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## INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AV-107B-P-B-XA

## 0 to +2 AMP, 0 to $60 \mathrm{~V}, 10 \mathrm{~ns}$ RISE TIME LASER DIODE DRIVER <br> WITH IEEE 488.2 AND RS-232 CONTROL

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## INTRODUCTION

The Model AV-107B-P-B-XA pulse generator is designed for pulsing laser diode and other low impedance loads with rectangular pulses as high as 2 Amperes into load voltages up to 60 V , with 10 ns rise and fall times. The pulse repetition frequency can vary from 1 Hz to 10 kHz , and pulse widths can vary from 40 ns to 400 ns .

The Model AV-107B-P-B-XA pulse generator is a current pulser. The current amplitude is largely independent of the load voltage. The load voltage must not exceed 60 V .

The AV-107B-P-B-XA system consists of an instrument mainframe and an output module (the AV-107B-P-XA-PG). The output module connects to the mainframe using two cables: a 25 -conductor cable, detachable at the mainframe end, carries the control signals, and a single-conductor shielded RG-58 cable, detachable at both ends, carries the high voltage power supply $(+120 \mathrm{~V})$.


The loads can be connected (soldered) to the microstrip transmission line that protrudes from the output module. A fuse-type load may replace the diode load, but in either case the lead lengths must not exceed several inches or severe inductive voltage spikes will result (as predicted by Lenz's Law.)

The output of a self-contained current transformer is available at the "M" SMA connector on the output module. When terminated into a high impedance (>1k $\Omega$ ) the load current $\left(I_{L}\right)$ and the voltage at " M " $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{M}}\right)$ are related by:

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{L}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{M}} \times 1 \mathrm{Amp} / \mathrm{Volt}
$$

The " M " voltage waveform should normally be displayed on a high input impedance oscilloscope channel.

The AV-107B-P-B-XA has two amplitude ranges, of 0-0.2A and 0.2-2A, allowing the instrument to be used at both moderate and high current levels. (The instrument automatically selects the appropriate range based on the amplitude setting.)

The AV-107B-P-B-XA can be controlled from the front panel, or via a computer connected to the IEEE 488.2-compliant GPIB port, or the RS-232 serial port.

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Model: | AV-107B-P-B-XA |
| :---: | :---: |
| GPIB, RS-232 control: | Standard on -B units. |
| Amplitude: | 0 to +2 Amperes |
| Pulse width: | 40 ns to 400 ns |
| Rise time, fall time: | $\leq 10 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| PRF: | 1 Hz to 10 kHz |
| Current regulation: | Load voltage change from 0 to 60 Volts: $\leq 5 \%$ |
| Load voltage range: | 0 to +60 Volts |
| Polarity ${ }^{5}$ : | Positive |
| Propagation delay, (Jitter): | $\leq 100 \mathrm{~ns}$, $( \pm 100 \mathrm{ps} \pm 0.03 \%$ of sync delay, Ext trig in to pulse out) |
| Ext. trigger in: | + 5 Volts, 50 ns or wider (TTL) |
| Sync delay: (sync to pulse out) | 0 to $\pm 400 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| Sync output: | + 3 Volt, 200 ns , will drive 50 Ohm loads |
| Gate input: | Synchronous or asynchronous, active high or low, switchable. Suppresses triggering when active. |
| Connectors: | Out: Solder terminals Trig: BNC Sync: BNC <br> Gate: BNC HV: SMA  |
| Power requirements: | $120 / 240$ Volts (switchable) $50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| Dimensions: | Mainframe: $100 \times 215 \times 375 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $3.9^{\prime \prime} \times 8.5^{\prime \prime} \times 14.8^{\prime \prime}$ ) Output module: $109 \times 66 \times 43 \mathrm{~mm}\left(4.3^{\prime \prime} \times 2.6^{\prime \prime} \times 1.7^{\prime \prime}\right)$ |
| Temperature range: | $+10^{\circ}$ to $+40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

## INSTALLATION

## VISUAL CHECK

After unpacking the instrument mainframe and the two output modules, examine to ensure that they have not been damaged in shipment. Visually inspect all connectors, knobs, liquid crystal displays (LCDs), and the handles. Confirm that a power cord and two instrumentation manuals (this manual and the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual") are with the instrument. If the instrument has been damaged, file a claim immediately with the company that transported the instrument.

## PLUGGING IN THE INSTRUMENT

Examine the rear of the instrument. There will be a male power receptacle, a fuse holder and the edge of the power selector card visible. Confirm that the power selector is in the correct orientation - it should be marked either 120 or 240 , indicating whether it expects 120 V AC or 240 V AC. If it is not set for the proper voltage, remove the fuse and then grasp the card with a pair of pliers and remove it. Rotate horizontally through 180 degrees. Reinstall the card and the correct fuse. In the 120 V setting, a 1 A slow blow fuse is required. In the 240 V setting, a 0.5 A slow blow fuse is required.

## MAINFRAME FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



1. POWER Switch. The POWER push button switch applies $A C$ prime power to the primaries of the transformer, turning the instrument on. The push button lamp (\#382 type) is connected to the +15 V DC supply.
2. OVERLOAD. A protective circuit controls the front panel overload light. This indicator will light if the output module is overheating. (An audible buzzer will also sound, and the trigger will be disabled.) This may occur at high duty cycles when driving a low-impedance load. See the "High Duty Cycle Operation" section for methods of avoiding overheating.
3. SYNC OUT. This connector supplies a SYNC output that can be used to trigger other equipment, particularly oscilloscopes. This signal leads, or lags, the main output by a duration set by the "DELAY" controls and has an approximate amplitude of +3 Volts to $R_{L}>1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ with a pulse width of approximately 200 ns .
4. LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY (LCD). This LCD is used in conjunction with the keypad to change the instrument settings. Normally, the main menu is displayed, which lists the key adjustable parameters and their current values. The "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" describes the menus and submenus in detail.
5. KEYPAD.

| Control Name | Function |
| :--- | :--- |
| MOVE | This moves the arrow pointer on the display. |
| CHANGE | This is used to enter the submenu, or to select the operating <br> mode, pointed to by the arrow pointer. |
| $\times 10$ | If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, this <br> increases the setting by a factor of ten. |
| $\div 10$ | If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, this <br> decreases the setting by a factor of ten. |
| $+/-$ | If one of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, and <br> this parameter can be both positive or negative, this changes <br> the sign of the parameter. |
| EXTRA FINE | This changes the step size of the ADJUST knob. In the extra- <br> fine mode, the step size is twenty times finer than in the normal <br> mode. This button switches between the two step sizes. |
| ADJUST | This large knob adjusts the value of any displayed numeric <br> adjustable values, such as frequency, pulse width, etc. The <br> adjust step size is set by the "EXTRA FINE" button. <br> When the main menu is displayed, this knob can be used to |

## MAINFRAME REAR PANEL CONTROLS



1. AC POWER INPUT. A three-pronged recessed male connector is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. Also contained in this assembly is a 1A slow blow fuse and a removable card that can be removed and repositioned to switch between 120 V AC in and 240 V AC in.
2. DC FUSE. This 0.25 A slow-blow fuse protects the internal DC power supply.
3. GATE. This TTL-level ( 0 and +5 V ) logic input can be used to gate the triggering of the instrument. This input can be either active high or active low, depending on the front panel settings or programming commands. (The instrument triggers normally when this input is unconnected).
4. TRIG. This TTL-level ( 0 and +5 V ) logic input can be used to trigger the instrument, if the instrument is set to triggering externally. The instrument triggers on the rising edge of this input.
5. GPIB Connector. A standard GPIB cable can be attached to this connector to allow the instrument to be computer-controlled. See the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" for more details on GPIB control.
6. RS-232 Connector. A standard serial cable with a 25 -pin male connector can be attached to this connector to allow the instrument to be computer-controlled. See the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" for more details on RS-232 control.
7. OUT. The 25 -pin cable from the negative output module is connected to this connector.
8. HV BNC Connector. The shielded RG-58 cable from the output module is connected to this connector. This carries the high-voltage power supply ( +120 V ) to the output module.

## OUTPUT MODULE CONTROLS AND CONNECTORS

## OUT Microstrip Line

The main output is provided on the center conductor of the microstrip board protruding from the output module. The outer two conductors, as well as the reverse side of the microstrip board are connected to ground.

A typical connection scheme is shown below:


The load should be connected between the OUT and GND terminals using very short leads ( $<5.0 \mathrm{~cm}$, and preferably $<0.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ ). Severe inductive voltage spikes will result from any series inductance (Lenz's Law). Take care to ensure that during soldering the OUT conductor is not shorted to the chassis. Use minimal heat when soldering to avoid delaminating the metal pads.

If the load cannot be placed directly on the output terminals of the -PG module, the AVLZ lines should be used between the -PG module and the load (see the Avtech AV-LZ data sheet, available at www.avtechpulse.com).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT



The equipment should be connected in the general fashion shown above.
Output modules should always be connected to the mainframe BEFORE power is applied.

Proper choice of test resistance is important. It is essential that the resistive test load be low-inductance. (Wirewound resistors are not acceptable, unless many are connected together in parallel.) The power dissipated in the resistor is given by

$$
\text { PAVERAGE }=1^{2} \times R \times \frac{P W}{T}, \text { PPEAK }=1^{2} \times R
$$

where " $l$ " is the current, " $R$ " is the resistance, "PW" is the pulse width, and " $T$ " is the pulse period (1/frequency).

The power rating of the resistance should exceed this average power rating by a large margin. Beware that some low-value resistors exhibit a significant temperaturedependence, even when the average power dissipated is below the resistor's power rating. This is particularly true if the peak power exceeds the resistor's power rating.

Factory tests are conducted with a $10 \Omega$ load capable of dissipating at least 20 W . ( 30 mA and 100 mA fast-blow fuses were also used as test loads.) Higher load resistance values may be used but the output voltage must be limited to 60 V or less.

## CURRENT MEASUREMENT

Measuring current is more difficult than measuring voltage. There are four basic approaches to measuring pulsed current:

1. Rely on the accuracy of the amplitude setting (typically $5 \%$ ), as displayed on the LCD display.
2. The output of a self-contained current transformer is available at the "M" SMA connector on the output module. When terminated into a high impedance (> $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ) the load current $\left(\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{L}}\right)$ and the voltage at " M " $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{M}}\right)$ are related by:

$$
\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{L}}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{M}} \times 1 \mathrm{Amp} / \text { Volt }
$$

The " $M$ " voltage waveform should normally be displayed on a high input impedance oscilloscope channel.
3. Use a high-performance current transformer, such as a Pearson 410. The output voltage of the transformer is proportional to the sensed current. Note that because of the relatively large size of the 410, it is necessary to introduce a significant lead length (i.e., inductance) to pass the conductor through the transformer.
4. Use a low-resistance, low-inductance, current-sensing resistor connected in series with the load. To minimize inductance, it is usually wise to connect several resistors in parallel. Beware that wirewound resistors usually have far too much inductance to be useful as current-sensing resistors.

## BASIC PULSE CONTROL

This instrument can be triggered by its own internal clock or by an external TTL trigger signal. In either case, two output channels respond to the trigger: OUT and SYNC. The OUT channel is the signal that is applied to the device under test. Its amplitude and pulse width are variable. The SYNC pulse is a fixed-width TTL-level reference pulse used to trigger oscilloscopes or other measurement systems. When the delay is set to a positive value the SYNC pulse precedes the OUT pulse.

These pulses are illustrated below, assuming internal triggering and a positive delay:


Figure A

If the delay is negative, the order of the SYNC and OUT pulses is reversed:


Figure B

The next figure illustrates the relationship between the signal when an external TTLlevel trigger is used:


Figure C

As before, if the delay is negative, the order of the SYNC and OUT pulses is reversed.
The delay, pulse width, and frequency (when in the internal mode), of the OUT pulse can be varied with front panel controls or via the GPIB or RS-232 computer interfaces.

## TRIGGER MODES

This instrument has four trigger modes:

- Internal Trigger: the instrument controls the trigger frequency, and generates the clock internally.
- External Trigger: the instrument is triggered by an external TTL-level clock on the back-panel TRIG connector.
- Manual Trigger: the instrument is triggered by the front-panel "SINGLE PULSE" pushbutton.
- Hold Trigger: the instrument is set to not trigger at all.

These modes can be selected using the front panel trigger menu, or by using the appropriate programming commands. (See the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" for more details.)

## GATING MODES

Triggering can be suppressed by a TTL-level signal on the rear-panel GATE connector. The instrument can be set to stop triggering when this input high or low, using the frontpanel gate menu or the appropriate programming commands. This input can also be set to act synchronously or asynchronously. When set to asynchronous mode, the GATE will disable the output immediately. Output pulses may be truncated. When set to synchronous mode, the output will complete the full pulse width if the output is high, and then stop triggering. No pulses are truncated in this mode.

## TOP COVER REMOVAL

The top cover of the instrument may be removed by removing the four Phillips screws on the top panel. With these four screws removed, the top panel may be slid off by pulling it towards the rear.

## 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.

## LOAD PROTECTION

## LENZ'S LAW AND INDUCTIVE VOLTAGE SPIKES

This instrument is designed to pulse resistive and diode loads and will exhibit a large output spike when used to drive a load with significant inductance (as predicted by LENZ'S LAW). For this reason the load should be connected to the output using low inductance leads (as short as possible and as heavy a gauge as possible).

The voltage developed across an inductance $L$ (in Henries), when the current is changing at a rate given by $\mathrm{dl}_{\text {LOAD }} / \mathrm{dt}$ (in Amps/sec), is: $V_{\text {SPIKE }}=\mathrm{L} \frac{\mathrm{di} \text { LOAD }}{\mathrm{dt}}$.

Some load inductance is unavoidable. As a result, the output voltage waveform (measured across a resistance) will have some distortion on the leading edge, as shown:


Attaching a current transformer (for measuring current waveforms) can add significant inductance, because of the necessary wire length that must be fed through the transformer. (The Pearson 410 requires approximately 1.5 ".) For this reason it is recommended that the self-contained current transformer (" M ") be used.

## ATTACHING AND DETACHING LOADS

To avoid damaging the loads connected to main outputs, the loads should only be connected to or removed from the instrument when the instrument is off. Do not connect loads when the instrument is on and the output amplitude is not zero. This can cause sparking.

## CHANGING PARAMETERS WHEN A LOAD IS ATTACHED

If your load is easily damaged, the amplitude should be reduced to zero before changing the trigger source, frequency, pulse width, or other pulse parameters. This protects the loads from possible short transient effects.

## PULSING ACTIVE LOADS

## CAUTION!

When pulsing an active load (such as a semiconductor device), care must be taken to block any DC bias which may be present in the load from the pulser. Failure to do so may result in the failure of the output switching electronics. The following diode networks are recommended:

Positive Bias


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## START-UP CHECK-LIST FOR LOCAL CONTROL

1) The instruction manual has been studied thoroughly.
2) The "Local Control" section of the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" has been studied thoroughly.
3) The output module is connected to the mainframe as shown in the "Basic Test Arrangement" section. (The output module should always be connected to the mainframe BEFORE power is applied.)
4) The load is connected to the output module microstrip output. The center conductor is the output line, and the two outer conductors are connected to ground. For initial testing, it is recommended that a resistive load be used. Factory tests are conducted using a $10 \mathrm{Ohm}, 20$ Watt resistive load.
5) Connect the " M " SMA connector to a high impedance scope input. In addition, a voltage probe may be used to monitor the voltage across the resistive load.
6) Turn on the prime power to the mainframe. The main menu will appear.
7) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the frequency menu item. If it is not, press the MOVE button until it is.
8) Press the CHANGE button. The frequency submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the frequency is set at the desired setting. The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Internal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
9) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
10) Press the MOVE button to move the arrow pointer to the pulse width menu item. Press CHANGE to bring up the pulse width submenu, and rotate the ADJUST knob until the pulse width is set at the desired setting. The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is. Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
11) Press the MOVE button to move the arrow pointer is pointing at the output item. Press CHANGE to bring up the output submenu. The arrow pointer should be initially be pointing at the "Output Off" choice. Press MOVE so that the arrow pointer is pointing at the "Output On" choice. (The mainframe is now supplying a trigger to the output module.) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
12) Press the MOVE button to move the arrow pointer to the amplitude menu item. Press CHANGE to bring up the amplitude submenu, and rotate the ADJUST knob
until the amplitude is set at the desired setting. A rectangular pulse should appear on the scope and the amplitude should increase as the ADJUST knob is rotated. Note that the load current $\left(I_{L}\right)$ and the voltage at " $M$ " $\left(V_{M}\right)$ are related by:

$$
I_{L}=V_{M} \times 1 \mathrm{Amp} / \text { olt }
$$

13) Observe the pulse width and puise period on the scope and confirm that the peak current does not exceed 2 Amps.
14) Adjust pulse width, pulse period (i.e. PRF) and amplitude to obtain the desired settings.
15) If additional assistance is required:

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## CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS - SOFTWARE PROCEDURES

## ADJUSTING AMPLITUDE ACCURACY

The AV-107B-P-B-XA has two amplitude ranges: 0 to 0.2 A , and 0.2 A to 2 A , approximately. The calibration of each range can be adjusted by a few percent if necessary.

If it is found that the output amplitude settings (as set by the front-panel controls or programming commands) do not agree exactly with measured values of amplitude (i.e., by examining the output on an oscilloscope) in one of these ranges, the amplitude calibration can be updated using software commands.

The following procedure is suggested:

1) Connect a precision, high-power resistive load to the output. (As an example, suppose $10 \Omega$ is used.)
2) Connect the pulse generator to a computer using the GPIB or RS232 ports.
3) Turn on the pulse generator, and set the time controls (frequency, delay, pulse width) to typical values.
4) Turn on the outputs.
5) Set the output amplitude to $80 \%$ of the maximum current for that range. For instance, if the 0.2 A to 2 A range requires calibration, set the amplitude to 1.6 A .
6) Observe the voltage across the load. (Using the $10 \Omega$ example, suppose that 15 V is observed.) From this, calculate the measured current ( 1.5 A in this example).
7) Send the measured value to the instrument using the following command:
diag:ampl:cal 1.5 A
The internal software compares the supplied measured value to the programmed value, and adjusts the internal calibration data to null out any differences.
8) Observe the voltage across the load again. The amplitude setting should now agree with the measured value.

## PROGRAMMING YOUR PULSE GENERATOR

## KEY PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

The "OP1B Interface Programming Manual" describes in detail how to connect the pulse generator to your computer, and the programming commands themselves. A large number of commands are available; however, normally you will only need a few of these. Here is a basic sample sequence of commands that might be sent to the instrument after power-up:
*rst (resets the instrument)
trigger:source internal (selects internal triggering)
frequency 10 Hz
pulse:width 100 ns pulse:delay 200 ns output on
source:current 1.5 A
(sets the frequency to 10 Hz )
(sets the pulse width to 100 ns )
(sets the delay to 200 ns )
(turns on the output)
(sets the current amplitude to 1.5 amperes)

For triggering a single event, this sequence would be more appropriate:
*rst
trigger:source hold pulse:width 100 ns output on source:current 1.5 A trigger:source immediate trigger:source hold output off
(resets the instrument)
(turns off all triggering)
(sets the pulse width to 100 ns )
(turns on the output)
(sets the current amplitude to 1.5 amperes)
(generates a single non-repetitive trigger event)
(turns off all triggering)
(turns off the output)

To set the instrument to trigger from an external TTL signal applied to the rear-panel TRIG connector, use:

| *rst | (resets the instrument) |
| :--- | :--- |
| trigger:source external | (selects internal triggering) |
| pulse:width 100 ns | (sets the pulse width to 100 ns) |
| pulse:delay 200 ns | (sets the delay to 200 ns) |
| source:current 1.5 A | (sets the current amplitude to 1.5 amperes) |
| output on | (turns on the output) |

These commands will satisfy $90 \%$ of your programming needs.

## ALL PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

For more advanced programmers, a complete list of the available commands is given below. These commands are described in detail in the "OP1B Interface Programming Manual". (Note: this manual also includes some commands that are not implemented in this instrument. They can be ignored.)

## Keyword

DIAGnostic:
:AMPLitude
:CALibration
LOCAL
OUTPut:
:[STATe] <boolean value>
:PROTection :TRIPped?
REMOTE
[SOURce]:
:FREQuency
[:CW | FIXed] <numeric value>
[SOURce]:
:CURRent
[:LEVel]
[:IMMediate]
[:AMPLitude] <numeric value> :PROTection :TRIPped?
[SOURce]:
:PULSe :PERiod <numeric value> :WIDTh <numeric value> :DCYCle <numeric value> :HOLD WIDTh | DCYCle :DELay <numeric value> :GATE :TYPE :LEVel
STATUS: :OPERation :[EVENt]? :CONDition?
:ENABle :QUEStionable
:[EVENt]?
:CONDition?
:ENABIe
SYSTem:

ASYNC | SYNC High | LOw
Parameter
<numeric value> WIDTh | DCYCle
<numeric value>
<numeric value> <numeric value>
:COMMunicate

Notes
[no query form]
[query only]
[query only]
[query only, always returns "0"] [query only, always returns "0"] [implemented but not useful]
[query only, always returns " 0 "] [query only, always returns "0"] [implemented but not useful]

```
    :GPIB
        :ADDRess <numeric value>
    :SERial
        :CONTrol
        :RTS
        :[RECeive]
            :BAUD
            :BITS
            :ECHO
            :PARity
                :[TYPE]
            :SBITS
    ERRor
                            :[NEXT]?
            :COUNT?
        :VERSion?
TRIGger:
    :SOURce
*CLS
*ESE
*ESR?
*IDN?
*OPC
*SAV
*RCL
*RST
*SRE
*STB?
*TST?
*WAI
```

<numeric value>

ON | IBFull | RFR
1200 | 2400 | 4800 | 9600
7 | 8
<boolean value>

EVEN | ODD | NONE
1|2
[query only]
[query only]
[query only]
INTernal | EXTernal | MANual | HOLD | IMMediate
[no query form]
<numeric value>
$0|1| 2 \mid 3$
$0|1| 2 \mid 3$
<numeric value>
[query only]
[query only]
[no query form]

## SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the 0.25A slow blow fuse or the main power fuse on the rear panel has failed. Replace if necessary.

If the unit still does not function, it is most likely that some of the output switching elements (SL5T) 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 output module. The cover plate is removed by removing the four countersunk 6-32 Phillips screws.

NOTE: First turn off the prime power. Briefly ground the SL5T 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 output module. The SL5T 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 SL5T switching elements, take care to ensure that the short lead (of the three leads) is adjacent to the black dots towards the back of the chassis. (See the following illustration). The SL5T elements are electrically isolated from the small copper heat sink but are bonded to the heat sink using Wakefield Type 155 Heat Sink Adhesive.


If the switching elements are not defective, then the mainframe timing signal should be checked for proper operation. To do this, disconnect the output module from the mainframe (i.e. both the 25 -pin cable and the HV cable). Observe the signal on pin 4 of the 25 -pin OUT connector on the rear panel, when in the "Output On" state. This line is the TTL-level (i.e. 0 and +3 V ) trigger signal for the output module. A signal should be present on this line exactly equal in frequency, and approximately equal in pulse width, to the set values on the front panel. The mainframe and output module should be returned to Avtech if these conditions are not observed.

## PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET

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June 18, 1999

John Eider
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Dear John,
Following our phone conversation of June $17^{\text {th }}$, I am pleased to enclose the following literature:

1) General Catalog No. 10
2) Catalog No. 10 S
3) Price List

Model AV-107B-B is described on page 71. This standard model can be modified to meet the following specifications:

| Quote Number: | 9394 |
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| Model Designation: | AV-107B-P-B-XA |
| Amplitude: | 0 to +2 Amps |
| Pulse Width: | 40 to 400 ns |
| RF: | 0 to 10 KHz |
| Other: | See standard AV-107B-B, Cat. 10 |
| Price: | $\$ 6,773.00$ US Each, FOB destination |
| Delivery: | $45-60$ days, after receipt of order. |

Over the next few days we will generate some test waveforms for simulated fuse loads and we will fax these results to you.

Thank you for your interest in our products. Please call me (1-800-265-6681) if you require any additional information or please see avtechpulse.com/current and avtechpulse.com/appnote.


Dr. Walter Chudobiak Chief Engineer

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June 21, 1999

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Dear John,
Following my quote of June 18, I am pleased to enciose some test waveforms for a standard Model AV-107B driving fuse-type loads. We simulated your application by using non slow blow 30 mA and 100 mA fuses (Litterfuse 312 series). The 30 mA could withstand nearly 1.0 Amp for 200ns (see Fig A). Increasing the peak current slightly over 1.0 Amp caused the fuse to fail. The 100 mA fuse (see Fig B) could withstand 2.0 Amp for at least 200 ns .

I hope that this information is helpful and that you will call me again (1-800-265-6681) if you require any additional information.


Dr. Walter Chudobiak
Chief Engineer

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(A)

30 mA FUSE
lo pmp/DIU
50ws/oru
$P_{R F}=10 \mathrm{KIR}$
(R Paso $=25 \Omega)$

(B) 100 MA FUSE 1.0 Anploll 50 as/DIU

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