Caution: High voltages are present inside the instrument during normal operation. Do not operate the instrument with the cover removed.

## **RACK MOUNTING**

A rack mounting kit is available. The -R5 rack mount kit may be installed after first removing the one Phillips screw on the side panel adjacent to the front handle.

## **ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE**

To prevent electromagnetic interference with other equipment, all used outputs should be connected to shielded  $50\Omega$  loads using shielded  $50\Omega$  coaxial cables. Unused outputs should be terminated with shielded  $50\Omega$  coaxial terminators or with shielded coaxial dust caps, to prevent unintentional electromagnetic radiation. All cords and cables should be less than 3m in length.

## MAINTENANCE

## **REGULAR MAINTENANCE**

This instrument does not require any regular maintenance.

On occasion, one or more of the four rear-panel fuses may require replacement. All fuses can be accessed from the rear panel. See the "FUSES" section for details.

## **CLEANING**

If desired, the interior of the instrument may be cleaned using compressed air to dislodge any accumulated dust. (See the "TOP COVER REMOVAL" section for instructions on accessing the interior.) No other cleaning is recommended.

## PROGRAMMING YOUR PULSE GENERATOR

#### **KEY PROGRAMMING COMMANDS**

The "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" describes in detail how to connect the pulse generator to your computer, and the programming commands themselves. A large number of commands are available; however, normally you will only need a few of these. Here is a basic sample sequence of commands that might be sent to the instrument after power-up:

\*rst (resets the instrument)
trigger:source internal
frequency 1000 Hz
pulse:width 10 ns
pulse:delay 200 ns
volt 20 (sets the frequency to 1000 Hz)
(sets the frequency to 1000 Hz)
(sets the pulse width to 10 ns)
(sets the delay to 200 ns)
(sets the amplitude to 20 V)
output on (turns on the output)

For triggering a single event, this sequence would be more appropriate:

\*rst (resets the instrument) trigger:source hold (turns off all triggering)

pulse:width 10 ns (sets the pulse width to 10 ns)

output on (turns on the output) volt 20 (sets the amplitude to 20 V)

trigger:source immediate (generates a single non-repetitive trigger event)

trigger:source hold (turns off all triggering) output off (turns off the output)

To set the instrument to trigger from an external TTL input:

\*rst (resets the instrument)
trigger:source external
pulse:width 10 ns
pulse:delay 200 ns
volt 20 (sets the pulse width to 10 ns)
volt 20 (sets the delay to 200 ns)
volt 20 (sets the amplitude to 20 V)
output on (turns on the output)

These commands will satisfy 90% of your programming needs.

## **ALL PROGRAMMING COMMANDS**

For more advanced programmers, a complete list of the available commands is given below. These commands are described in detail in the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments". (Note: this manual also includes some commands that are not implemented in this instrument. They can be ignored.)

<u>Keyword</u>	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Notes</u>
LOCAL OUTPut:		
:[STATe]	<boolean value=""></boolean>	
:PROTection :TRIPped?		[query only]
REMOTE		[400.9 09]
[SOURce]: :FREQuency		
[:CW   FIXed]	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
[SOURce]:		
:PULSe :PERiod	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
:WIDTh	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
:DCYCle :HOLD	<numeric value=""> WIDTh   DCYCle</numeric>	
:DELay	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
:GATE	I II ah I I Ow	
:LEVel [SOURce]:	HIgh   LOw	
:VOLTage		
[:LEVel] [:IMMediate]		
[:AMPLitude]	<numeric value="">   EXTernal</numeric>	
:PROTection		[quant anly]
:TRIPped? STATUS:		[query only]
:OPERation		[
:[EVENt]? :CONDition?		[query only, always returns "0"] [query only, always returns "0"]
:ENABle	<numeric value=""></numeric>	[implemented but not useful]
:QUEStionable :[EVENt]?		[query only, always returns "0"]
:CONDition?		[query only, always returns "0"]
:ENABle	<numeric value=""></numeric>	[implemented but not useful]
SYSTem: :COMMunicate		
:GPIB		
:ADDRess :SERial	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
:CONTrol		
:RTS	ON   IBFull   RFR	
:[RECeive] :BAUD	1200   2400   4800   96	00
:BITS	7   8	
:ECHO :PARity	<boolean value=""></boolean>	
:[TYPE]	EVEN   ODD   NONE	

:SBITS	1   2	
:ERRor :[NEXT]? :COUNT? :VERSion? TRIGger:		[query only] [query only] [query only]
:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal	MANual   HOLD   IMMediate
*CLS *ESE	<numeric value=""></numeric>	[no query form]
*ESR? *IDN?		[query only] [query only]
*OPC		[query orny]
*SAV	0 1 2 3	[no query form]
*RCL	0   1   2   3	[no query form]
*RST		[no query form]
*SRE	<numeric value=""></numeric>	
*STB?		[query only]
*TST?		[query only]
*WAI		[no query form]

# PERFORMANCE CHECKSHEET