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**PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS
(REVISION 1)**

MODEL AV-108-LUM1 LASER DIODE DRIVER

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MODIFICATION SUMMARY

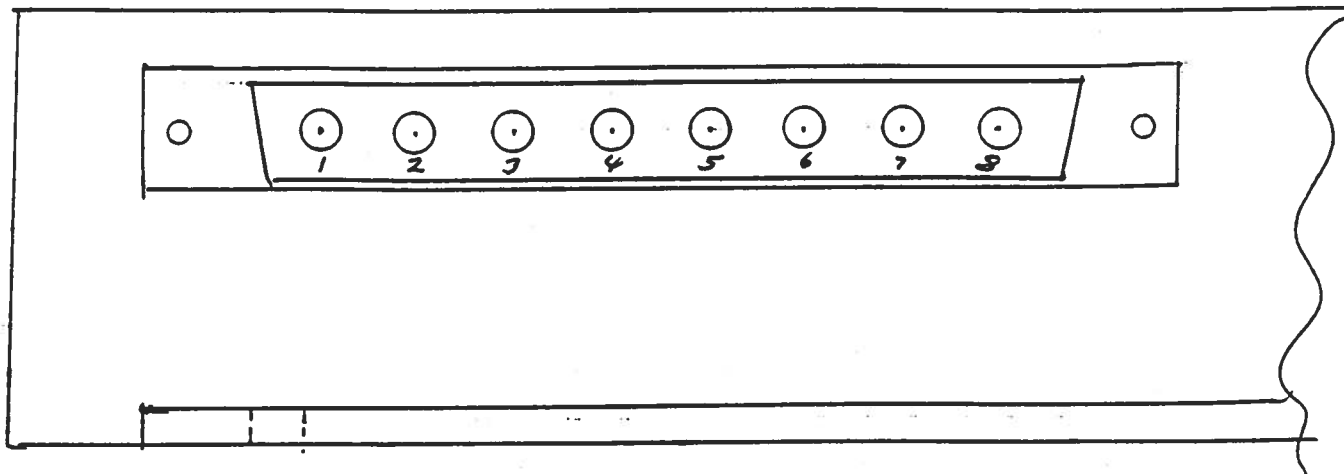
Relative to SN 8006, this unit (SN 7142) includes the following major modifications:

- 1) New improved heat sink (REV 2).
- 2) Energy storage capacitors placed adjacent to MOSFET switch.
- 3) Current limit function modified so output current cannot be increased by applying more than 5 Volts in.
- 4) Quiescent current between pulses set to zero and quiescent current during pulsed mode variable (from 0 to about 50 Amperes).
- 5) Outer conductors on input coaxial lines were grounded.
- 6) Note that SN 7142 employs the same basic "hand-made" circuit boards as SN 8006.

Fig. 1 INPUT CONNECTIONS

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POSITRON CONNECTOR PIN-OUT



The PIN functions and characteristics are as follows:

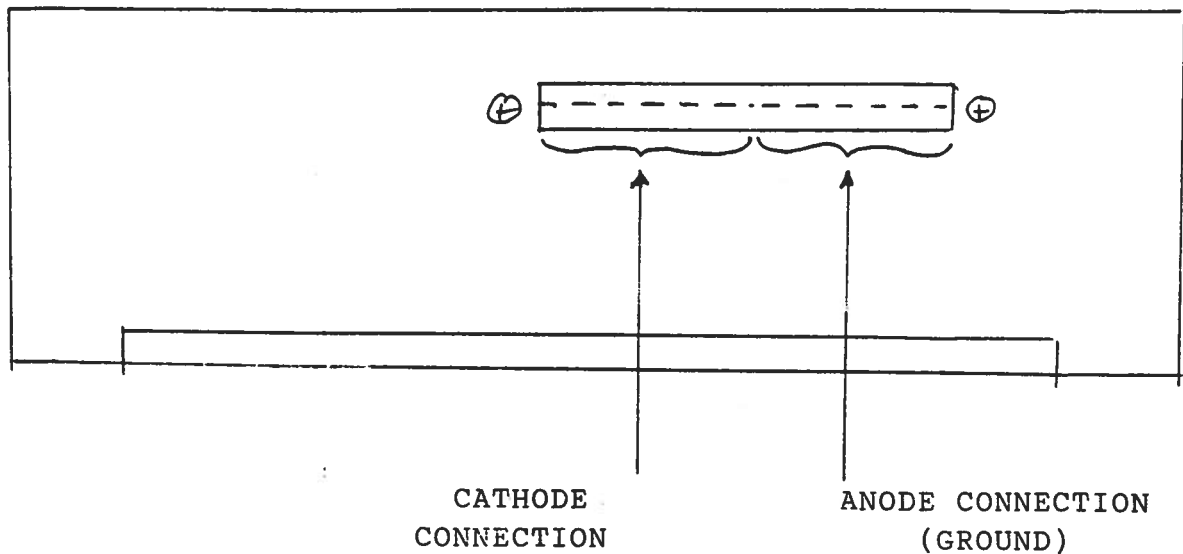
- 1) TRIG IN, TTL, COAX. Input resistance set to 2.0K. Output pulse width is equal to the input pulse width.
- 2) AMP CONTROL, COAX. Input resistance set to 2.0K. 0 to +5 VDC causes output current to vary from 0 to up to +100 Amps, (depending on the setting of the current limit pot, see Fig. 3). Amp control circuit rise time about 2 us.
- 3) CURRENT MONITOR, COAX. Provides a voltage replica (to $R_L \geq 50$ Ohms) of the output current waveform.
- 4) +24 VDC POWER CONTACT (NOT COAX). Apply +24 VDC, (400 mA max) between the terminal and PIN 5. This supply powers all the timing and control circuits.
- 5) GROUND FOR 24 VDC (NOT COAX). See 4.
- 6) -12 VDC POWER CONTACT (NOT COAX). Apply -12 VDC (20 Amperes max) between the terminal and PIN 7. This supply powers the output stage. At maximum peak output (100 Amperes), maximum pulse width (1 ms) and max duty cycle (20%), the -12 VDC power supply must provide an average current of 20 Amperes. The output waveform will exhibit near zero droop.

- 7) GROUND FOR -12 VDC (NOT COAX). See 6.
- 8) SPARE COAX. No connection is made to this pin.

The POSITRONIC connector part numbers are as follows:

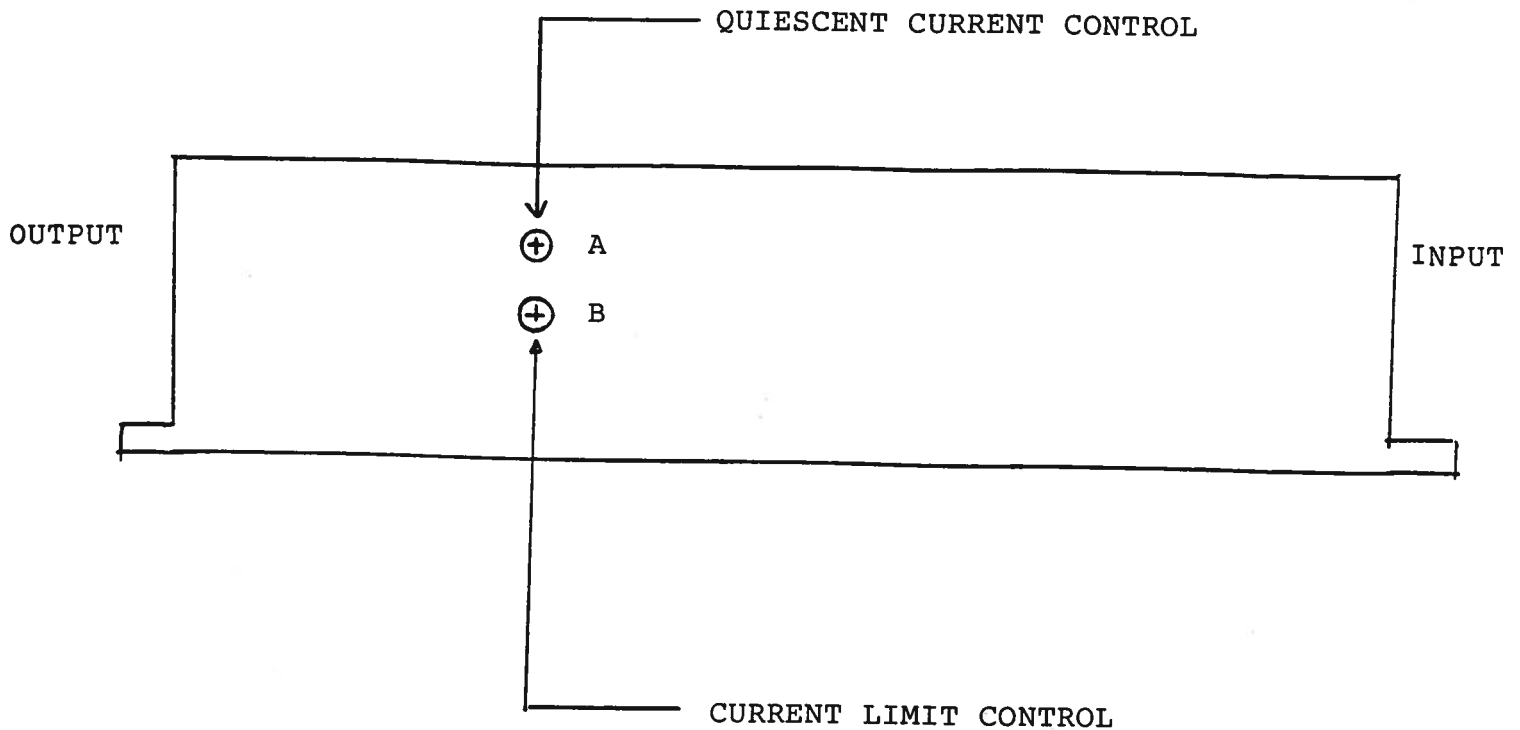
Male Shell (on Chassis): CBD8W8M000T20
Female Shell (on Cable): CBD8W8F000E0
Cable Inserts: Coax: FS4104D
Power Contacts: FS4012D

Fig. 2 OUTPUT CONNECTIONS



An Amp WAVECRIMP 765206-3 connector is affixed to the chassis and mates to a WAVECRIMP 765191-1 plug. The diode anode and cathode should be connected as shown in Fig. 2. The driver was tested with a 2 foot section of WAVECRIMP cable between the diode and the driver. A rise time of 8 us was observed. With a cable length of one foot, the rise time should be less than 5 us.

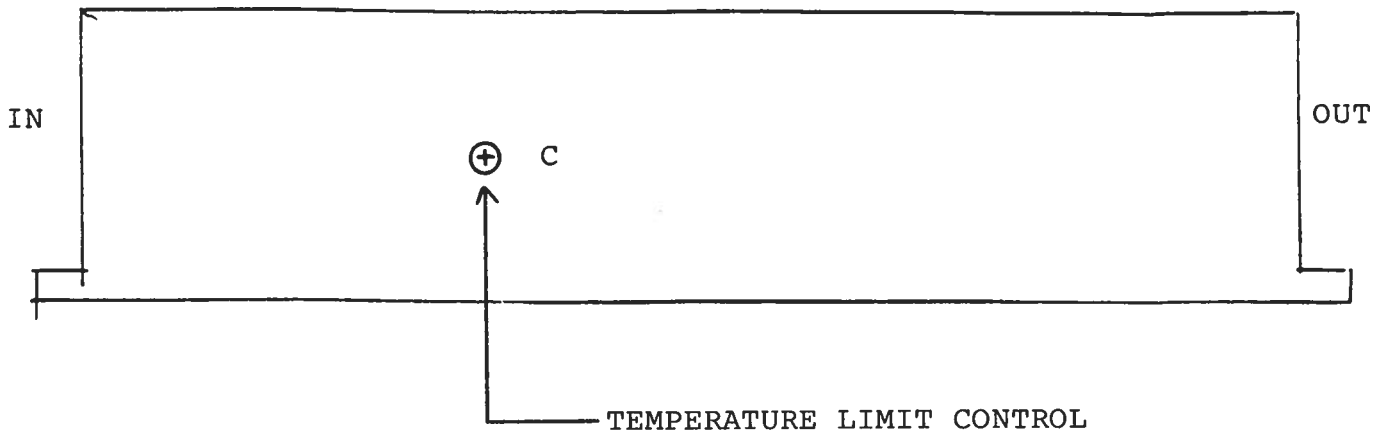
Fig. 3 CURRENT LIMIT CONTROL AND QUIESCENT CURRENT CONTROL



- B) CURRENT LIMIT CONTROL. A ten turn trim pot is accessible if the 6-32 Phillips screw is removed. With the trim pot set fully CW, a +5 Volt input on the amplitude output (PIN 2, see Fig. 1) will result in a peak output of 100 Amps. With the trim pot set fully CCW, the peak output is about 10 Amperes (for +5 VDC in). This unit was shipped with the pot set fully CW (i.e. 100 Amps). (Increasing the input voltage beyond +5V will not increase the output).
- A) QUIESCENT CURRENT CONTROL. Removing the 6-32 Phillips screw provides access to a ten turn trim pot which determines the quiescent pulse current (i.e. the pulse current which flows during the TRIG IN pulse width interval when the AMP voltage is set to zero). Note that the quiescent current between the TRIG IN pulses is set to zero. At the time of shipping, the output quiescent pulse current was set to zero. The output pulse current increased to 100 Amperes as the AMP voltage was increased from 0 to 5 Volts, with no dead zone. CCW rotation of the pot causes a dead zone in the range of 0 to +1 Volts while CW rotation of the pot causes the quiescent pulse current to increase (to as much as 50 Amperes).

Fig. 4

TEMPERATURE LIMIT CONTROL



- C) TEMPERATURE LIMIT CONTROL. A ten turn trim pot is accessible if the 6-32 Phillips screw is removed. Clockwise rotation of the trim pot lowers the temperature at which the sensing circuit overrides the amplitude control feature and reduces the peak output to zero. At the time of shipping, the control was set mid-range while the unit was operating at maximum duty cycle, maximum peak output. If it is found that the sensing circuit is triggering unnecessarily, then rotate the screw 1 or 2 times counter clockwise. Note that after the sensing current triggers (and reduces the output amplitude to zero) it will automatically reset after the internal temperature falls.

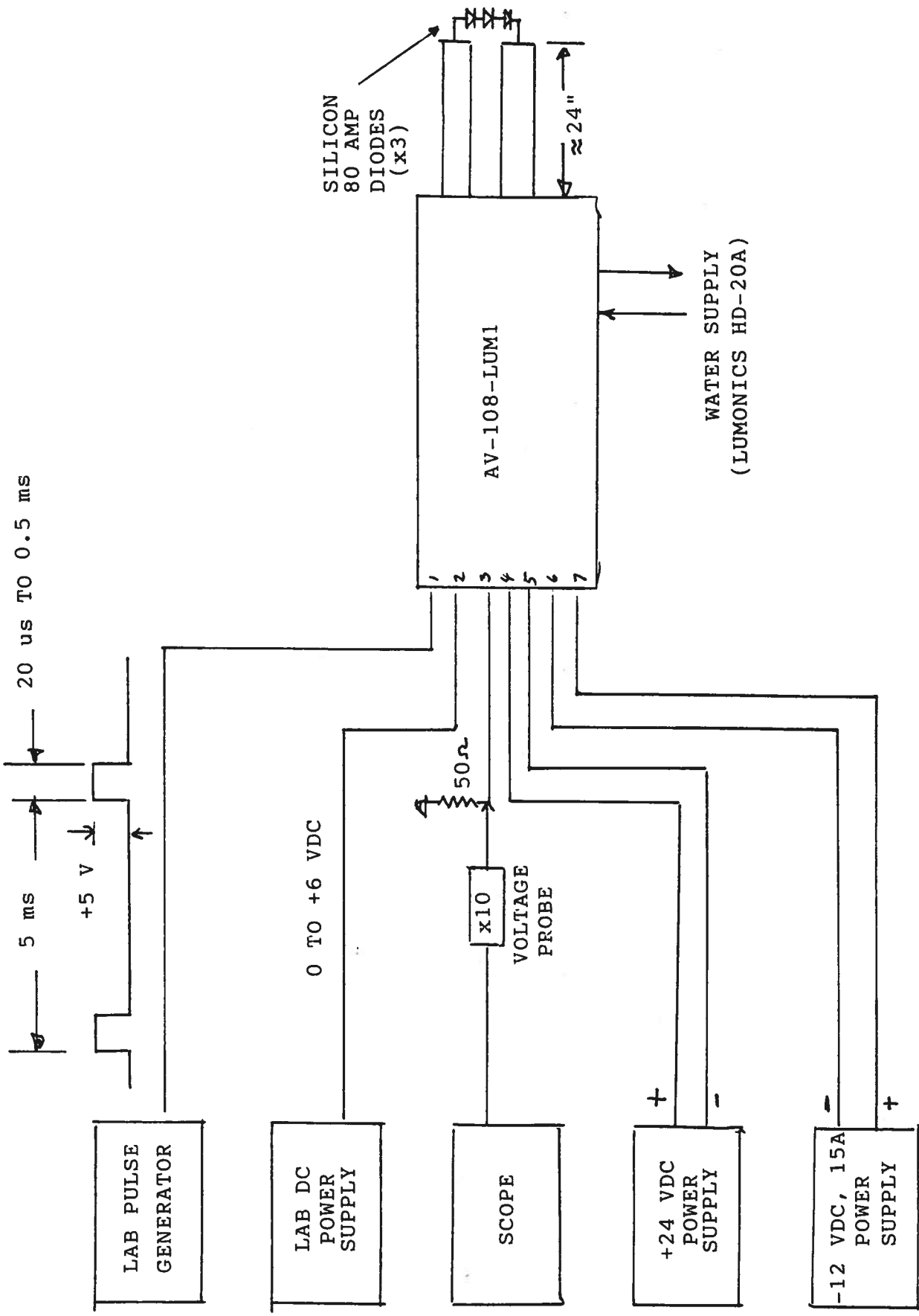


Fig. 5 SYSTEM TEST SET-UP

The basic arrangement shown in Fig. 5 was used to confirm the general operation of the unit. The turn on procedure was as follows:

- 1) Contact to water supply and turn on water.
- 2) Set lab pulse generator to +5V, 20 us, 200 Hz.
- 3) Set Amp control power supply to 0V (PIN 2).
- 4) Turn on +24 VDC power supply. Should draw about 450 mA.
- 5) Turn on -12 VDC power supply. Should draw zero current.
- 6) Gradually increase the Amp control supply from 0 to +1.0 Volts. The monitor output should start to provide a rectangular output pulse and the -12 VDC power supply should supply a low current.
- 7) Increase the Amp control supply to +5 Volts. The monitor output should give a +5 Volt pulse and the -12 VDC power supply should be supplying about 0.5 Amperes.
- 8) Increase the pulse width to 0.7 ms. The current drawn from the -12 V power supply should increase to 14 Amperes.
- 9) Decrease the Amp control voltage to zero and the -12 V supply current should reduce to zero as well.

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