

INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVO-6A1-C-P PULSE GENERATOR

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FIG. 1: PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT
(AVO-6A1-T OUTPUT MODULE REMOVED)

GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 500 MHz.
- 2) The use of 50 dB attenuator at the scope vertical input channel will insure a peak input signal to the scope of less than one Volt (necessary only if sampling scope used). If a high impedance real time scope is used, the pulse generator should be terminated using a shunt 50 Ohm resistor.
- 3) The TRIG output channel provides TTL level signals. To avoid overdriving the TRIG input channel of some scopes, a 30 dB attenuator should be placed at the input to the scope trigger channel. The TRIG output precedes the main output when the front panel ADVANCE-DELAY switch is in the ADVANCE position. The TRIG output lags the main output when the switch is in the DELAY position.
- 4) To obtain a stable output display the PW and PRF controls on the front panel should be set mid range. The front panel TRIG toggle switch should be in the INT position. The DELAY controls and the scope triggering controls are then adjusted to obtain a stable output. The scope may then be used to set the desired PRF by rotating the PRF controls.
- 5) The output pulse width is controlled by means of the front panel one turn PW control and two-position range switch as follows:

50 ns to 500 ns
500 ns to 5.0 us
- 6) The output pulse amplitude is controlled by means of the front panel one turn AMP control.
- 7) To voltage control the output pulse width, set the rear panel switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10V between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} \geq 10K$). (option).
- 8) To voltage control the output amplitude, set the rear panel switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10V between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} \geq 10K$). (option).

- 9) AVR units with a serial number higher than 5600 are protected by an automatic overload protective circuit which controls the front panel overload light. If the unit is overloaded (by operating at an exceedingly high duty cycle or by operating into a short circuit), the protective circuit will turn the output of the instrument OFF and turn the indicator light ON. The light will stay ON (i.e. output OFF) for about 5 seconds after which the instrument will attempt to turn ON (i.e. light OFF) for about 1 second. If the overload condition persists, the instrument will turn OFF again (i.e. light ON) for another 5 seconds. If the overload condition has been removed, the instrument will turn on and resume normal operation. Overload conditions may be removed by:
- 1) Reducing PRF (i.e. switch to a lower range)
 - 2) Reducing pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)
 - 3) Removing output load short circuit (if any)
- 10) An external clock may be used to control the output PRF of the AVR unit by setting the front panel TRIG toggle switch in the EXT position and applying a 50 ns (or wider) TTL level pulse to the TRIG BNC connector input.
- 11) The unit can be converted from 120 to 240V 50-60 Hz operation by adjusting the voltage selector card in the rear panel fused voltage selector-cable connector assembly.
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FIG. 2: PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT
(AVO-6A1-T OUTPUT MODULE CONNECTED)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 1) A general description of the AVO-6A1-T module is given in FIG. 3.
- 2) The AVO-6A1-T module should be connected to the AVO-6A1-C mainframe via the supplied 24" RG174 cable.
- 3) The laser diode is solder-connected between the OUT and GND terminals on the side of the AVO-6A1-T module.
- 4) A 1 Ohm series resistor may be used as shown in FIG. 2 in order to monitor the diode current waveform. However, with this method, very pronounced overshoot on the leading and falling edges will be observed. This overshoot may be "avoided" by employing a high-speed current probe (transformer) such as the AMERICAN LASER MODEL 711S or TEKTRONIX MODEL CT1.
- 5) The mainframe provides a voltage pulse of up to 55 Volts to the 50 Ohms in series with the laser diode in the AVO-6A1-T module (to provide a maximum current of 1 Ampere).

FIG. 3: AVO-6A1-T

FIG. 4: FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

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- 1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- 2) PRF Control. Varies PRF from 1 Hz to 10 kHz as follows:
 - Range 1 10 Hz to 100 Hz
 - Range 2 100 Hz to 1 kHz
 - Range 3 1 kHz to 10 kHz
- 3) DELAY Control. Controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the TRIG output (4) and the main output (5). This delay is variable over the range of 0 to about 0.5 us (Range 1) or 0.5 to 5.0 us (Range 2). The TRIG output precedes the main output when the ADVANCE-DELAY switch is in the ADVANCE position and lags when the switch is in the DELAY position.
- 4) TRIG Output. This output is used to trigger the scope time base. The output is a TTL level 100 ns (approx.) pulse capable of driving a fifty Ohm load.
- 5) OUT Connector. SMA connector provides output to output module (55 Volts to 50 Ohms).
- 6) PW Control. A pot control and two-position range switch which vary the output pulse width as follows:
 - 50 ns to 500 ns
 - 500 ns to 5.0 us
- 7) AMP Control. A one-turn pot control which varies the output pulse amplitude from 0 to 55 V to a 50 Ohm load.
- 8) EXT-INT Control. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the AVO unit is controlled via an internal clock which in turn is controlled by the PRF controls. With the toggle switch in the EXT position, the AVO unit requires a 50 ns (or wider) TTL level pulse applied at the TRIG input in order to trigger the output stages. In addition, in this mode, the scope time base must be triggered by the external trigger source.

- 9) OVERLOAD INDICATOR. AVO units with a serial number higher than 5600 are protected by an automatic overload protective circuit which controls the front panel overload light. If the unit is overloaded (by operating at an exceedingly high duty cycle or by operating into a short circuit), the protective circuit will turn the output of the instrument OFF and turn the indicator light ON. The light will stay ON (i.e. output OFF) for about 5 seconds after which the instrument will attempt to turn ON (i.e. light OFF) for about 1 second. If the overload condition persists, the instrument will turn OFF again (i.e. light ON) for another 5 seconds. If the overload condition has been removed, the instrument will turn on and resume normal operation. Overload conditions may be removed by:
- 1) Reducing PRF (i.e. switch to a lower range)
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 - 3) Removing output load short circuit (if any)

FIG. 5: BACK PANEL CONTROLS

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- 1) FUSED CONNECTOR, VOLTAGE SELECTOR. The detachable power cord is connected at this point. In addition, the removable cord is adjusted to select the desired input operating voltage. The unit also contains the main power fuse (0.5 A SB).
- 2) 1.0A SB. Fuse which protects the output stage if the output duty cycle rating is exceeded.
- 3) To voltage control the output pulse width, set the switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10V to connector A ($R_{IN} \geq 10K$). (EW option).
- 4) To voltage control the output amplitude, set the switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10V to connector A ($R_{IN} \geq 10K$). (EA option).

FIG. 6: AVO-6A1-C-P-CTK1

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

The AVO-6A1-C consists of the following basic modules:

- 1) AVO-6A1-PG pulse generator module
- 2) AVO-CL2 clock module
- 3) +24V power supply board
- 4) AVO-OL overload module
- 5) AVO-6A1-T output module

The modules are interconnected as shown in Fig. 6. The clock module controls the output PRF and the relative delay between the main output and the SYNC outputs. The PG pulse generator modules generate the output pulse. In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the rear panel 1.0A SB fuse may have failed due to an output short circuit condition or to a high duty cycle condition. If the fuse is not defective, then the four Phillips screws on the back panel should be removed. The top cover may then be slid off and operation of the clock and power supply modules should be checked. The clock module is functioning properly if:

- a) 0.1 us TTL level outputs are observed at pins 2 and 3.
- b) The PRF of the outputs can be varied over the range of 1 Hz to 10 kHz using the PRF controls.
- c) The relative delay between the pin 2 and 3 outputs can be varied by at least 5 us by the DELAY controls.

The sealed clock module must be returned to Avtech for repair or replacement if the above conditions are not observed. The power supply board generates +24V DC to power the other modules. If the voltage is less than +24V, turn off the prime power and unsolder the lead from the 7824 regulator chip on the power supply board. Solder a 100 Ohm, 5 Watt resistor to the 7824 output to ground and turn on the prime power. A voltage of +24 Volts should be read. If the voltage is less then the power supply board is defective and should be repaired or replaced. If the clock module is functional and the power supply level is correct then the -PG module is defective and the entire instrument should be returned to Avtech for repair.

PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET