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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVIR-3-C-P-BRA

0 TO +100 VOLTS, 100 kHz

HIGH SPEED PULSE GENERATOR

WITH 3 ns RISE TIMES

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

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INTRODUCTION

The AVIR-3-C-P-BRA is a high performance instrument capable of generating up to +100V into 50 Ω loads at repetition rates up to 100 kHz. The output pulse width is variable from 10 to 500 ns, subject to a 5% maximum duty cycle limit. The rise and fall times are less than 3 ns.

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

This instrument is intended for use in research, development, test and calibration laboratories by qualified personnel.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	AVIR-3-C-P-BRA ¹
Amplitude ² :	0 to 100 Volts (50Ω load required)
Pulse width (FWHM):	10 - 500 ns
Max. rise time: (20%-80%)	3 ns
Max. fall time: (80%-20%)	3 ns
PRF:	10 Hz to 100 kHz
Polarity:	Positive
Propagation delay:	≤ 100 ns (Ext trig in to pulse out)
Jitter:	± 35ps ± 0.015% of sync delay (Ext trig in to pulse out)
Trigger required:	Ext trig mode: + 5 Volts, 50 ns or wider (TTL)
Sync delay:	Sync out to pulse out, variable 0 to ± 500 ns
Sync output	+3 Volts, 200 ns, will drive 50 Ohm loads
Connectors:	Out: SMA Trig/Sync: BNC
Power requirement:	100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz
Dimensions (H x W x D):	100 × 430 × 375 mm (3.9 × 17 × 14.8")
Chassis material:	cast aluminum frame & handles, blue vinyl on aluminum cover plates
Temperature range:	+5°C to +40°C

1) -C suffix indicates stand-alone lab instrument with internal clock and line powering.

2) For operation at amplitudes of less than 10% of full-scale, best results will be obtained by setting the amplitude near full-scale and using external attenuators on the output.

ORIGINAL QUOTATION

Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 16:01:48 -0500
From: Avtech Sales
To: XXXXX
Subject: Re: Output polarity - AVIR series

XXXXX,

Following your recent inquiry, I am pleased to quote as follows:

Quote number: 13185.01

Model number: AVIR-3-C-P-BRA

Description: High Voltage Pulser

Quiescent voltage (between pulses): Zero volts

Voltage during pulse: variable from 0 to +100V

Required load: 50 Ohms (purely resistive)

Maximum output power: 10 Watts

Pulse width: 10 - 500 ns, adjustable (subject to maximum duty cycle limit)

Maximum duty cycle: 5%

Rise and fall times (20%-80%): < 3 ns

Internal trigger mode: PRF is adjustable from 10 Hz to 100 kHz. In this mode, a SYNC output pulse (TTL, 200 ns) is provided.

External trigger mode: The instrument may be triggered by a TTL-level pulse, > 50 ns, 100 kHz maximum. In this mode, a SYNC output pulse is not provided.

Other: similar to the standard AVIR-3-C-P described at
<http://www.avtechpulse.com/medium/avir-3>

Price: \$XXXXX US each, Ex-works, Ottawa, Canada. Payment in advance at least two weeks prior to shipment is required.

Quote valid for: 60 days

Estimated delivery: 60-90 days after receipt of order.

Quote number: 13185.02

Model number: AVIR-3-C-N-BRB

Description: High Voltage Pulser

Quiescent voltage (between pulses): variable from 0 to +200V

Voltage during pulse: Zero volts

Required load: Must be 50 Ohms in series with a 1000 pF capacitance. This is to provide a 50 Ohm termination to the fast edges ($R \times C = 50$ ns), but an open circuit to DC voltages to reduce power requirements. The instrument will not work into a purely resistive 50 Ohm load.

Maximum output power: 8 Watts

Pulse width: 100 ns, fixed

Rise and fall times (20%-80%): < 3 ns

Internal trigger mode: PRF is adjustable from 10 Hz to 100 kHz. In this mode, a SYNC output pulse (TTL, 200 ns) is provided.

External trigger mode: The instrument may be triggered by a TTL-level pulse, > 50 ns, 100 kHz maximum. In this mode, a SYNC output pulse is not provided.

Other: similar to the standard AVIR-3-C-N described at <http://www.avtechpulse.com/medium/avir-3>

Price: \$XXXXXX US each, Ex-works, Ottawa, Canada. Payment in advance at least two weeks prior to shipment is required.

Quote valid for: 60 days

Estimated delivery: 60-90 days after receipt of order.

Please call or email me if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your interest in our products!

Regards,
Dr. Michael J. Chudobiak
Chief Engineer

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XXXXX wrote:

>
> Dear Dr Chudobiak.
>
> Thanks for the attention.
> We are designing a new version of TOF mass spectrometer existing in our
> lab.
> We need at least two pulsers:
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> The first one is to be connected to a commercial electron gun from
> Kimball Physics. Each pulse from this generator will cause an electron
> bunch to be emitted from the e-gun. The general specifications are:
>
> - 0 to 100 V pulse over a 50 Ohm load, width from 10ns to 500 ns
> sync. in TTL and NIM, sync. out : TTL and NIM. - frequency: depends
> on the second pulser specs. - Faster is better (eg. 100 KHz) - we
> operate with 10KHz now.
>
> The second one is to bias two insulated electrodes (open loads). But must
> present fast (eg. < 10nsec) rise (critical) and fall time (not
> critical), with no substantial ringing. - Ideally, the
> output duty-cycle should be very high - for example, 200V for
> 10 micro-sec and zero volts for 100nano-sec or less. I understand that
> it could be very difficult to design a low power pulser for these
> specifications, because, as a general rule, the loads should match the
> source and cable impedance to avoid ringing, resulting in high load
> power. We can use alternatively a smaller duty-cycle, for example, a
> pulse width from 5 to 10 micro-sec "high", 95 to 90 micro-sec "low".
> It's not the ideal but works.
> Double output is also the ideal solution. We could re-design the TOF for
> operating with a single output generator.
> Finally, if a custom design cost is too high, we will choose one pulser
> from your catalog - it's for sure. If you could inform us informally an
> approximated value for these products (we understand that options can
> change the final price considerably) , than we could choose the better
> solution for our case, ordering them more promptly.

EUROPEAN REGULATORY NOTES

EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 89/336/EEC 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 2002/95/EC (RoHS)

This instrument is exempt from Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment. Specifically, Avtech instruments are considered "Monitoring and control instruments" (Category 9) as defined in Annex 1A of Directive 2002/96/EC. The Directive 2002/95/EC only applies to Directive 2002/96/EC categories 1-7 and 10, as stated in the "Article 2 - Scope" section of Directive 2002/95/EC.

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 will 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.



INSTALLATION

VISUAL CHECK

After unpacking the instrument, examine to ensure that it has 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 supplied with this instrument, depending on the destination region:

Destination Region	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
Continental Europe	European CEE 7/7 "Schuko" 230V, 50Hz	Volex (http://www.volex.com)	17850-C3-326
United Kingdom	BS 1363, 230V, 50Hz	Volex (http://www.volex.com)	17962-C3-10
Switzerland	SEV 1011, 230V, 50Hz	Volex (http://www.volex.com)	2102H-C3-10
Israel	SI 32, 220V, 50Hz	Volex (http://www.volex.com)	2115H-C3-10
North America, and all other areas	NEMA 5-15, 120V, 60 Hz	Volex (http://www.volex.com)	17250-B1-10
		Qualtek (http://www.qualtekusa.com)	312007-01

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

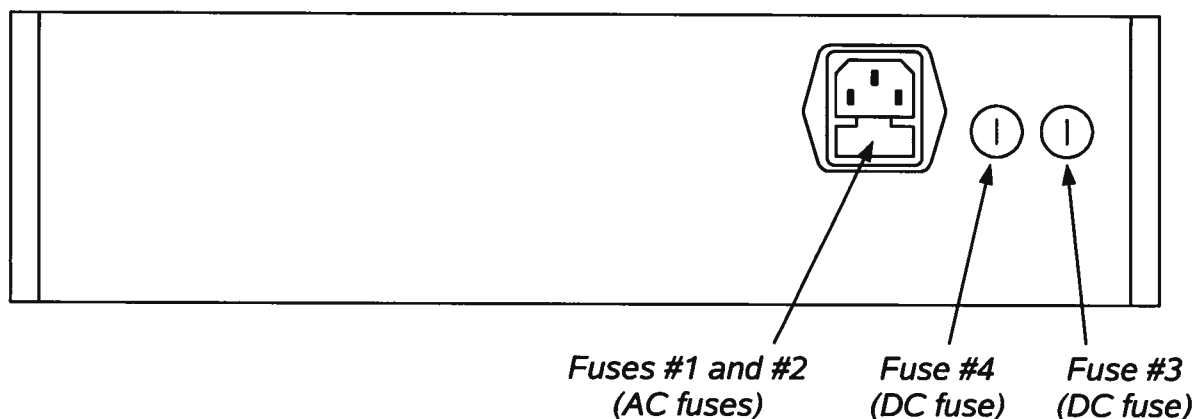
This instrument is intended for use under the following conditions:

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.

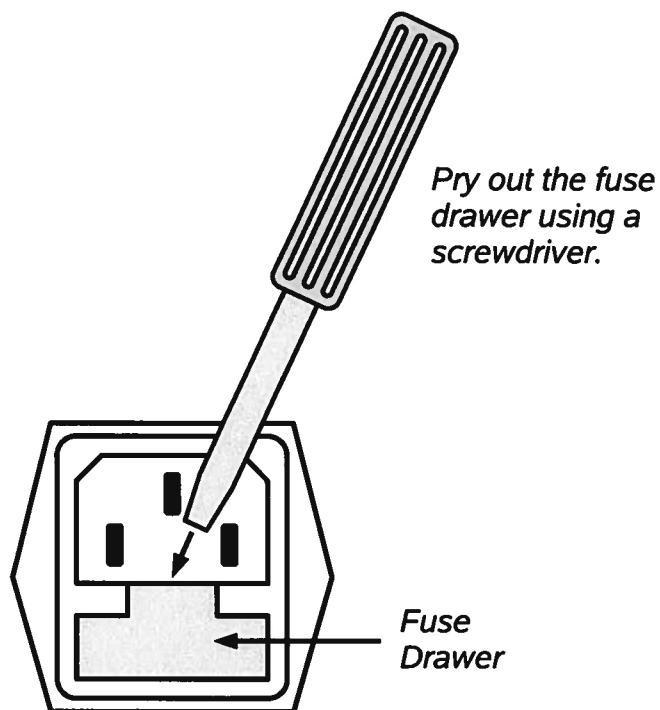
FUSES

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

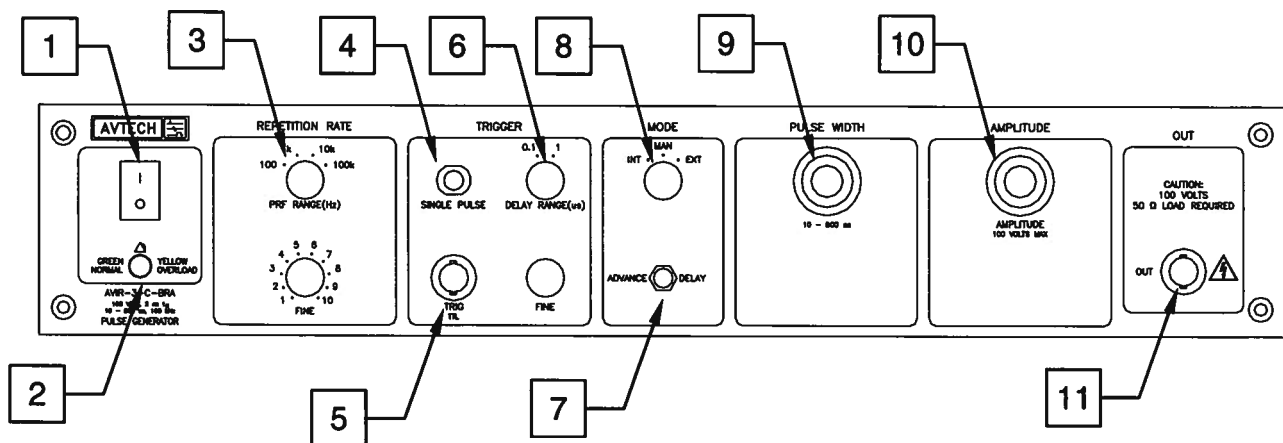
The following table lists the required fuses:

Fuses	Nominal Mains Voltage	Rating	Case Size	Recommended Replacement Part	
				Littelfuse Part Number	Digi-Key Stock Number
#1, #2 (AC)	100-240V	0.5A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	0218.500HXP	F2416-ND
#3 (DC)	N/A	1.6A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	021801.6HXP	F2424-ND
#4 (DC)	N/A	1.0A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	0218001.HXP	F2419-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. POWER Switch. This is the main power switch.
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. PRF Range Switch and Vernier. 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 range, approximately. The vernier dial directly below the switch varies the PRF within the set range.
4. SINGLE PULSE Push Button. The "SINGLE PULSE" push button will trigger the instrument manually for one cycle of output, when the "MODE" switch is in the "MAN" position. Otherwise, the push button has no effect.
5. TRIG Connector. When the "MODE" switch is in the "EXT" position, this connector is an input. The external trigger (50 ns or wider, TTL levels) is applied to this connector.

When operating in the "INT" mode, this connector is an output. A SYNC output is generated on this connector, to synchronize oscilloscopes or other measurement


systems.

6. Delay Range Switch and Vernier. This switch and one-turn dial sets the delay between the main output and the TRIG output. The marked value of each switch position is the upper limit of the range, approximately. The vernier dial directly below the switch varies the delay within the set range.
7. ADVANCE/DELAY Switch. With this switch in the DELAY position, the leading edge of the output pulse precedes the leading edge of the TRIG output. When in the ADVANCE position, the leading edge of the TRIG output precedes the leading edge of the main output.
8. MODE Switch. In the "INT" position the instrument is internally triggered and the TRIG connector provides a SYNC output which allows one to trigger other instruments, such as oscilloscopes.

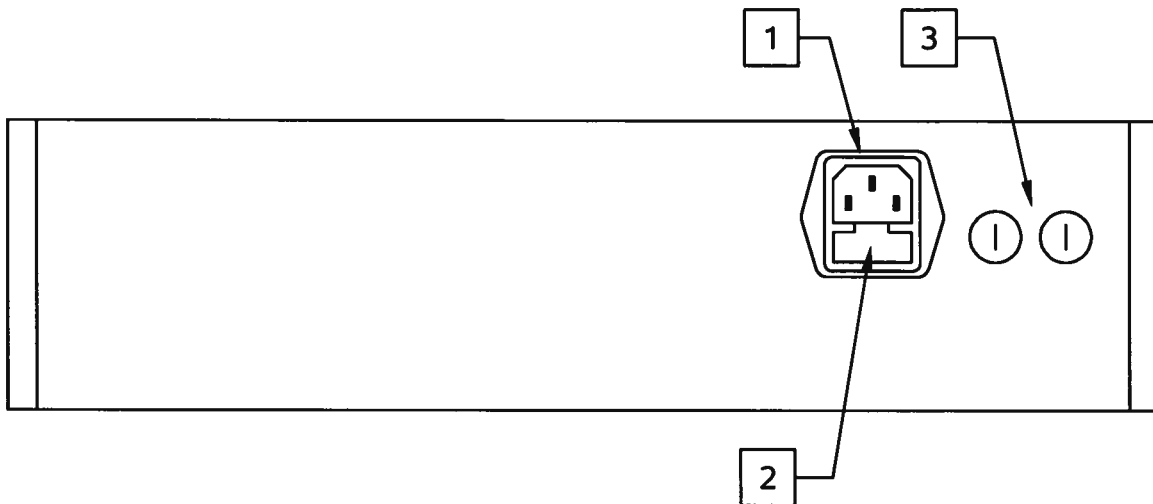
In the "MAN" position a single pulse can be generated by pressing the "SINGLE PULSE" push button. The TRIG connector is not used in this mode.

In the "EXT" position the instrument is triggered by a TTL-level pulse on the TRIG connector. The output parameters (pulse width, delay, and amplitude) are determined by the front panel settings.

9. PULSE WIDTH Control. This ten-turn dial controls the output pulse width.
10. AMPLITUDE Controls. This ten-turn dial provides continuously variable control of the peak amplitude of the main output from 0 to the full-scale range value.
11. OUT CONNECTOR. This BNC connector provides the main output signal, into load impedances of 50Ω .

 Caution: Voltages as high as 100V may be present on the center conductor of this output connector. Avoid touching this conductor. Connect to this connector using standard coaxial cable, to ensure that the center conductor is not exposed.

REAR PANEL CONTROLS

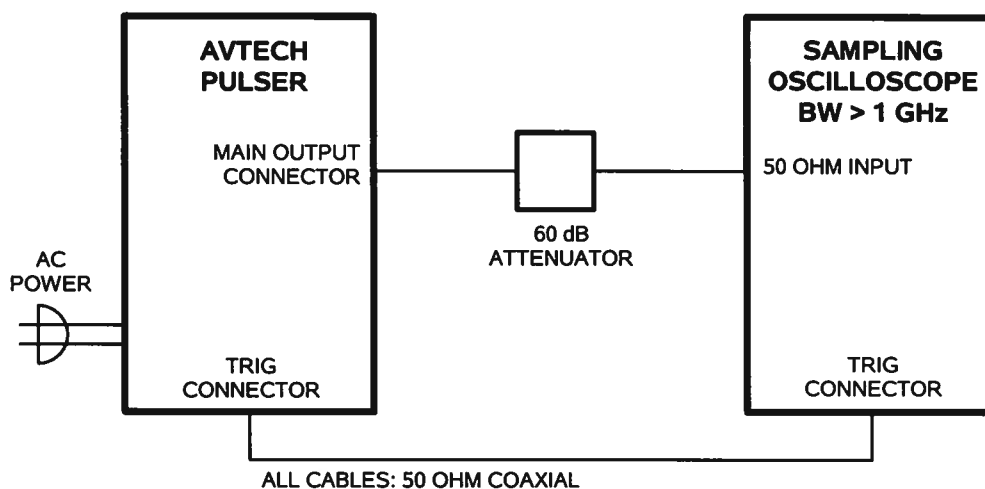


1. AC POWER INPUT. An IEC-320 C14 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket.
2. AC FUSE DRAWER. The two fuses that protect the AC input are located in this drawer. Please see the “FUSES” section of this manual for more information.
3. DC FUSES. These two fuses protect the internal DC power supplies. Please see the “FUSES” sections of this manual for more information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT

The AVIR-3-C-P-BRA should be tested with a sampling oscilloscope with a bandwidth of at least 1 GHz to properly observe the high-speed waveform. A typical test arrangement is shown below:



The attenuator is required to prevent damage to the sampling oscilloscope.

GENERAL OPERATING NOTES

- 1) The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 1 GHz.
- 2) The use of a 60 dB attenuator at the sampling scope vertical input channel will ensure a peak input signal to the sampling scope of less than 1 Volt.
- 3) The TRIG output channel provides TTL level signals. 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 PRF control on the front panel should be set mid-range. The front panel MODE 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.

MINIMIZING WAVEFORM DISTORTIONS

USE 50 OHM TRANSMISSION LINES AND LOADS

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

This instrument requires a 50 Ω 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, $V_{\text{SPIKE}} = L \frac{dI_{\text{LOAD}}}{dt}$, where L is the inductance, I_{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 AVIR-3-C-P-BRA may fail if triggered at a PRF greater than 100 kHz.


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.

RACK MOUNTING

A rack mounting kit is available. The -R5 rack mount kit may be installed after first removing the one Phillips screw on the side panel adjacent to the front handle.

ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE

To prevent electromagnetic interference with other equipment, all used outputs should be connected to shielded loads using shielded coaxial cables. Unused outputs should be terminated with shielded 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

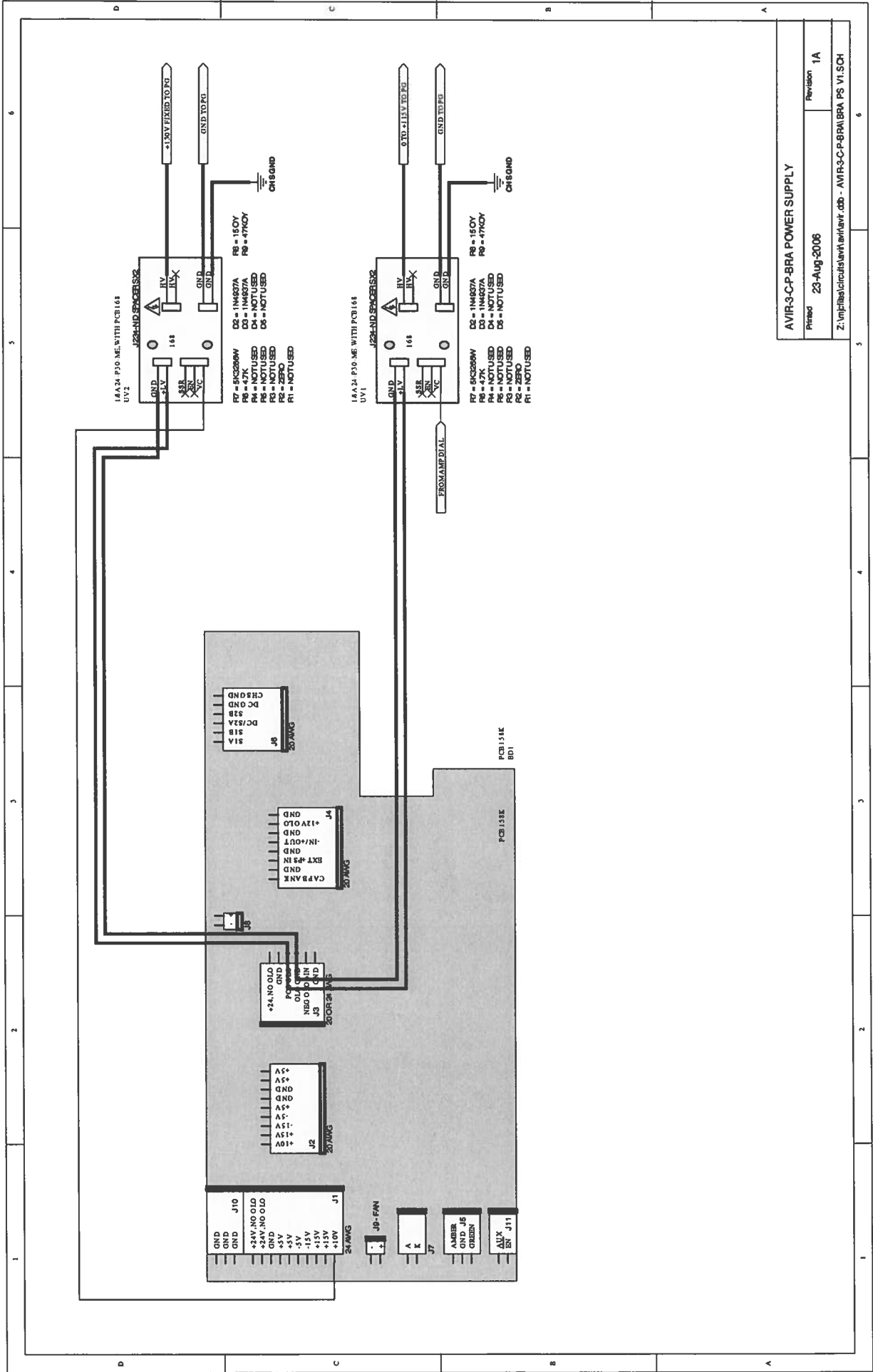
This instrument does not require any regular maintenance.

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

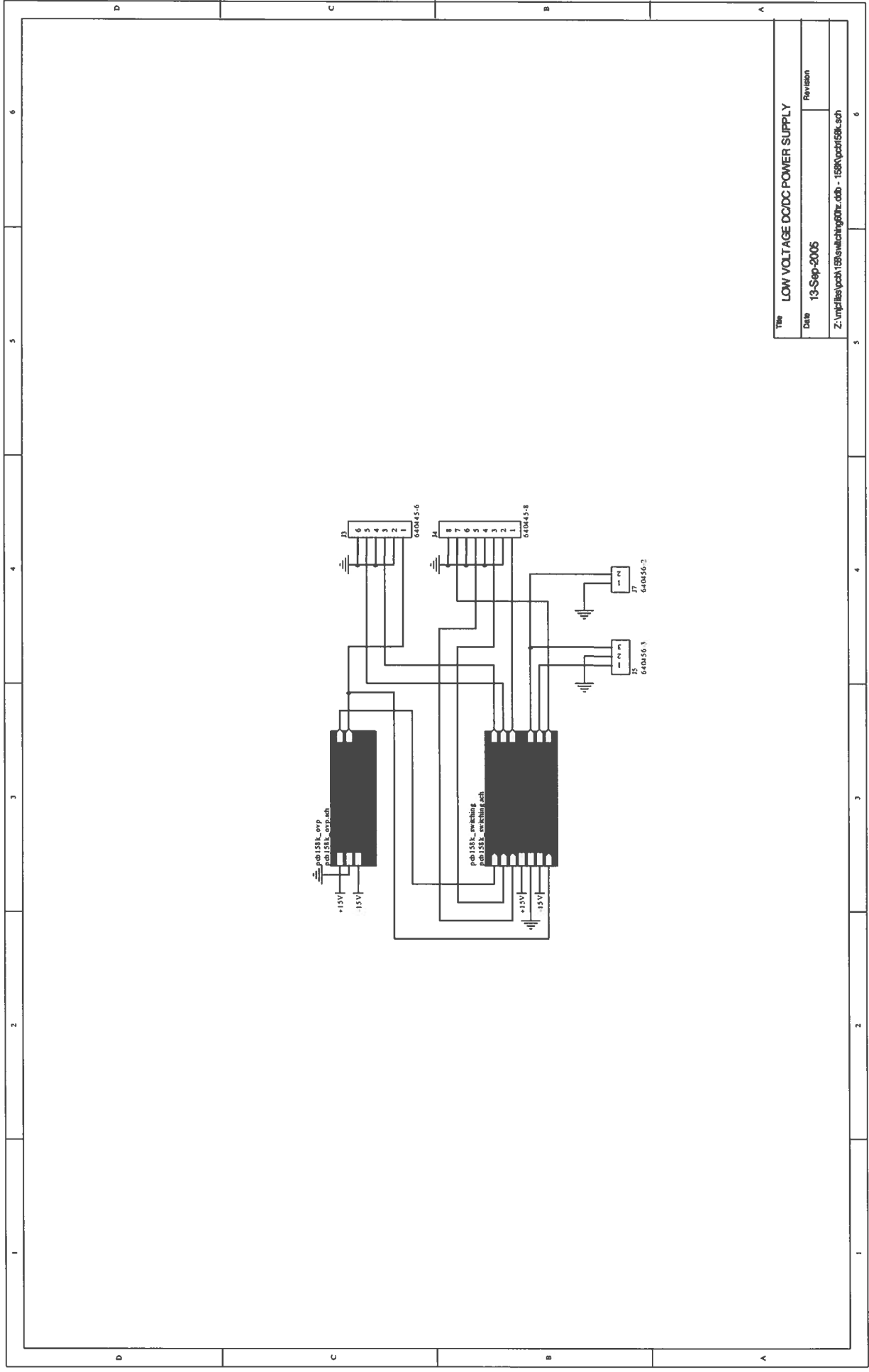
If desired, the interior of the instrument may be cleaned using compressed air to dislodge any accumulated dust. (See the "TOP COVER REMOVAL" section for instructions on accessing the interior.) No other cleaning is recommended.

WIRING OF AC POWER, 2/2



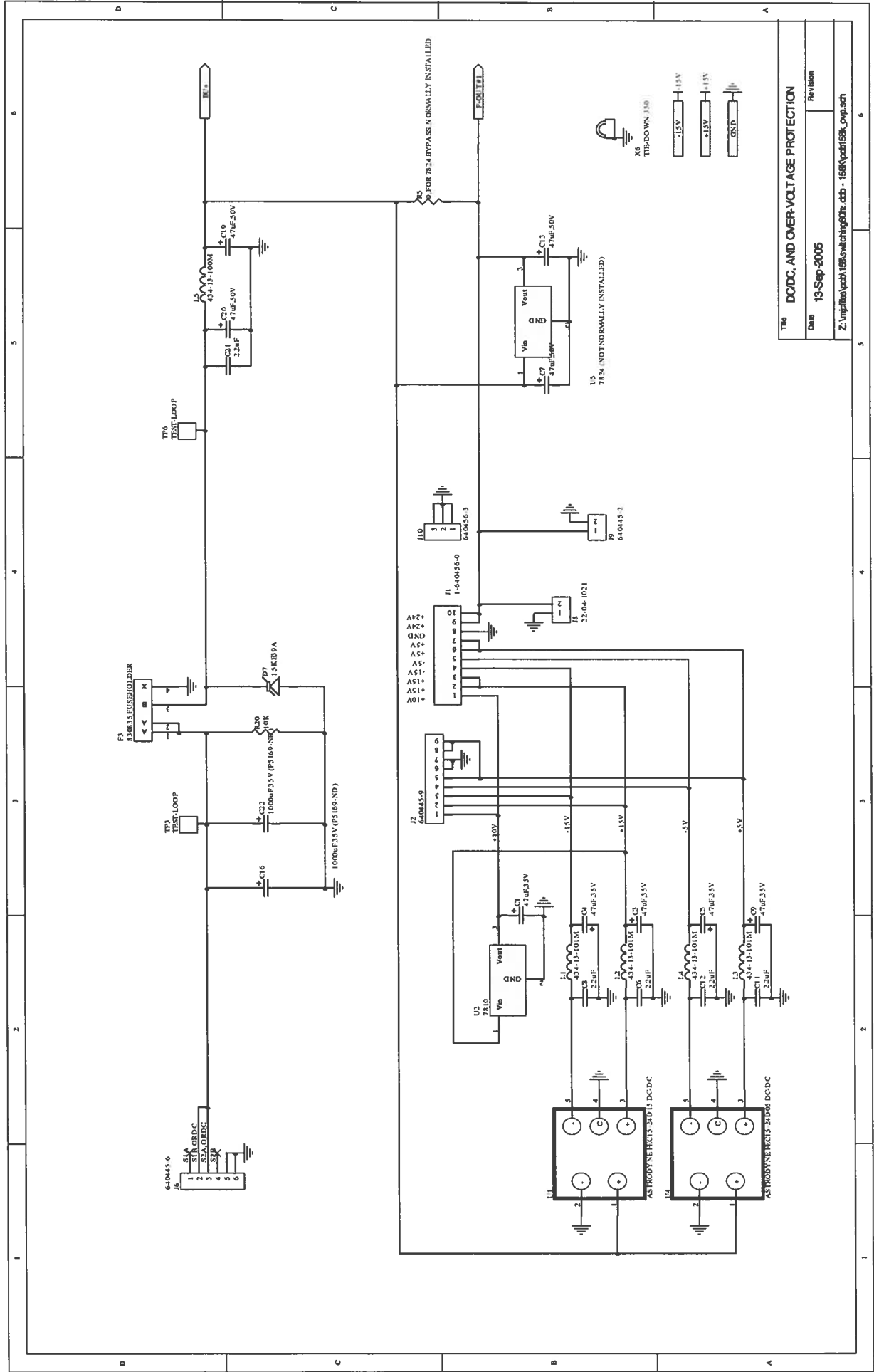
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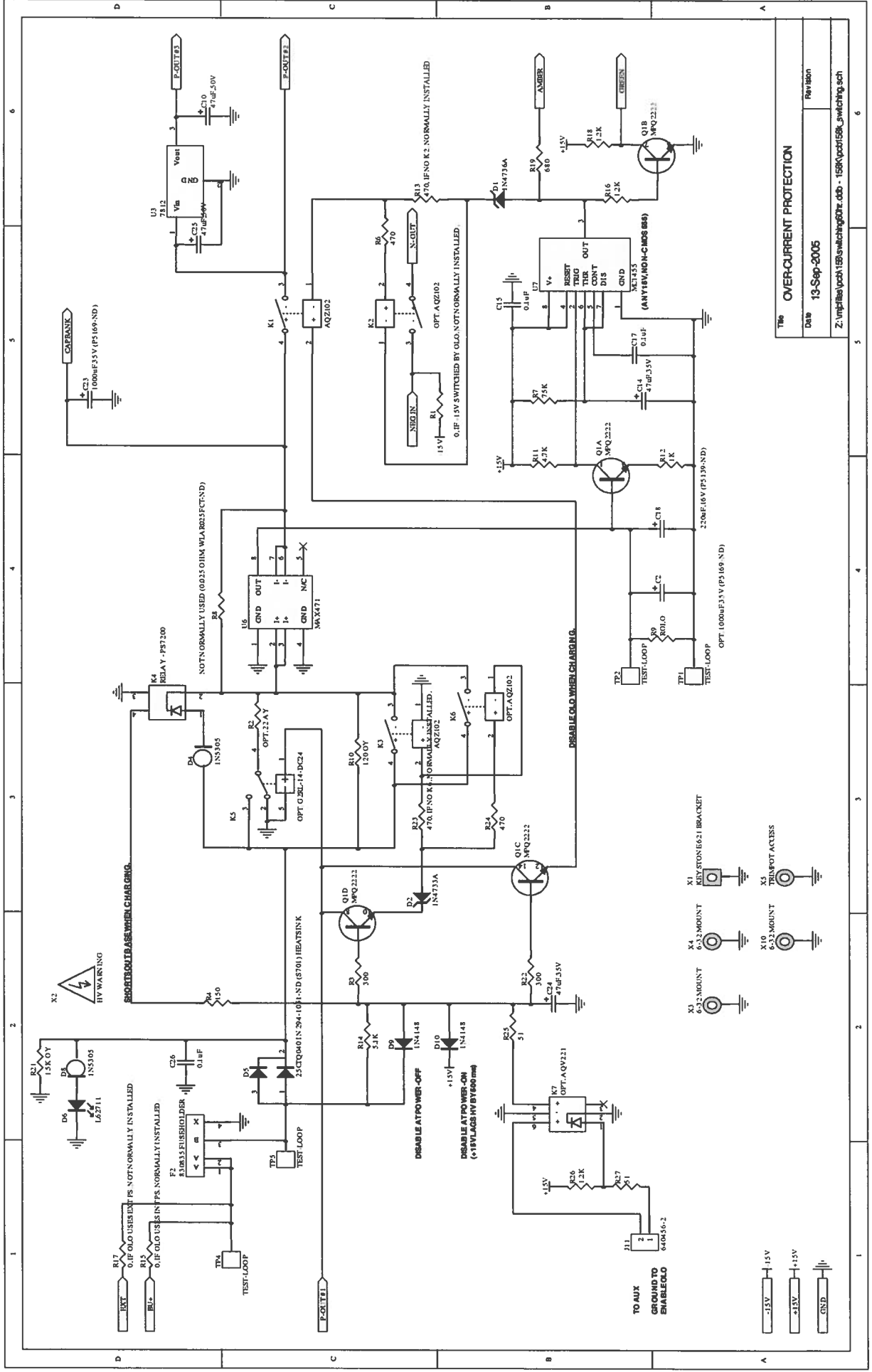


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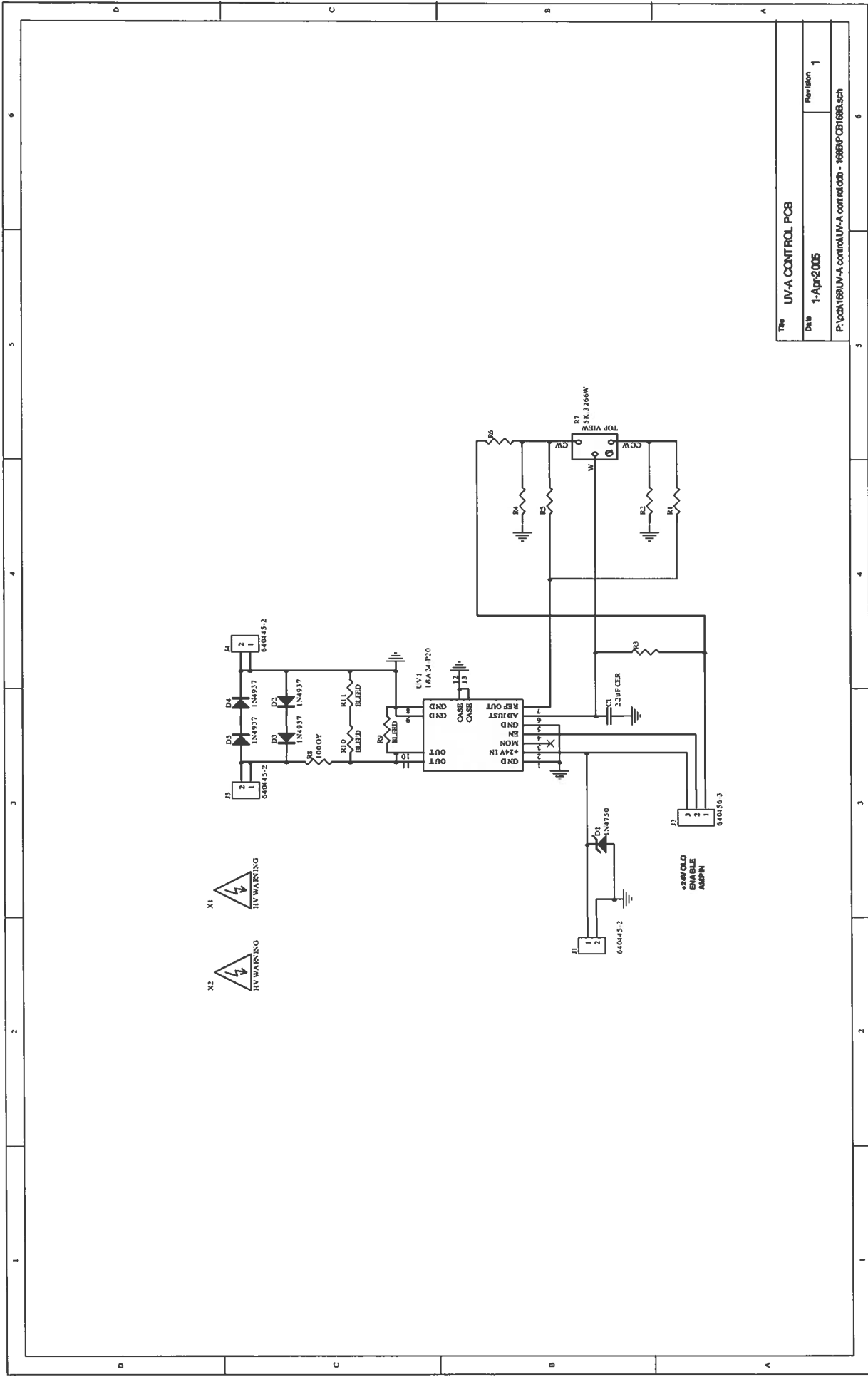


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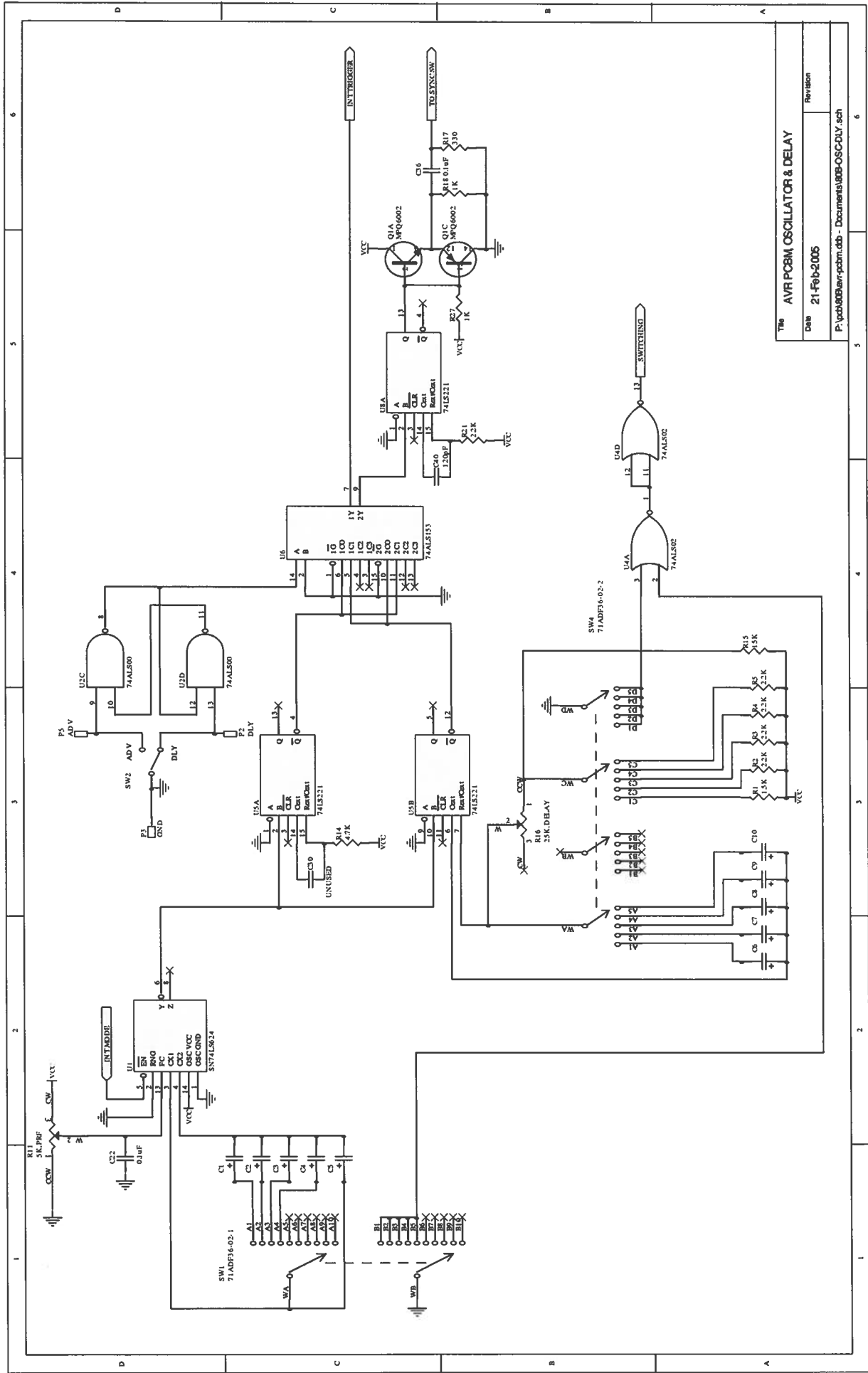
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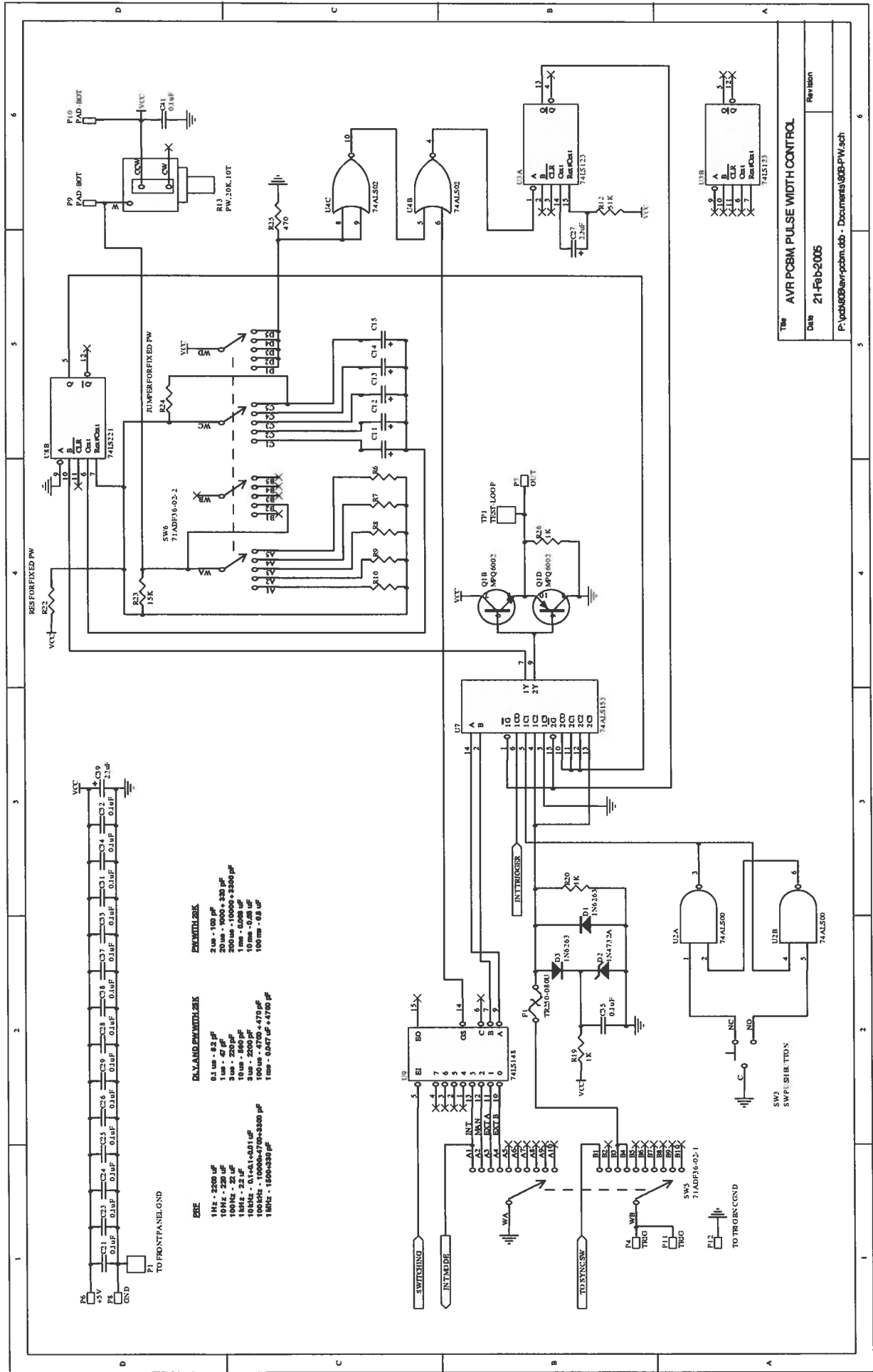
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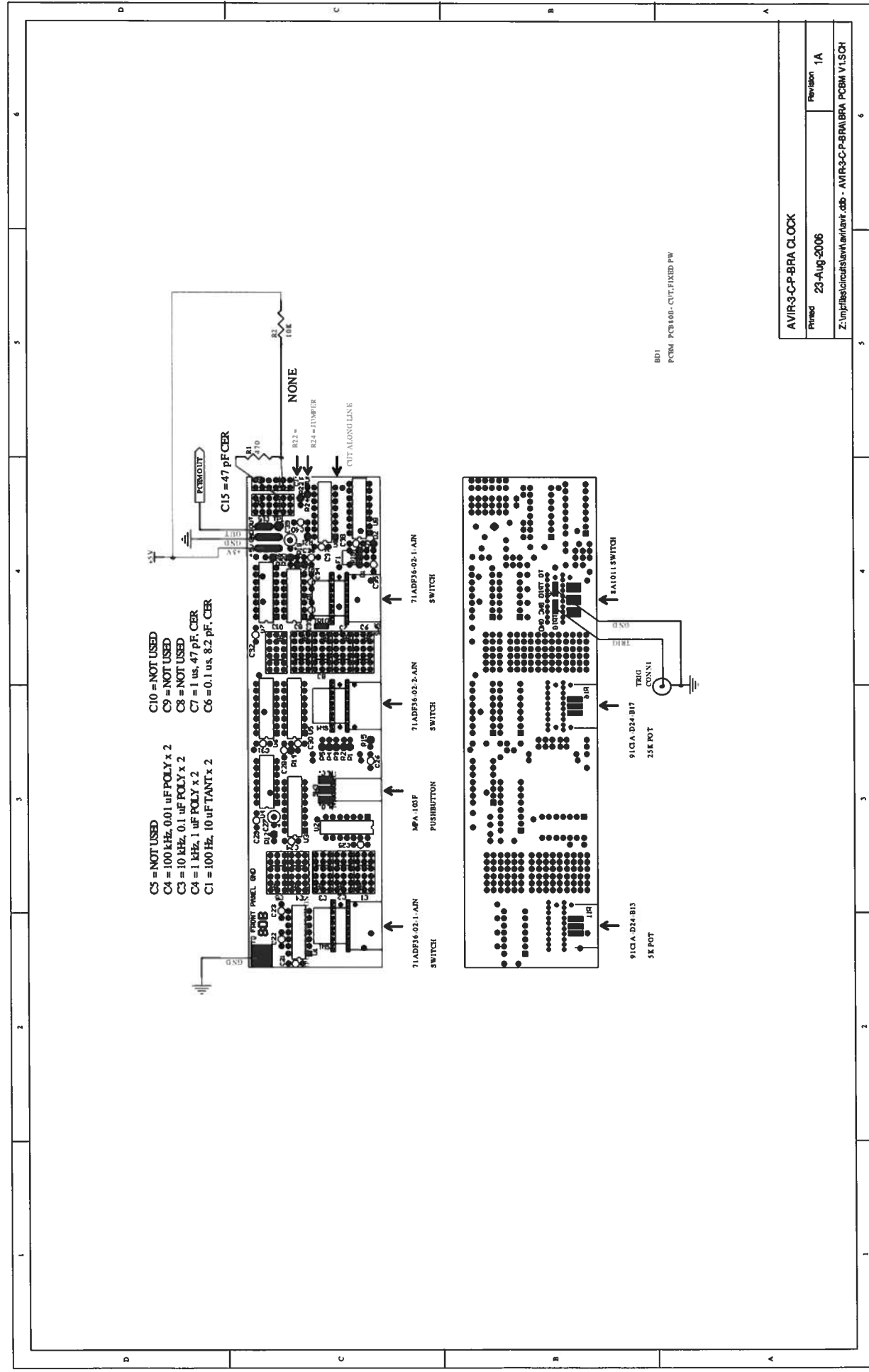
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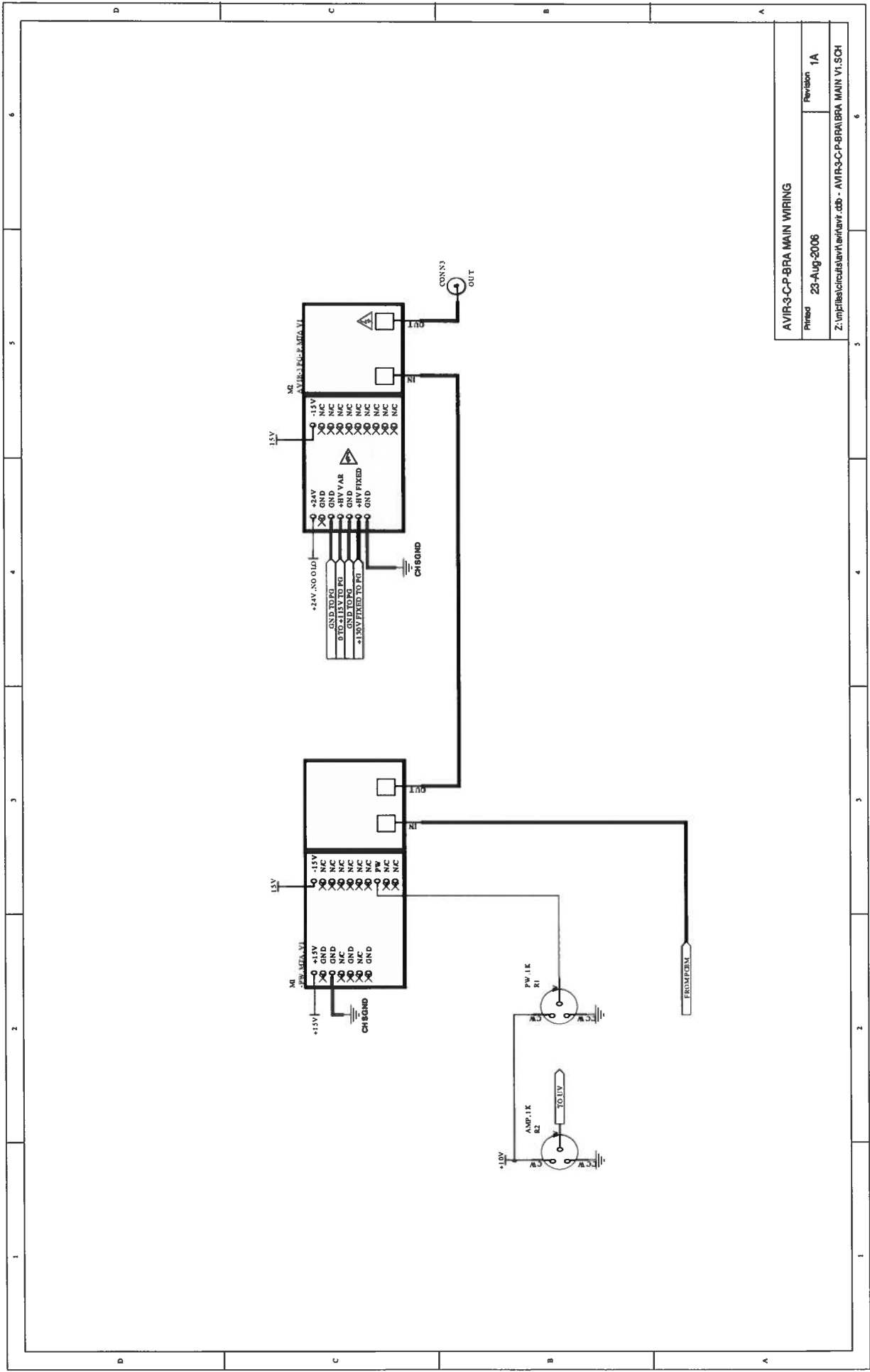
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