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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AV-107B-C-PN-AT-SFA1 PULSE GENERATOR

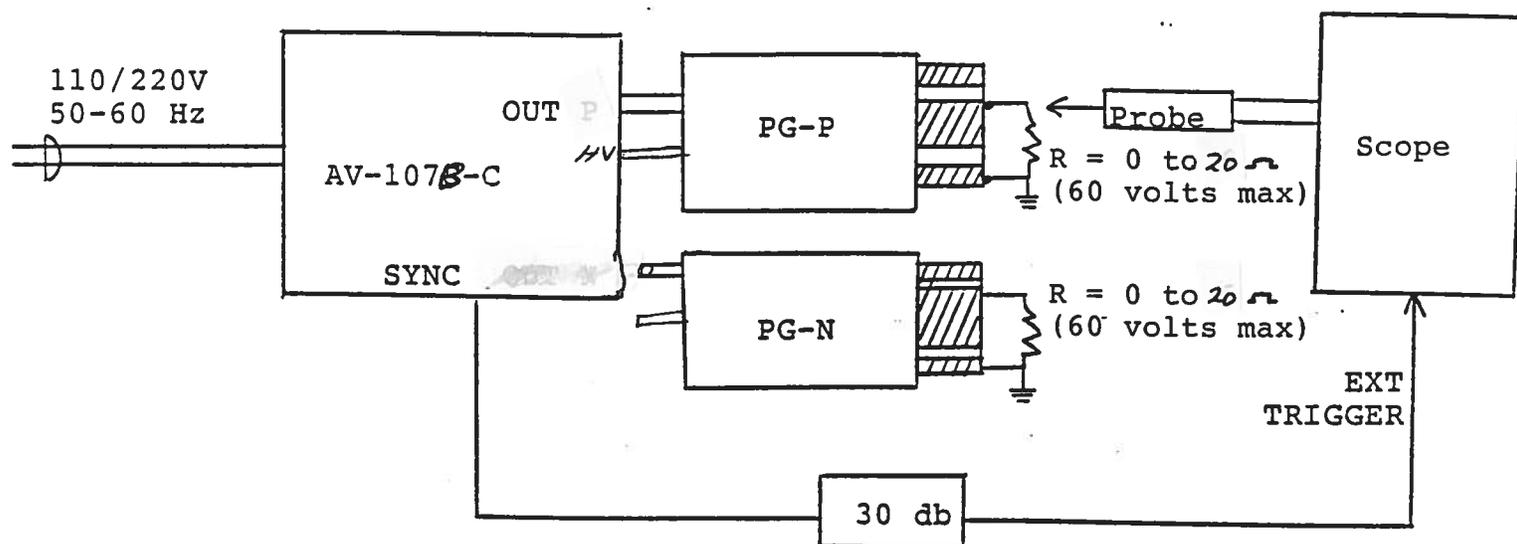
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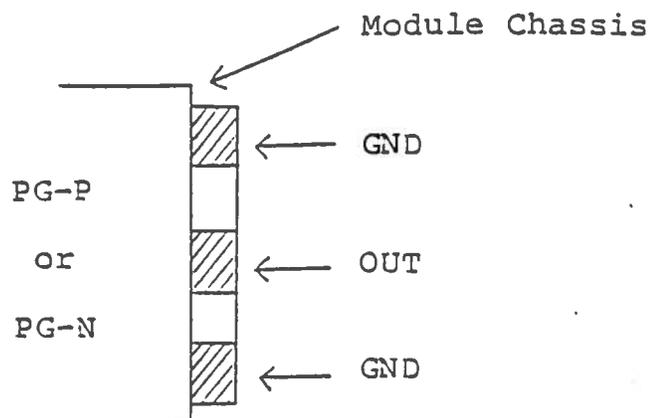
Fig. 1

PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT

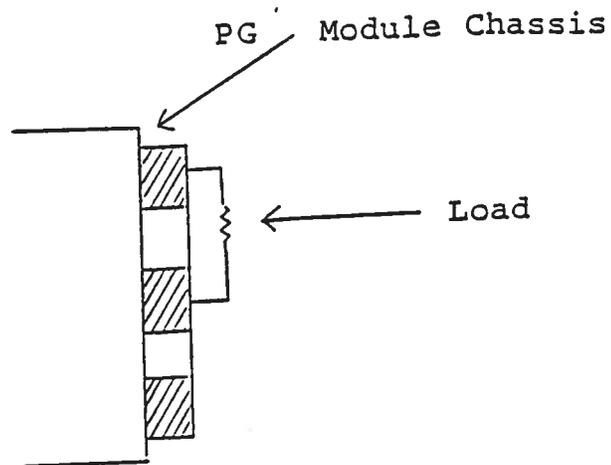


GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The equipment should be connected in the general fashion shown above. Since the unit provides an output pulse rise time as low as 10 nsec a fast oscilloscope (at least 50 MHz and preferably 200 MHz) should be used to display the waveform. Alternatively, the output current may be monitored using a current probe such as the TEKTRONIX Model CT-2.
- 2) The sync output channel provides TTL level signals. To avoid overdriving the TRIG input channel of some sampling scopes, a 30 db attenuator should be placed at the input to the sampling scope trigger channel.
- 3) The desired output polarity is selected by means of the front panel POLARITY switch and by connecting the desired output module to the mainframe. Note that if the module polarity and the switch polarity disagree, no output will be obtained.
- 4) To obtain a stable output display the PRF control on the front panel should be set mid-range. The front panel TRIG toggle switch should be in the INT position. The front panel DELAY control 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 control and by the PRF RANGE switch. The main output is delayed with respect to the SYNC output by about 0 to 1 usec depending on the DELAY control setting. **CAUTION:** The output duty cycle must not exceed 1%.
- 5) The output terminals of the pulse generator module consists of a short length of microstrip transmission line protruding from the module chassis. The OUT terminal is the center conductor which is bounded on both sides by the ground plane (see below):



The load should be connected between the OUT and GND terminals using very short leads ($\ll 0.5$ cm). (See 11).



Take care to insure that during soldering the OUT conductor is not shorted to the chassis. Also, use minimal heat when soldering.

- 6) **CAUTION:** The AV-107B-C unit is designed to provide 0 to 3 ampere pulses to a load voltage in the range of 0 to 60 volts. Insure that the load can dissipate up to 180 watts peak power and up to 1.8 watts average power (at maximum amplitude and duty cycle).
- 7) The output pulse widths for the positive and negative outputs are controlled by means of the front panel PW control (10 turn).
- 8) The output pulse amplitudes for the positive and negative outputs are controlled by means of the front panel AMP N control (10 turn). The pulse generator will supply up to 3 amperes to a load voltage as high as 60 volts.
- 9) An external clock may be used to control the output PRF of the unit by setting the front panel TRIG toggle switch in the EXT position and applying a 0.2 usec (approx.) 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 rather than from the SYNC output.

10) The AV-107 is specifically designed for driving resistive loads and laser diode loads with series resistance. The loads should be connected directly to the microstrip line protruding from the PG module with very short leads. An example of the waveform for a 3 ohm resistive load is shown in A. The overshoot and ringing on the rising edge is due to the series inductance and high time rate of change of current. LENZ'S LAW $-(L \frac{di}{dt})$ predicts a voltage spike of 10 volts

for a series inductance of 10 nh and a 10 ampere change of I in 10 nsec. The importance of short leads is therefore critical. B illustrates the output of a 7" 50 ohm cable is placed between the PG module and the leads. Note degradation of switching time. If a highly nonlinear load such as a zener diode or IMPATT diode is connected to the PG output, oscillation such as shown in C may be observed. The oscillation can be controlled by introducing some series resistance as shown in D (1 to 3 ohm). In addition, shunt capacitance (500 to 2000 pfd) placed across the diode and/or across the PG output will serve to reduce oscillation.

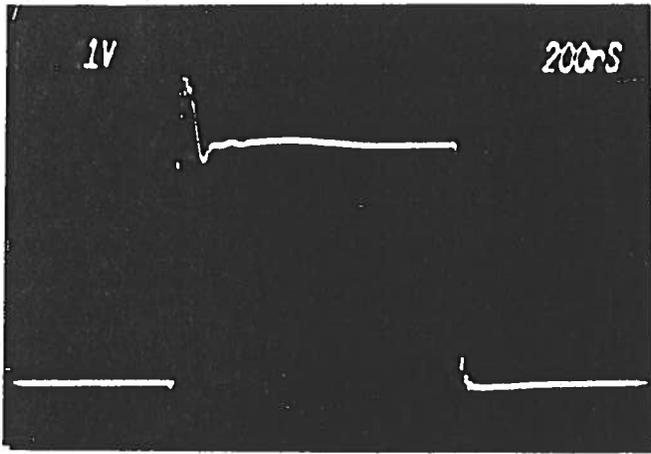
11) CAUTION: The output stage is protected against overload condition by a 1.0 A slow blow fuse on the main frame back panel. However, the output switching elements (SL4T) may fail if the unit is triggered at a PRF exceeding 5 KHz. Heating and subsequent likely failure of the output stage is reduced if the following action is taken where possible:

- a) PRF is kept to a minimum, ie. operate in the LOW PRF range when possible rather than in the HIGH range.
- b) Keep the output PW to a minimum.
- c) Keep the output voltage as near to 50 volts as possible by adding series resistance to diode type loads to increase the effective output voltage.

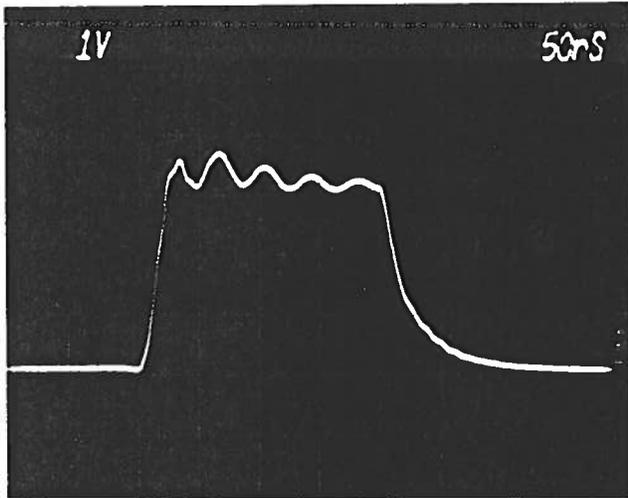
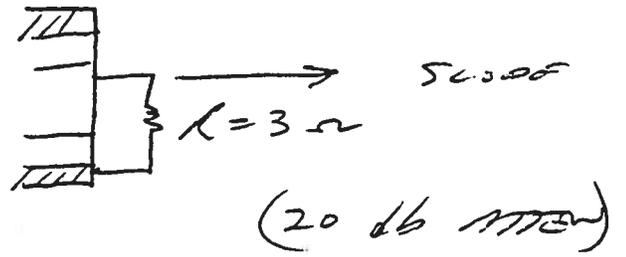
12) OVERLOAD INDICATOR. Units with a serial number higher than 5600 are protected by an automatic overload protective circuit which controls the front panel overload light. If the unit is overloaded (by operating at an exceedingly high duty cycle), the protective circuit will turn the output of the instrument 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)

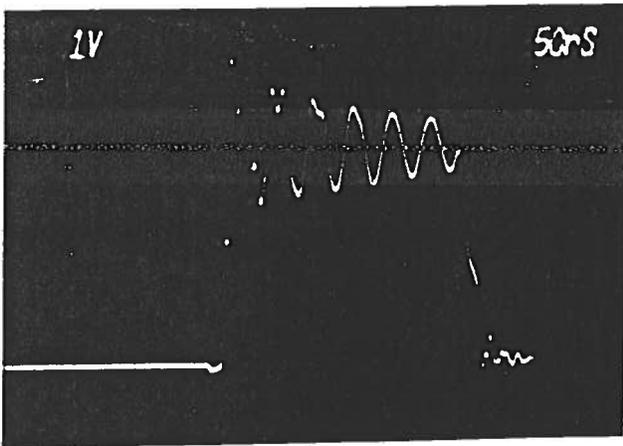
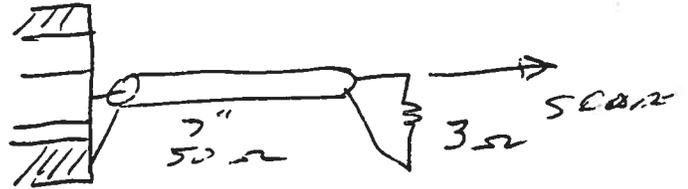
- 13) The unit can be converted from 110 to 220V 50-60 Hz operation by adjusting the voltage selector card in the rear panel fused voltage selector cable connector assembly.



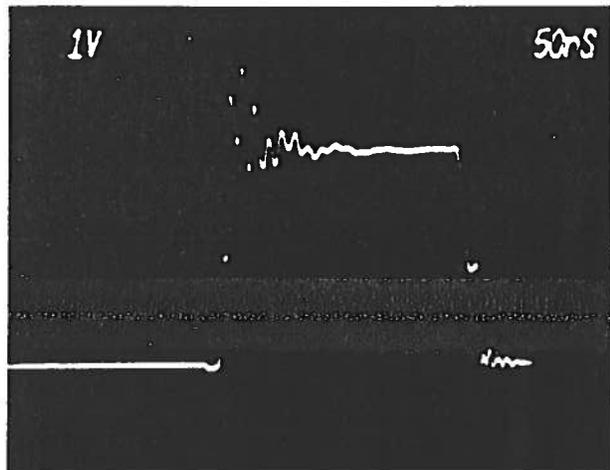
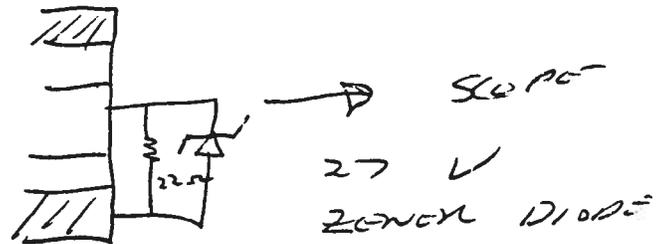
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

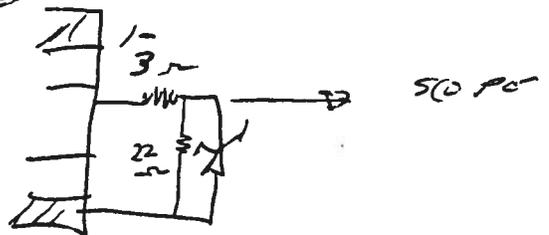
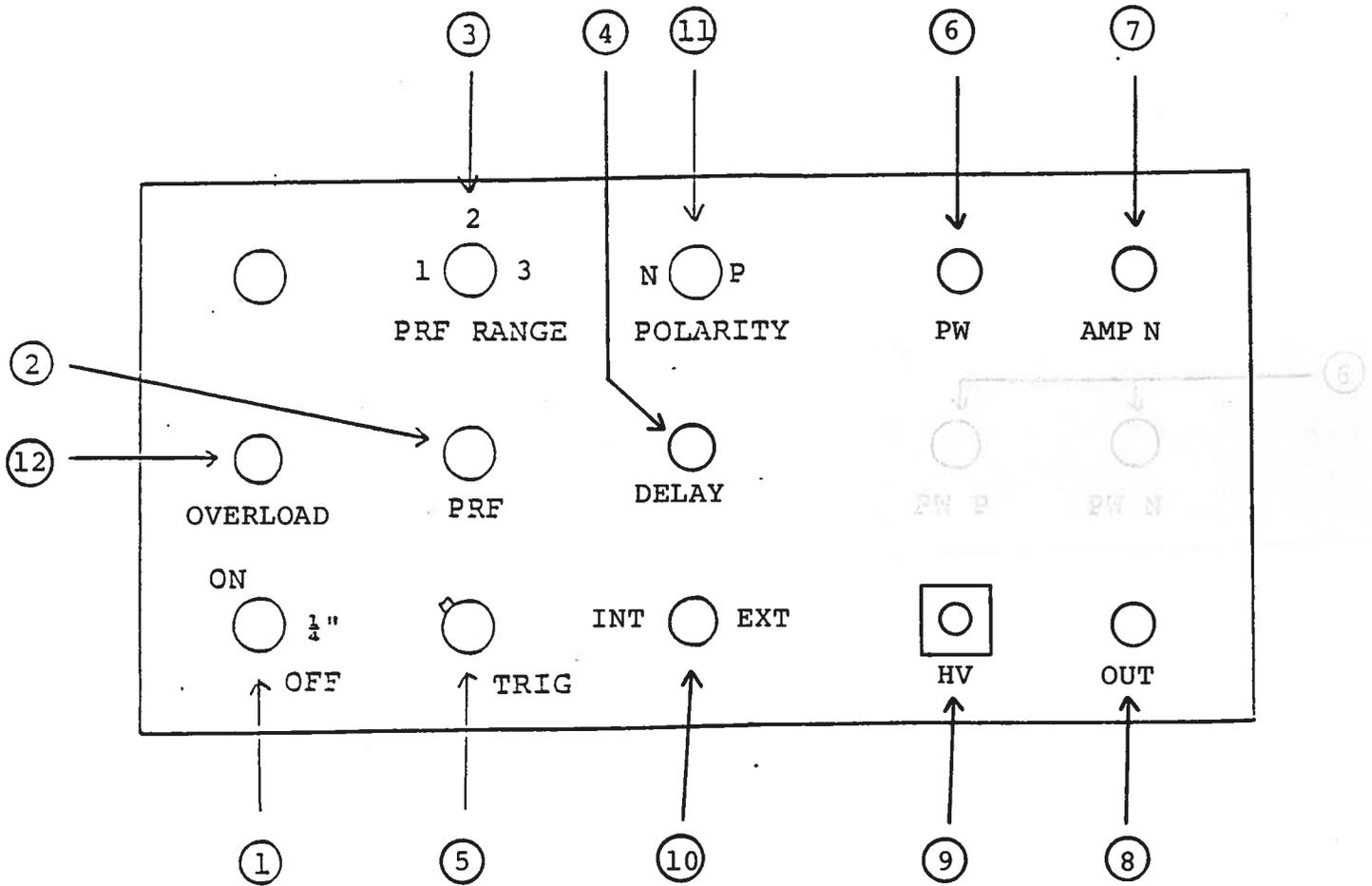


Fig. 2

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



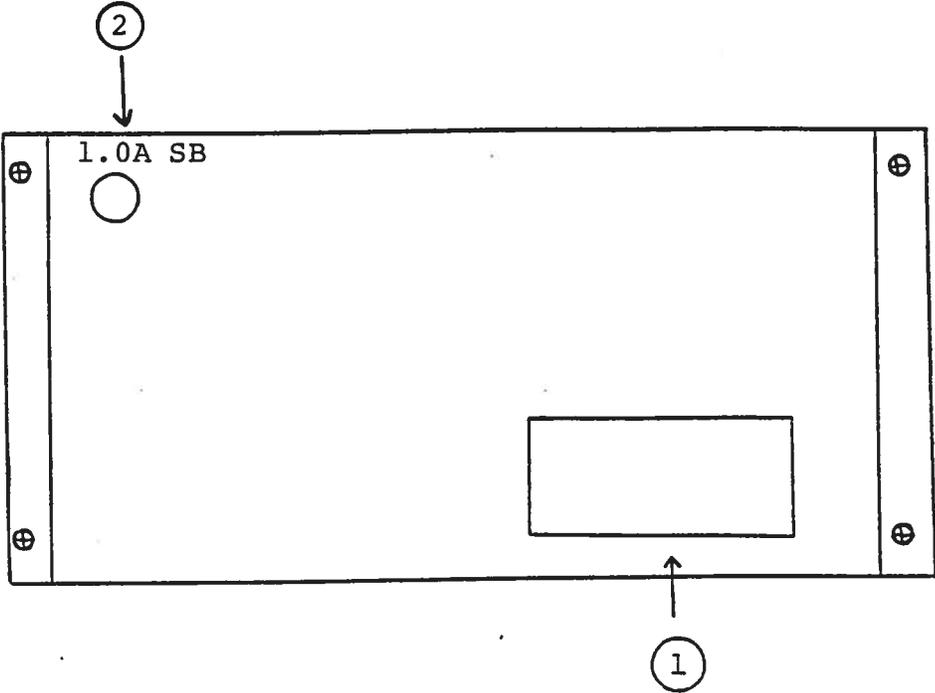
- (1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- (2) PRF Control. Varies PRF from about 100 Hz to about 1
- (3) KHz (RANGE 1), 1 KHz to 10 KHz (RANGE 2) and 10 KHz to 100 KHz (RANGE 3). The PRF should be set using an oscilloscope.
- (4) DELAY Control. Controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the SYNC output (5) and the main output. This delay is variable over the range of about 0 to about 1 usec.
- (5) TRIG Output. This output precedes the main output and is used to trigger the scope time base. The output is a TTL level 100 nsec (approx.) pulse capable of driving a fifty ohm load. When operating in the EXT mode, a TTL TRIG signal is applied at this port.
- (6) PW Control. Ten turn control which varies the output pulse width from 50 nsec to 2.0 usec.
- (7) AMP Control. The output pulse amplitude is controlled by means of the ten turn potentiometer.
- (8) OUT Connector. A multi pin connector which attaches the 2 foot cable from the pulse generator modules to the mainframe.
- (9) HV SMA. RG174 50 ohm coax cable from output module must be connected to this port. Supply ± 100 volts DC to the output module.
- (10) EXT-INT Control. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the 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 unit requires a 0.2 usec 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.
- (11) POLARITY. The desired output polarity is selected by means of the POLARITY switch and by installing the desired output module. Note that if switch polarity and module polarity disagree, no output is obtained.
- (12) OVERLOAD INDICATOR. 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), 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

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- 2) Reducing pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)

Fig. 3

BACK PANEL CONTROLS



- (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 (0.25 Amp SB).
- (2) 1.0 A SB FUSE. Protects output stage against overload conditions.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

The AV-107B-C-PN unit consists of the following basic modules:

- 1) AV-107B-PG pulse generator modules (positive and negative)
- 2) AV-107B-CL clock module
- 3) +24V power supply board
- 4) +100V power supply module

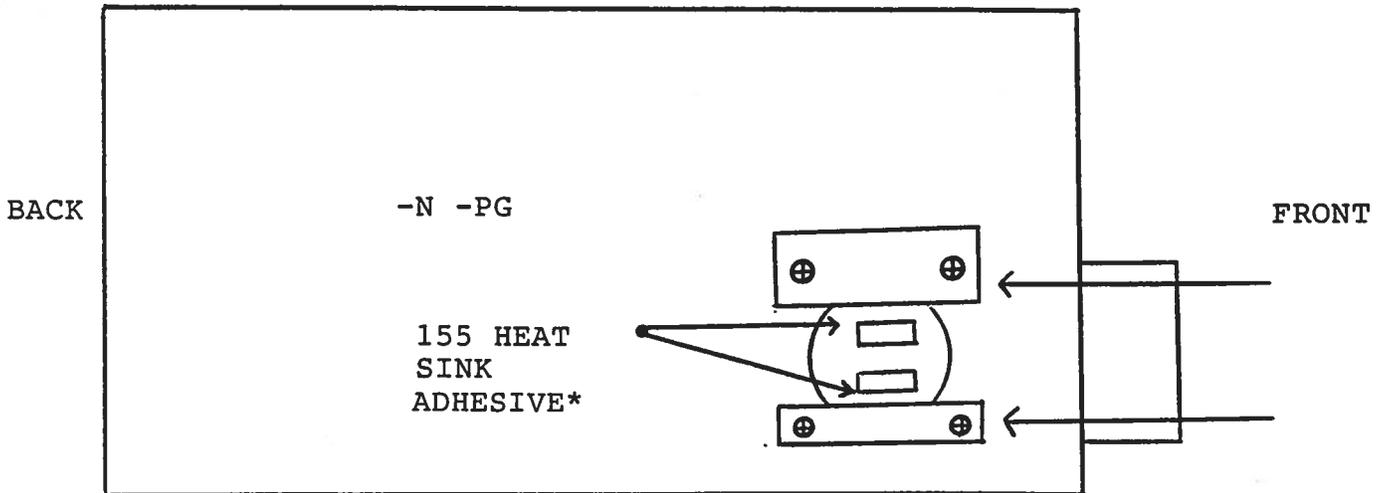
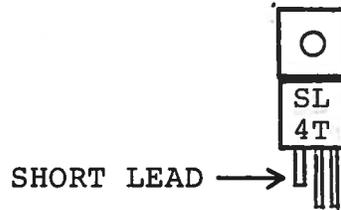
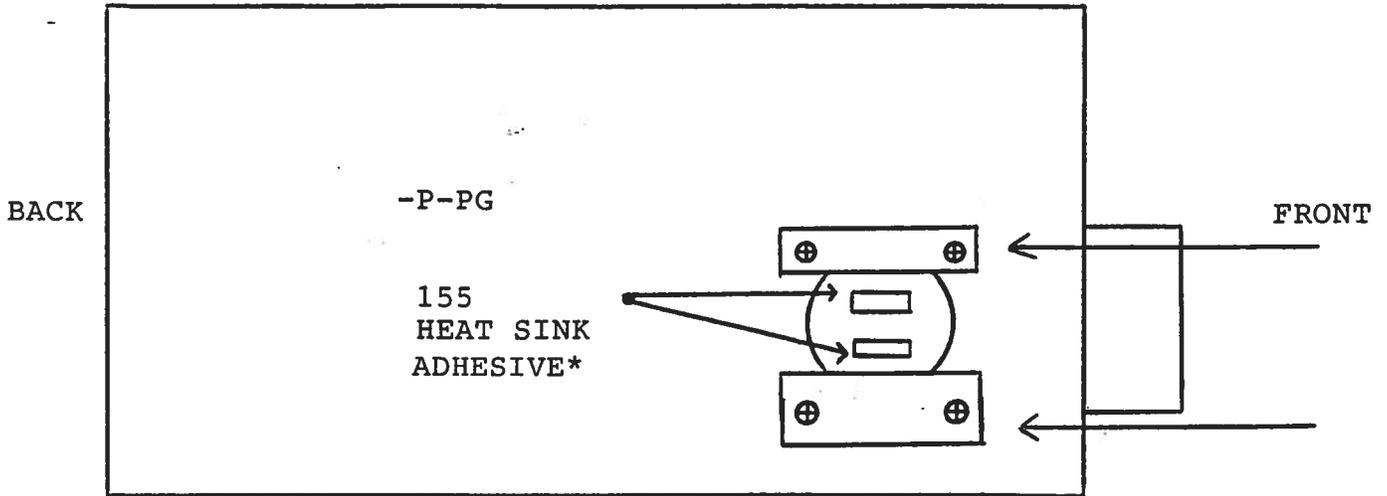
The modules are interconnected as shown in Fig. 4.

In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the 1.0 A slow blow fuse or the main power fuse on the rear panel has blown. Replace if necessary. If the unit still does not function, it is most likely that some of the output switching elements (SL4T) may have failed due to an output short circuit condition or to a high duty cycle condition. The switching elements may be accessed by removing the cover plate on the bottom side of the -PG module. The cover plate is removed by removing the four counter sunk 6-32 Phillips screws. NOTE: First turn off the prime power. CAUTION: Briefly ground the SL4T tabs to discharge the 100 volts power supply potential. The elements may be removed from their sockets by means of a needle nosed pliers after removing the four counter sunk 2-56 Phillips screws which attach the small aluminum heat sinks to the body of the AV-107-PG module. The SL4T is a selected VMOS power transistor in a TO 220 package and may be checked on a curve tracer. If defective, replacement units should be ordered directly from Avtech. When replacing the SL4T switching elements, take care to insure that the short lead (of the three leads) is adjacent to the back of the chassis. (See following Fig.). The SL4T elements are electrically isolated from the small aluminum heat sinks but are bonded to the heat sinks using WAKEFIELD TYPE 155 HEAT SINK ADHESIVE. If the switching elements are not defective, then the four Phillips screws on the back panel should be removed. The top cover may then be slid off and the operation of the clock and power supply modules checked. The clock module is functioning properly if:

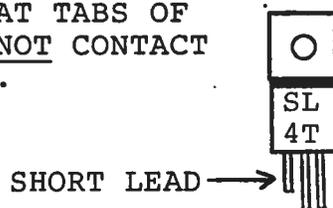
- a) 0.1 usec TTL level outputs are observed at pins 2 and 3.
- b) The PRF of the outputs can be varied over the range of 10 Hz to 100 KHz using the PRF controls.
- c) The relative delay between the pin 2 and 3 outputs can be varied by at least 1 usec by the DELAY control.

The sealed clock module must be returned to Avtech for repair or replacement if the above conditions are not observed.

AV-107B SL4T HEAT SINKING



*CAUTION: INSURE THAT TABS OF SL4T DO NOT CONTACT H.S. BARS.



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