

INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVR-A-1-PW-C-PN PULSE GENERATOR

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FIG. 1: PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT

## 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 100 MHz.
- 2) The use of 60 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.
- 6) The output pulse amplitude is controlled by means of the front panel one turn AMP control. To voltage control the output, set the rear panel switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 Volts between terminal A and ground ( $R_{IN} \geq 10K$ ). (option).
- 7) 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. For operation in this mode, the scope time base must also be triggered by the external clock.

- 8) The maximum duty cycle for this unit is limited to 0.5% (see Fig. 1A). For frequencies up to 10 kHz, the pulse width may be as wide as 500 ns. For a PRF of 100 kHz, the pulse width must not exceed 50 ns. If the duty cycle limit is exceeded, the automatic overload function (see 9 below) will act and in some extreme cases will the rear panel 1.0 Amp pulse may blow.
- 9) AVR-A-1-PW-C 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:
  - 10) 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)
- 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.
- 12) For additional assistance:

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Fig. 1A: MAXIMUM PW VERSUS PRF FOR MODEL AVR-A-1 ( $R_L = 50 \Omega$ )



Fig. 2: FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

## FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

- (1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- (2) PRF Control. Controls PRF as follows:

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| Range 1 | 10 Hz to 100 Hz   |
| Range 2 | 100 Hz to 1 kHz   |
| Range 3 | 1 kHz to 10 kHz   |
| Range 4 | 10 kHz to 100 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 1.0  $\mu$ s. 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. BNC connector provides output to a fifty Ohm load.
- (6) PW Control. A one turn control which varies the output pulse width from 5.0 ns to 500 ns.
- (7) AMP Control. A one turn control which varies the output pulse amplitude from 0 to 200V to a fifty Ohm load.
- (8) EXT-INT Control. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the AVR 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 AVR 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. AVR-A-1-PW-C 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:

- (10) Reducing PRF (i.e. switch to a lower range)
- (11) Reducing pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)
- (12) Removing output load short circuit (if any)

Fig.3: 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 (0.50 A SB).
- (2) 1.0 A SB. Fuse which protects the output stage if the output duty cycle rating is exceeded.
- (3) EA. To voltage control the output amplitude, set the switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 Volts between terminal A and ground ( $R_{IN} > 10K$ ). (option).

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