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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

MODEL AVP-AV-1S-C
5 VOLT, 1 MHz
HIGH SPEED PULSE GENERATOR
WITH 60 ps RISE TIME, 200 ps FALL TIME

SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### INTRODUCTION

The AVP-AV-1S-C is a high performance instrument capable of generating up to 5V into  $50\Omega$  loads at repetition rates up to 1 MHz. The rise time is less than 60 ps, and the fall time is less than 200 ps. The pulse width is variable from 0.2 to 4 ns.

Instruments with the "-P" model suffix can generate up to +5V, whereas instruments with the "-N" model suffix can generate up to -5V.

Instruments with the "-P-PN" suffix generate up to +5V at the main output, and are supplied with an inverting transformer that can be installed on the output to generate a negative signal.

Instruments with the "-N-PN" suffix generate up to -5V at the main output, and are supplied with an inverting transformer that can be installed on the output to generate a positive signal.

The output is designed to drive  $50\Omega$  loads. (A  $50\Omega$  load is required for proper operation.) The output is AC-coupled.

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

### **AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

The AVP-AV-1S-C is available with several options:

- -EA Option: the output amplitude can be controlled by an externally generated 0 to +10V analog control voltage.
- -EO Option: the output offset can be controlled by an externally generated 0 to +10V analog control voltage.
- -EW Option: the output pulse width can be controlled by an externally generated 0 to +10V analog control voltage.
- -M Option: a monitor output is provided.
- -OS Option: an externally generated DC offset can be added to the output.
- -OT Option: an internally generated DC offset, controlled by a front-panel dial, can be added to the output.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

| Model:  | AVP-AV-1S-C1  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Maximum amplitude <sup>3,4,8</sup> : (50Ω load)           | 5 Volts   |  |  |
| Pulse width (FWHM) <sup>3</sup> :                         | 0.2 - 4 ns  |  |  |
| PRF: external trigger mode:                               | 0 Hz to 1 MHz   |  |  |
| internal trigger:   |   |  |  |
| Rise time (20%-80%) <sup>7,8</sup> :                      | ≤ 60 ps   |  |  |
| Fall time (80%-20%) <sup>7,8</sup> :                      | ≤ 200 ps  |  |  |
| Polarity:   | Specify -P, -N, -PN   |  |  |
| Dual-Polarity Option Style:<br>(not available on modules) | Two outputs (+ and -).<br>Only one active at a time.  |  |  |
| Required load impedance:                                  | 50 Ohms <sup>14</sup>   |  |  |
| Two channel option:                                       | Optional <sup>7</sup> .   |  |  |
| Double pulse option:                                      | Not available.  |  |  |
| Propagation delay:  | ≤ 70 ns (Ext trig in to pulse out)  |  |  |
| Jitter, Ext trig in to pulse out:                         | -C units and Modules: ±15 ps -B units: ±35ps ± 0.015% of sync delay   |  |  |
| Trigger modes:  | Internal trigger, or external trigger (TTL level pulse, $>$ 50 ns, 1 k $\Omega$ input impedance)  |  |  |
| Variable delay:   | 0 to 200 ns, for internal trigger mode only. No variable delay in external trigger mode   |  |  |
| Sync output:  | +3 Volts, > 50 ns, will drive 50 Ohm loads  |  |  |
| DC offset or bias insertion:                              | Optional $^{10}$ . Apply required DC offset or bias in the range of $\pm$ 50V (250 mA max) to back panel solder terminal.   |  |  |
| Monitor output option <sup>11</sup> :                     | Provides a 20 dB (x10) attenuated coincident replica of main output   |  |  |
| Connectors: OUT, MONITOR: TRIG:                           | SMA<br>BNC  |  |  |
| Optional accessory kit: (attenuators and terminators)     | Add the suffix "-AK1" to the model number to include the recommended accessory kit. Consists of three SMA, 18 GHz, 2 Watt attenuators (10, 20 & 30 dB) for use on the output, and two 50 Ohm, 1 GHz, 1 Watt feed-through terminators (one SMA, one BNC) for use on external trigger inputs.   |  |  |
| Optional accessory kit:<br>(coaxial cables and adapters)  | Add the suffix "-AK8" to the model number to include the recommended accessory kit.  Consists of one 12-inch SMA-M/SMA-M PE-SR405FL coaxial cable, one 12-inch SMA-M/SMA-M RG-316 coaxial cable, one 36-inch SMA-M/SMA-M RG-316 coaxial cable, one 24-inch SMA-M/BNC-M RG-316 coaxial cable, one 36-inch BNC-M/BNC-M RG58C/U coaxial cable, one SMA-F to BNC-M adapter, one SMA-M to BNC-F adapter, one SMA-F to SMA-F adapter, and one SMA-F to solder cup adapter |  |  |
| Temperature range:  | +5°C to +40°C   |  |  |
| Other: Power requirements: Dimensions: Chassis material:  | 100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz<br>100 × 430 × 375 mm (3.9" × 17" × 14.8")<br>anodized aluminum, with blue plastic trim   |  |  |

- -C suffix indicates stand-alone lab instrument with internal clock and line powering. No suffix indicates miniature module requiring DC power and external
- trigger. (See <a href="http://www.avtechpulse.com/formats">http://www.avtechpulse.com/formats</a> for details of the four basic instrument formats).

  -B suffix indicates IEEE-488.2 GPIB and RS-232 control of amplitude, pulse width, PRF and delay (See <a href="http://www.avtechpulse.com/gpib">http://www.avtechpulse.com/gpib</a>).

  For analog electronic control (0 to +10V) of amplitude, pulse width or DC offset suffix model number with -EA or -EW or -EO. Electronic control units also 3. include standard front-panel controls. -EW not available on -B units.
- 4. 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
- For 20-500 ns pulse width, suffix model number with -W500. Rise times increase to 150 ps for -W500 units.
- 6. Indicate desired polarity by suffixing model number by -P or -N (i.e. positive or negative) or -P-PN or -N-PN for dual-polarity option where the suffix preceding -PN indicates the polarity at the mainframe output port.
- For the two channel option, add the suffix -2CHPP for two positive outputs, the suffix -2CHNN for two negative outputs, or the suffix -2CHPN for the one positive output and one negative output.
- For the double pulse option add the suffix -DPP for a unipolar output, and add the suffix -DPN for a bipolar output. These options cause the maximum amplitude to be reduced by 30%, and increase the rise and fall times by 50 ps. 8.
- Add the suffix -VXI to the model number to specify the Ethernet port.
- For externally applied DC offset option suffix model number with -OS. The Avtech AVX-T bias tee can also be used to obtain DC offset. For internally 10. generated DC offset option (0 to  $\pm 5$ V) add suffix -OT or -EO to model number. (The -OT option is controlled by a front-panel dial, whereas the -EO option can be controlled by a front-panel dial or by an external 0 to +10V voltage). -OT, -EO not available on modules.
- For monitor option add suffix -M.
- For positive output only. Maximum amplitude for negative output is 35V. Typically < 100 ps at minimum pulse width. Increases at wider pulse widths. 12
- 13.
- 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.

## **REGULATORY NOTES**

#### FCC PART 18

This device complies with part 18 of the FCC rules for non-consumer industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment.

This instrument is enclosed in a rugged metal chassis and uses a filtered power entry module (where applicable). The main output signal is provided on a shielded connector that is intended to be used with shielded coaxial cabling and a shielded load. Under these conditions, the interference potential of this instrument is low.

If interference is observed, check that appropriate well-shielded cabling is used on the output connectors. Contact Avtech (info@avtechpulse.com) for advice if you are unsure of the most appropriate cabling. Also, check that your load is adequately shielded. It may be necessary to enclose the load in a metal enclosure.

If any of the connectors on the instrument are unused, they should be covered with shielded metal "dust caps" to reduce the interference potential.

This instrument does not normally require regular maintenance to minimize interference potential. However, if loose hardware or connectors are noted, they should be tightened. Contact Avtech (info@avtechpulse.com) if you require assistance.

### **EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**



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declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 2004/108/EG 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

#### DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU (RoHS)

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declare that, to the best of our knowledge, all electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) sold by the company are in compliance with Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (also known as "RoHS Recast"). In addition, this declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of Avtech Electrosystems Ltd. Specifically, products manufactured do not contain the substances listed in the table below in concentrations greater than the listed maximum value.

| Material/Substance                    | Threshold level           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lead (Pb)                             | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Mercury (Hg)                          | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+)            | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)        | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Polybrominated Diphenyl ethers (PBDE) | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Cadmium (Cd)                          | < 100 ppm (0.01% by mass) |

#### DIRECTIVE 2002/96/EC (WEEE)

European customers who have purchased this equipment directly from Avtech will have completed a "WEEE Responsibility Agreement" form, accepting responsibility for WEEE compliance (as mandated in Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Union and local laws) on behalf of the customer, as provided for under Article 9 of Directive 2002/96/EC.

Customers who have purchased Avtech equipment through local representatives should consult with the representative to determine who has responsibility for WEEE

compliance. Normally, such responsibilities with lie with the representative, unless other arrangements (under Article 9) have been made.

Requirements for WEEE compliance may include registration of products with local governments, reporting of recycling activities to local governments, and financing of recycling activities.



## AC POWER SUPPLY REGULATORY NOTES

This instrument converts the AC input power to the +24V DC voltage that powers the internal circuitry of this instrument using a Tamura AAD130SD-60-A switching power supply. According to the manufacturer, the Tamura AAD130SD-60-A has the following certifications:

UL60950-1 IEC60950 -1 CSA C22.2 No. 60950- 1 EN60950 -1

and is compliant with:

EN61000-3-2 EN61000-4-2 Level 2 EN61000-4-2 Level 3 (Air Only) EN61000-4-4 Level 3 EN61000-4-5 Level 3 EN61000-4-11

CISPR 11 and 22 FCC Part 15 Class B (conducted)

#### **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.)

Warning: Failure to use a grounded outlet may result in injury or death due to electric shock. This product uses a power cord with a ground connection. It must be connected to a properly grounded outlet. The instrument chassis is connected to the ground wire in the power cord.

The table below describes the power cord that is normally supplied with this instrument, depending on the destination region:

| Destination Region                                | Description Option Mar                         |       | Manufacturer | Part Number |
|---|--|-------|--------------|-------------|
| United Kingdom, Hong Kong,<br>Singapore, Malaysia | BS 1363,<br>230V, 50 Hz                        | -AC00 | Qualtek      | 370001-E01  |
| Australia, New Zealand                            | AS 3112:2000,<br>230-240V, 50 Hz -AC           |       | Qualtek      | 374003-A01  |
| Continental Europe, Korea,<br>Indonesia, Russia   | European CEE 7/7<br>"Schuko" 230V, 50 Hz -AC02 |       | Qualtek      | 364002-D01  |
| North America, Taiwan                             | NEMA 5-15,<br>120V, 60 Hz                      | -AC03 | Qualtek      | 312007-01   |
| Switzerland                                       | SEV 1011,<br>230V, 50 Hz                       | -AC06 | Qualtek      | 378001-E01  |
| South Africa, India                               | SABS 164-1,<br>220-250V, 50 Hz                 | -AC17 | Volex        | 2131H 10 C3 |
| Japan   | JIS 8303,<br>100V, 50-60 Hz                    | -AC18 | Qualtek      | 397002-01   |
| Israel  | SI 32,<br>220V, 50 Hz                          | -AC19 | Qualtek      | 398001-01   |
| China   | GB 1002-1,<br>220V, 50 Hz                      | -AC22 | Volex        | 2137H 10 C3 |

#### PROTECTION FROM ELECTRIC SHOCK

Operators of this instrument must be protected from electric shock at all times. The owner must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or are insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Operators must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. This instrument is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with safety precautions required to avoid possibly injury. In particular, operators should:

- 1. Keep exposed high-voltage wiring to an absolute minimum.
- 2. Wherever possible, use shielded connectors and cabling.
- 3. Connect and disconnect loads and cables only when the instrument is turned off.
- 4. Keep in mind that all cables, connectors, oscilloscope probes, and loads must have an appropriate voltage rating.
- 5. Do not attempt any repairs on the instrument, beyond the fuse replacement procedures described in this manual. Contact Avtech technical support (see page 2 for contact information) if the instrument requires servicing. Service is to be performed solely by qualified service personnel.

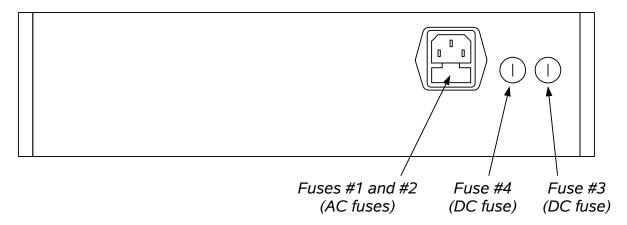
## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

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.

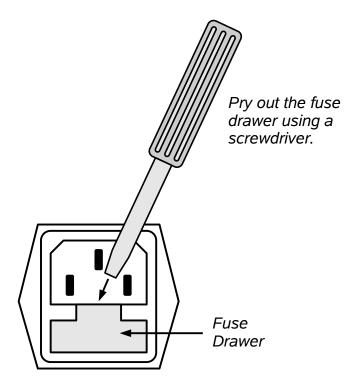
## **FUSES**

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**

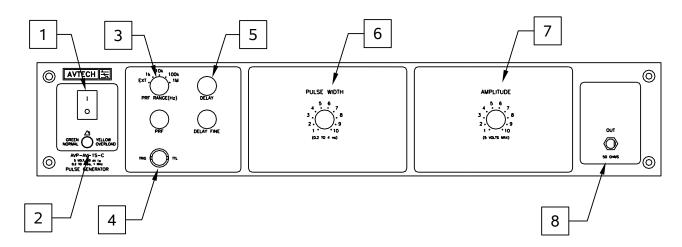
The following table lists the required fuses:

|             | Nominal  |                           | Nominal Recommended Replacement |                 | Replacement Part |
|-------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Fuses       | Mains    | Rating                    | Case Size                       | Littelfuse Part | Digi-Key Stock   |
|             | Voltage  |                           |                                 | Number          | Number           |
| #1, #2 (AC) | 100-240V | 0.5A, 250V,<br>Time-Delay | 5×20 mm                         | 0218.500HXP     | F2416-ND         |
| #3 (DC)     | N/A      | 0.8A, 250V,<br>Time-Delay | 5×20 mm                         | 0218.800HXP     | F2418-ND         |
| #4 (DC)     | N/A      | 0.5A, 250V,<br>Time-Delay | 5×20 mm                         | 0218.500HXP     | F2416-ND         |

The recommended fuse manufacturer is Littelfuse (http://www.littelfuse.com).

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

#### FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



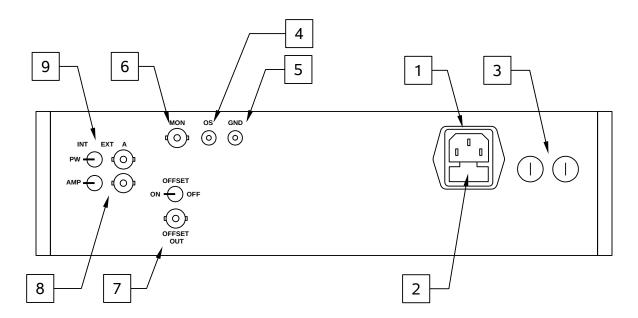
- 1) <u>POWER Switch</u>. This is the main power switch. When turning the instrument on, there may be a delay of several seconds before the instrument appears to respond.
- 2) OVERLOAD Indicator. When the instrument is powered, this indicator is normally green, indicating normal operation. If this indicator 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.

- 3) <u>PRF Range Switch</u>. This switch sets the pulse repetition frequency (PRF) range of the internal oscillator. The marked value of each position is the upper limit of the 10:1 range, approximately. The vernier dial directly below the switch varies the PRF within the set range.
  - If this switched is set to the "EXT" position, the instrument is triggered by a signal applied to the TRIG connector, rather than by the internal oscillator.
- 4) TRIG Connector. When the PRF Range Switch is set to "EXT", the instrument is triggered by a TTL pulse applied to this connector. The pulse must be at least 50 ns wide.
  - When the PRF Range Switch is set to one of the four internal oscillator ranges, this connector is an output, which supplies a 2V, 200 ns wide pulse for each trigger

- event. This output may be used to trigger oscilloscopes or other equipment.
- 5) <u>Delay Controls</u>. When the PRF Range Switch is set to one of the four internal oscillator ranges, the main output is advanced or delayed relative to the TRIG output pulse (item 3). The delay is variable up to 200 ns, approximately, using the DELAY and DELAY FINE dials.
- 6) Pulse Width Control. This dial controls the pulse width.
- 7) <u>Amplitude Control</u>. This dial controls the amplitude.
- 8) OUT Connector. This SMA connector provides the main output. This output requires a  $50\Omega$  load to function properly.

#### REAR PANEL CONTROLS



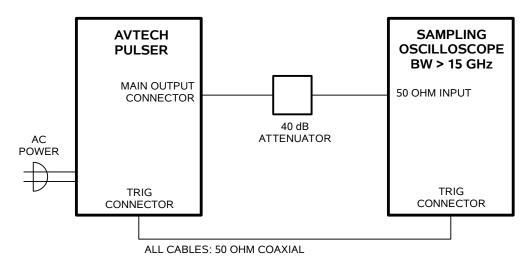
- 1. <u>AC POWER INPUT</u>. An IEC-320 C14 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket.
- 2. <u>AC FUSE DRAWER</u>. The two fuses that protect 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>OS INPUT CONNECTOR</u>. (Present on units with -OS option only.) A DC offset in the range of ±50V (250 mA max) may be applied to this solder terminal. The DC offset will appear on the output. When this feature is not used, the OS input should be connected to ground (using the adjacent GND connector). This is especially important when driving loads containing a diode.
- 5. <u>GND CONNECTOR</u>. (Present on units with -OS option only.) This solder terminal is connected to ground. It may be used to ground the OS input connector.
- 6. <u>MON OUTPUT CONNECTOR</u>. (Present on units with -M option only.) This SMA connector output provides a 20 dB attenuated coincident replica of main output, for monitoring purposes.
- 7. OFFSET ON/OFF SWITCH & OUTPUT. (Present on units with -EO or -OT options only). This switch enables the offset feature when it is set to "ON". When it is set to "OFF", no offset is added to the output. The internally generated offset is available at the "OFFSET OUT" BNC connector, for monitoring purposes. To add an offset to inverted pulses on units with the dual polarity option (-PN), connect this terminal to

- the DC terminal of the inverting transformer (see the "POLARITY INVERSION" sections in this manual for further details).
- 8. <u>AMP SWITCH & INPUT</u>. (Present on units with -EA option only.) To control the output amplitude with an external voltage, set the rear-panel switch to the "EXT" position and apply 0 to +10V to the adjacent connector ( $R_{IN} \ge 10k\Omega$ ).
- 9. <u>PW SWITCH & INPUT</u>. (Present on units with -EW option only.) To control the output pulse width with an external voltage, set the rear-panel switch to the "EXT" position and apply 0 to +10V to the adjacent connector ( $R_{IN} \ge 10 k\Omega$ ).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT

The AVP-AV-1S-C should be tested with a sampling oscilloscope with a bandwidth of at least 15 GHz to properly observe the high-speed waveform. (The cables and attenuators must also have a bandwidth of at least 15 GHz.) A typical test arrangement is shown below:



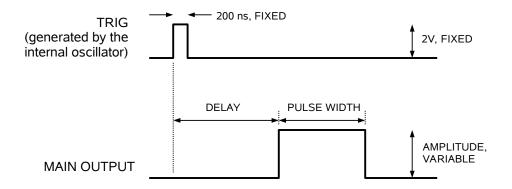
The attenuators are required to prevent damage to the sampling oscilloscope. A 40 dB attenuator with sufficient voltage rating should be used on the main output. Factory tests are conducted using Mini-Circuits model BW-S20W2+ attenuators.

#### BASIC PULSE CONTROL

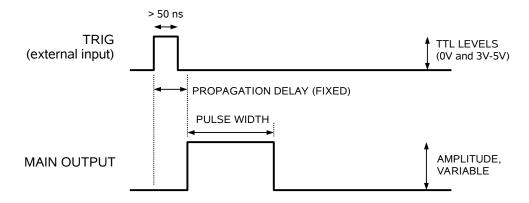
This instrument can be triggered by its own internal clock or by an external TTL trigger signal. When triggered internally, two mainframe output channels respond to the trigger: OUT and SYNC.

- OUT. This is the main output. The maximum output voltage is 5V.
- TRIG. The TRIG pulse is a fixed-width TTL-level reference pulse used to trigger oscilloscopes or other measurement systems.

The TRIG output precedes the main output. These pulses are illustrated below:



When triggered externally, the TRIG connector acts as an input. The delay controls do not function in this mode. This illustrated below:



#### AMPLITUDE INTERACTION

Some properties of the output pulse may change as a function of the amplitude setting. For some demanding applications, it may be desirable to use a combination of external attenuators and the amplitude pot to achieve the desired output amplitude.

## **OPERATION AT LOW AMPLITUDES**

This instrument will generate the best waveforms when operated near maximum amplitude. If amplitudes less than  $\sim 20\%$  of the full-scale value are desired, better results will be obtained if the pulse generator is operated at a higher amplitude, and an attenuator is connected to the output.

Avtech recommends the BW-SxxW2+ series of 18 GHz coaxial attenuators from Mini-Circuits, <a href="http://www.minicircuits.com/">http://www.minicircuits.com/</a>. (The "xx" in the part number is replaced with the numeric attenuation value in dB).

### POLARITY INVERSION

Instruments with the "-P-PN" suffix generate up to +5V at the main output, and are supplied with an inverting transformer that can be installed on the mainframe output. A negative pulse is then obtained at the out port of the transformer module.

Instruments with the "-N-PN" suffix generate up to -5V at the main output, and are supplied with an inverting transformer that can be installed on the mainframe output. A positive pulse is then obtained at the out port of the transformer module.

When using the transformer with dual-polarity models with the "-OS" option, the external offset must be added to the DC terminal of the inverting transformer. Do not apply the offset to the rear-panel offset terminal on the mainframe (if present).

#### MINIMIZING WAVEFORM DISTORTIONS

#### USE 50Ω TRANSMISSION LINES AND LOADS

Connect the load to the pulse generator with  $50\Omega$  transmission lines (e.g. RG-58 or RG-174 cable).

This instrument requires a  $50\Omega$  load for proper operation. It will not properly drive a high-impedance load. The output stage will be damaged if it is operated into an open circuit (or any other high impedance). Failures due to improper output loading are not covered by the warranty.

#### **USE LOW-INDUCTANCE LOADS**

Lenz's Law predicts that for an inductive voltage spike will be generated when the current through an inductance changes. Specifically,  $V_{\text{SPIKE}} = L \times dI_{\text{LOAD}}/dt$ , where L is the inductance,  $I_{\text{LOAD}}$  is the load current change, and t is time. For this reason, it is important to keep any parasitic in the load low. This means keeping wiring short, and using low inductance components. In particular, wire-wound resistors should be avoided.

#### PREVENTING DAMAGE

The AVP-AV-1S-C may fail if triggered at a PRF greater than 1 MHz.

This unit is designed to operate into a load impedance of 50 Ohms and the output stage will be damaged if it is operated into an open circuit (or any other high impedance). Failures due to improper output loading are not covered by the warranty.

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.

#### 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 and allow the instrument to sit unpowered for 10 minutes before opening the instrument. This will allow any internal stored charge to discharge.

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. Service is to be performed solely by qualified service personnel.

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

#### 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.

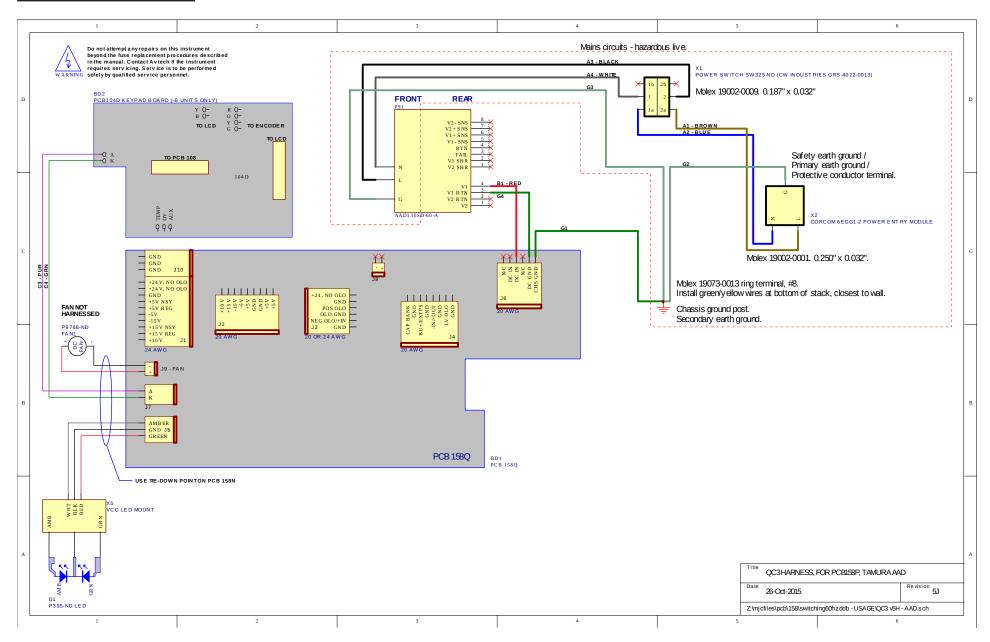
On occasion, one or more of the four rear-panel fuses may require replacement. All fuses can be accessed from the rear panel. See the "FUSES" section for details.

## **CLEANING**

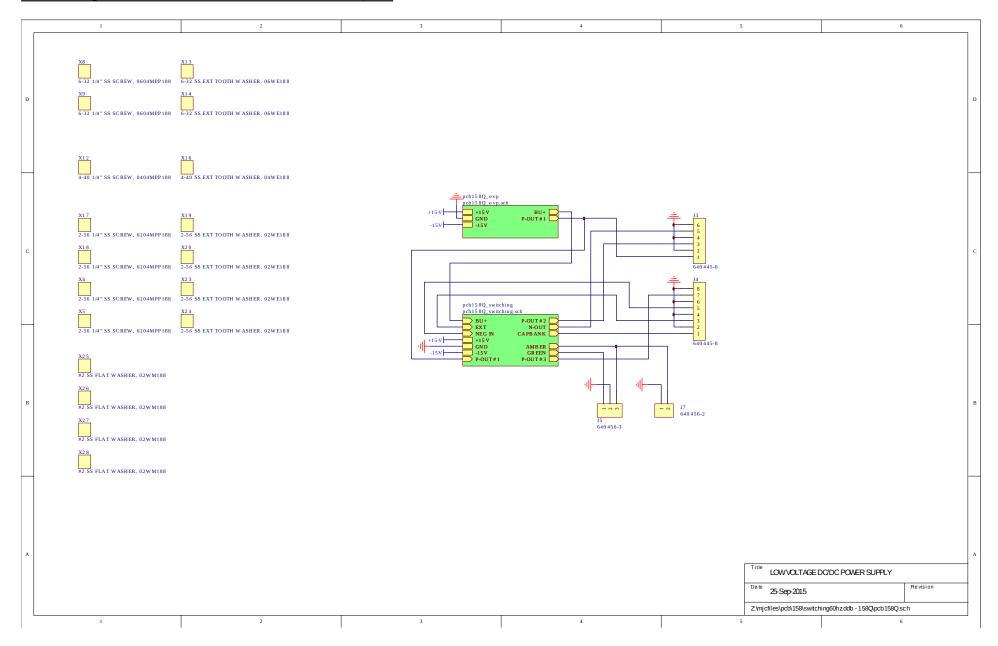
If desired, the interior of the instrument may be cleaned using compressed air to dislodge any accumulated dust. (See the "TOP COVER REMOVAL" section for instructions on accessing the interior.) No other cleaning is recommended.

## WIRING DIAGRAMS

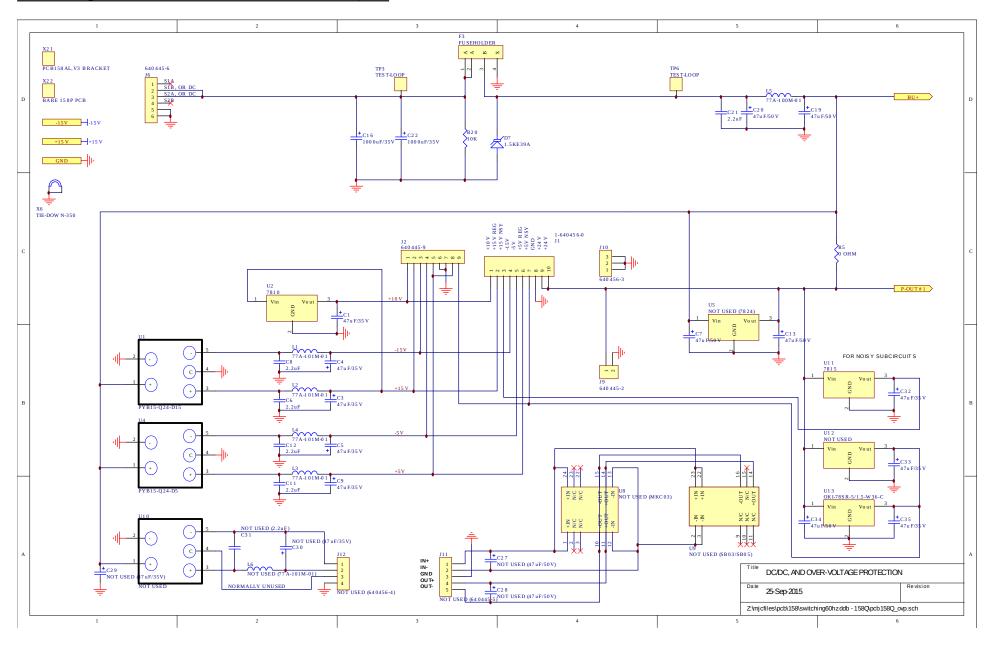
## WIRING OF AC POWER



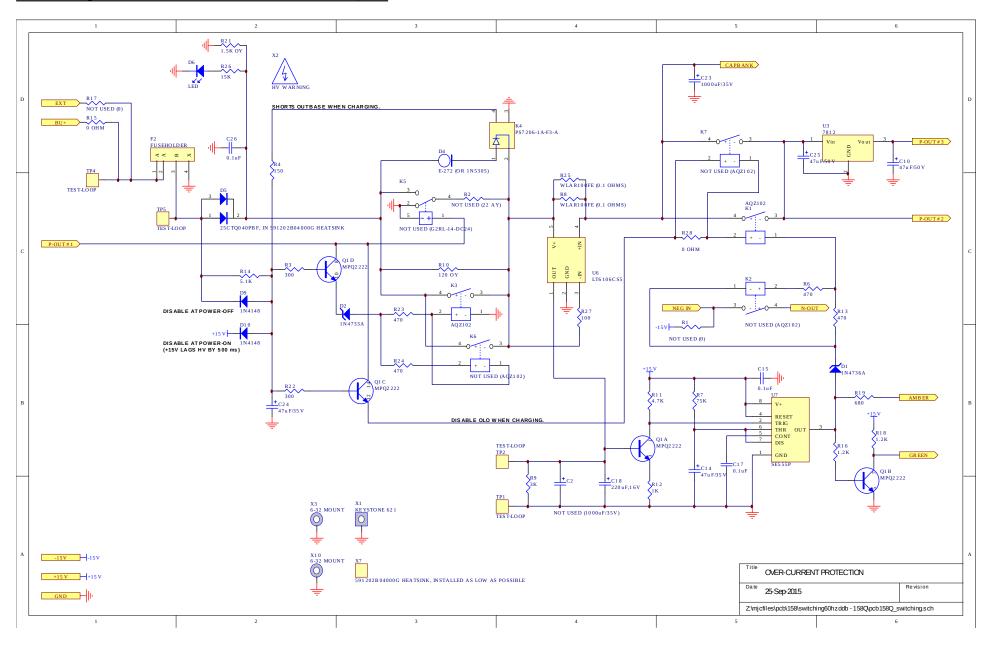
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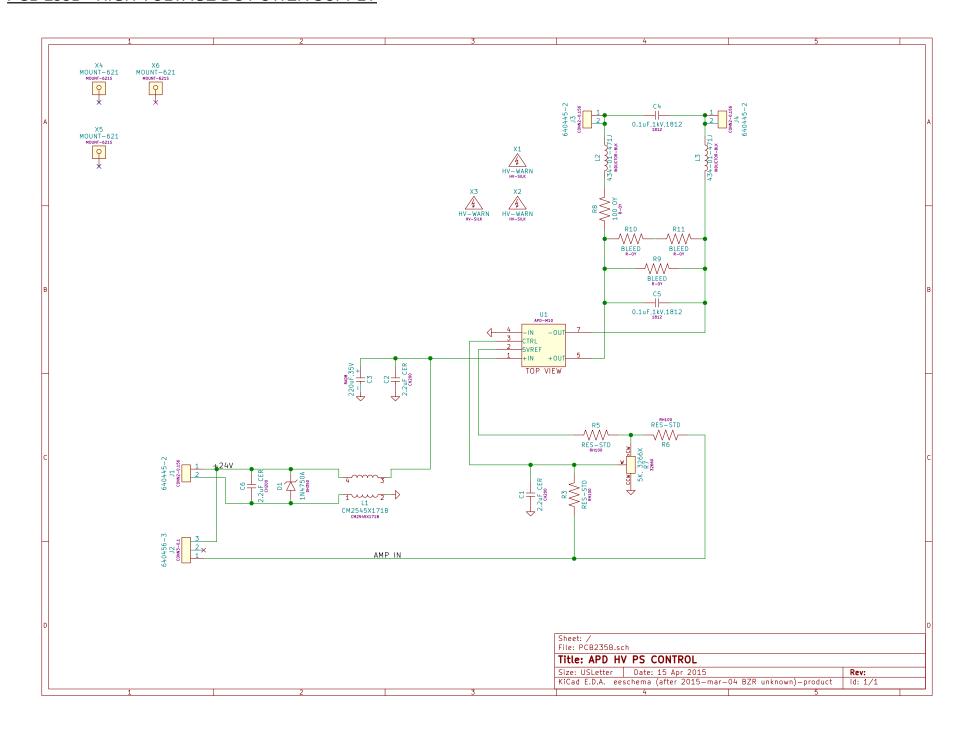
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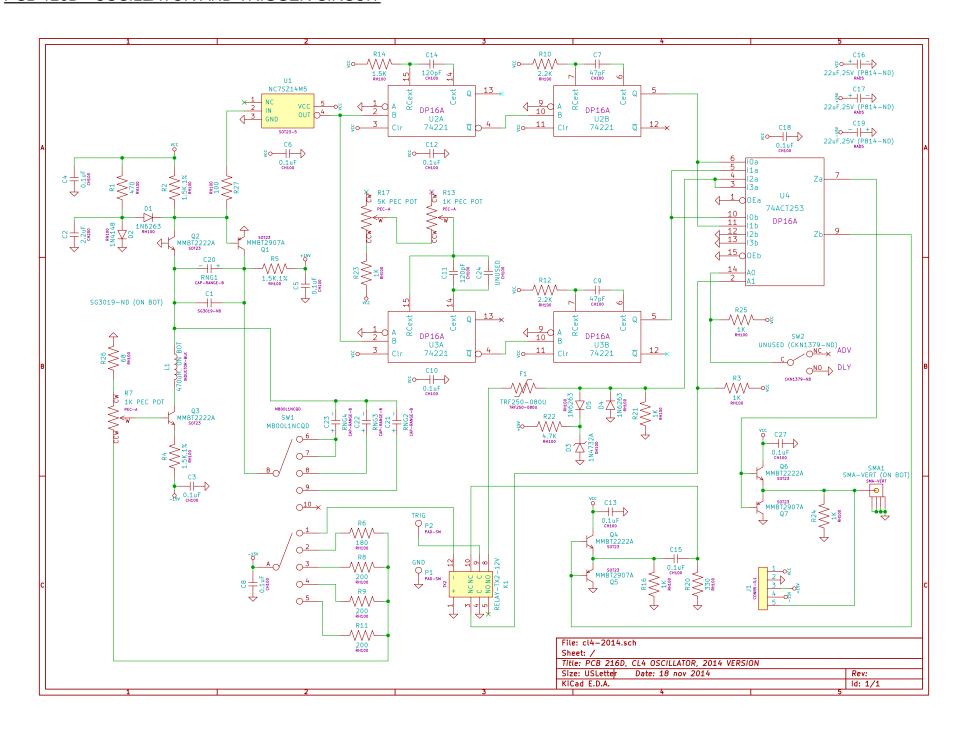
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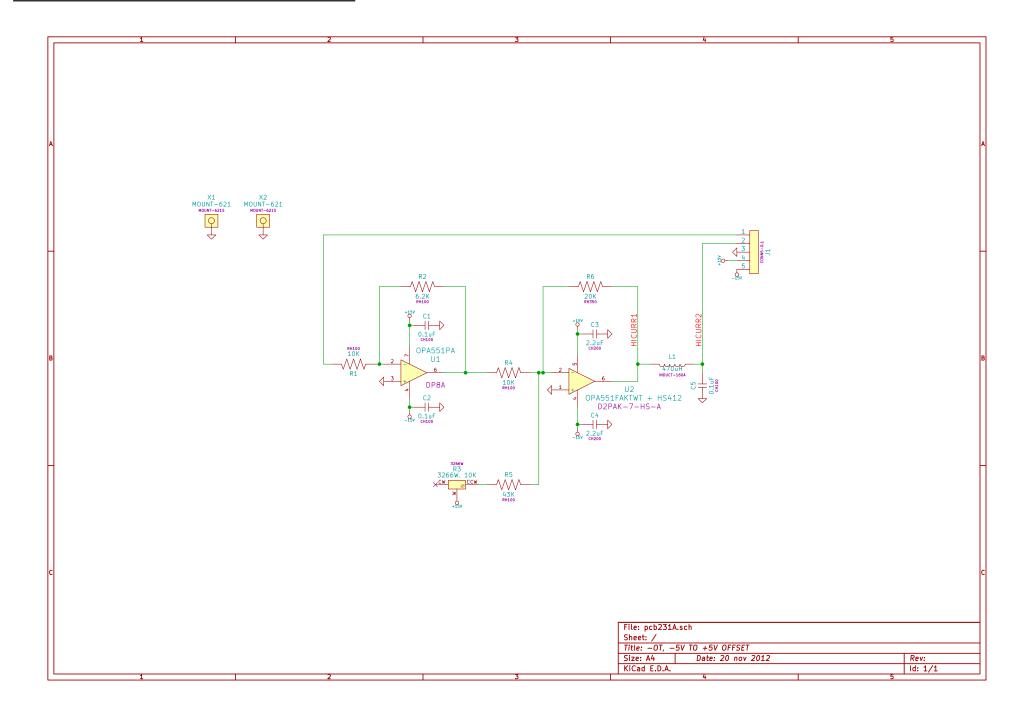
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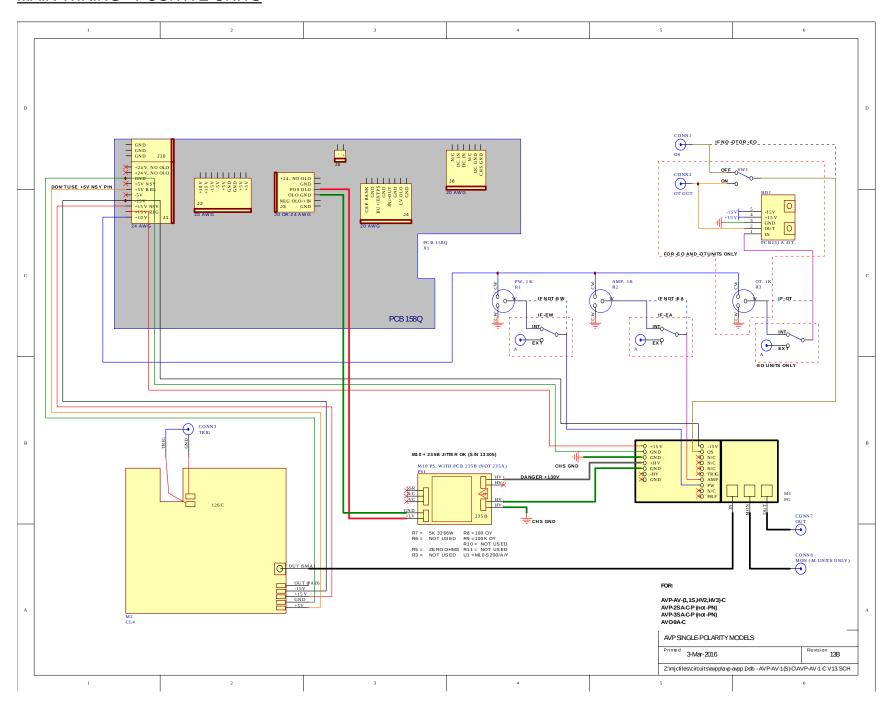
## PCB 126D - OSCILLATOR AND TRIGGER CIRCUIT



## PCB 231A - INTERNAL OFFSET GENERATOR



## **MAIN WIRING - POSITIVE UNITS**



# PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET