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INSTRUCTIONS

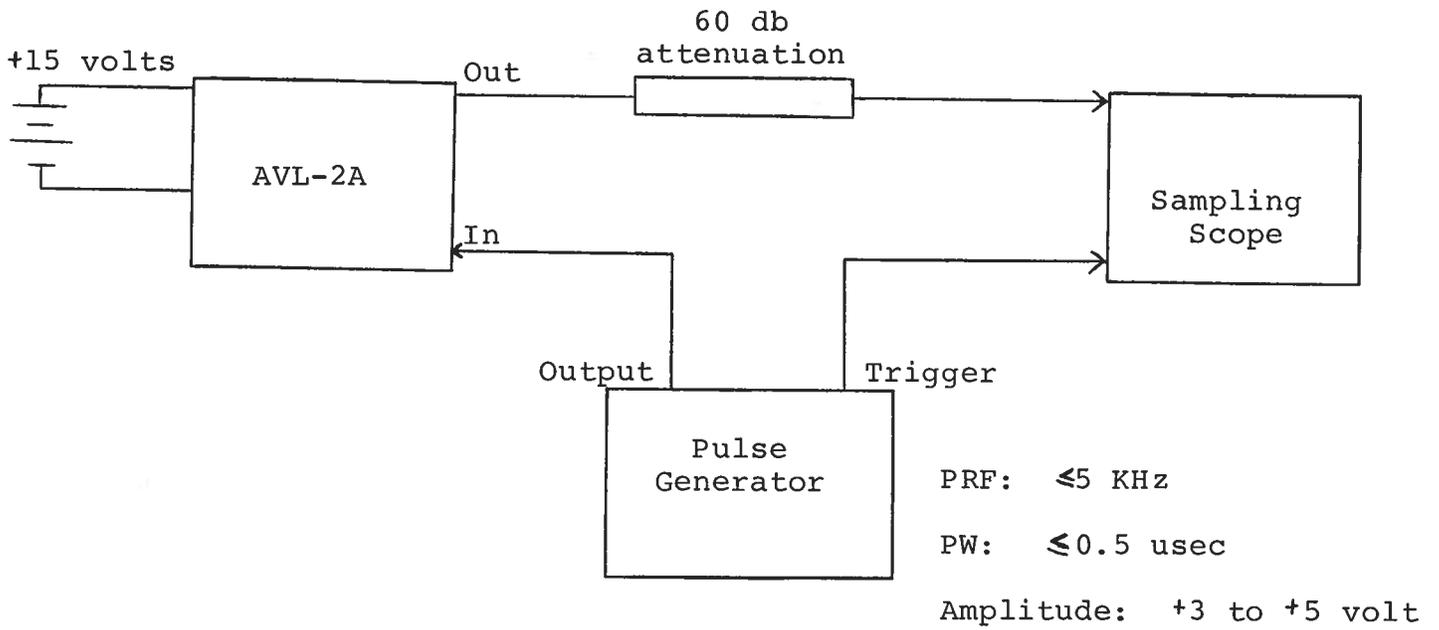
MODEL AVL-2A PULSE GENERATOR

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### WARRANTY

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MODEL AVL-2A PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT



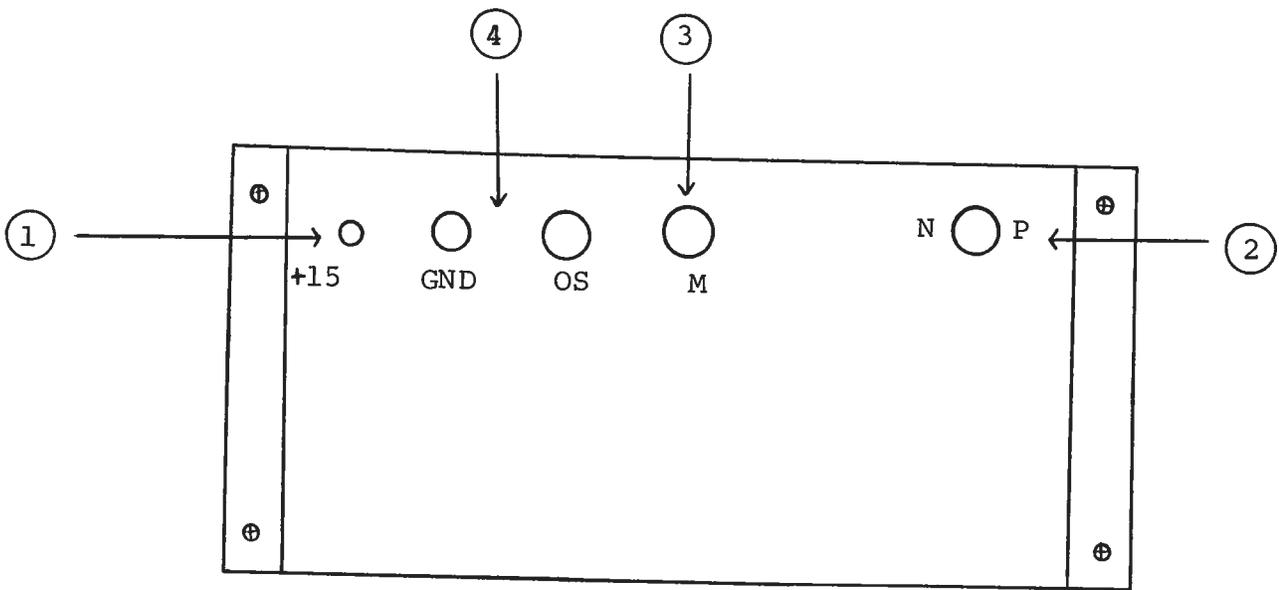
## GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 1000 MHz.
- 2) The use of a 60 db attenuator will insure a peak input signal to the sampling scope of less than one volt.
- 3) In general, the source pulse generator trigger delay control should be set in the 0.1 to 1.0 usec range. Other settings should be as shown in the above diagram.
- 4) The Model AVL-2A pulse generator can withstand an infinite VSWR on the output port.
- 5) **WARNING:** Model AVL-2A may fail if triggered at a PRF greater than 5 KHz.
- 6) The output pulse width is controlled by means of the one turn potentiometer (PW). The pot should initially be set mid-range and the pulse width adjusted using an oscilloscope. The output will degenerate to an impulse and eventually vanish as the pot is turned fully counter clockwise. Units with the -W option are shipped with an 8 inch length of RG-58 cable connected between ports A and B on the back panel. This cable provides a maximum PW of about 100 nsec. The PW pot control is active over about 90° with this cable. The maximum PW may be extended up to 400 nsec by attaching RG-58 cable lengths of about 100 feet between ports A and B. With 100 feet of cable attached, the PW pot control is active over about 300°. The maximum attainable PW varies linearly with cable length for cable lengths between 6" and 100". **CAUTION:** Insure that the input power is off before attempting to change the cable between ports A and B. Potentials as high as 400V exist on the centre conductor between ports A and B.
- 7) The output pulse amplitude is controlled by means of the one turn potentiometer (AMP) and the HIGH-LOW switch adjacent to the AMP control. With the switch in the HIGH position, the output amplitude is variable over the range of 75 to 180 volts while in the LOW position the output amplitude is variable over the range of about 0 to 150 volts.
- 8) Some properties of the output pulse may change as a function of the amplitude pot setting. For some demanding applications, it may be desirable to use a combination of external attenuators and the amplitude pot to achieve the desired output amplitude.

- 9) Note: 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. In the case of failure, the switching elements are easily replaced following the procedure described in the following section.
- 10) RISE TIME Control (Option). Varies rise and fall times in one nanosecond increments from about one to ten nanoseconds.

Fig. 2

BACK PANEL CONTROLS



- (1) PRIME POWER Input. Apply +15V DC to solder terminals.
- (2) OUTPUT POLARITY CONTROL (Option). With switch in (P) position, output is positive. With switch in (N) position, output pulse is negative.
- (3) MONITOR Output. The back monitor output provides an attenuated replica (20 db down) of the output less DC offset. The monitor output is designed to operate into a 50 ohm load. (option).
- (4) DC Offset (OS). The desired DC offset is applied to the back panel OS terminals which are connected to the output centre conductor via a high quality RF inductor. Do not exceed  $\pm 100V$ , 0.1 amp. (option).

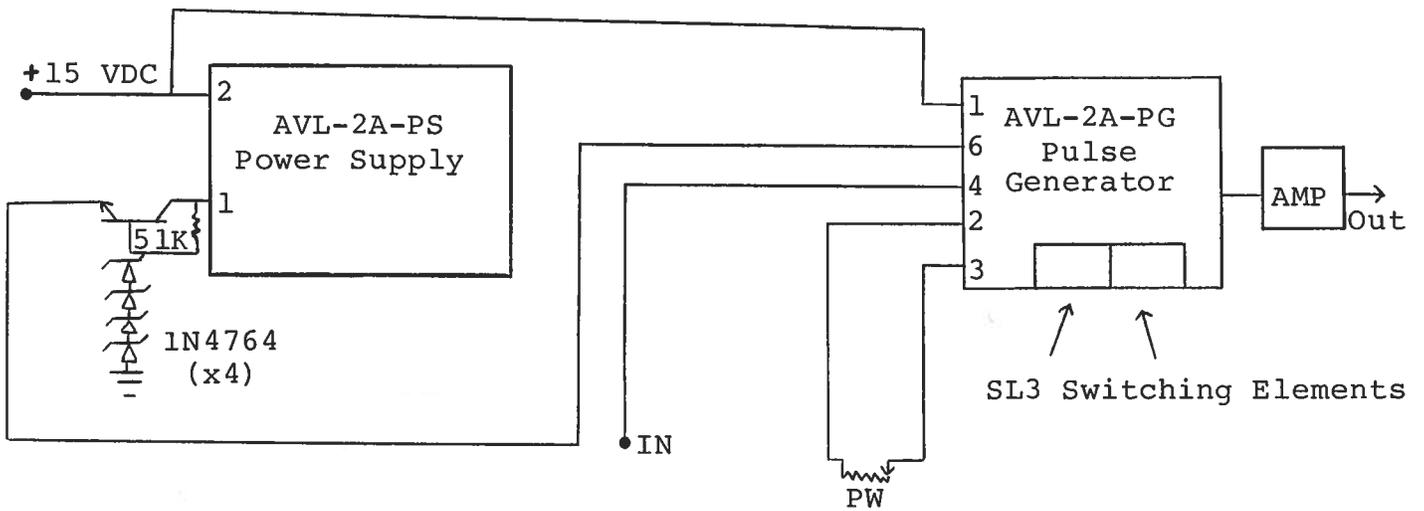
## REPAIR PROCEDURE

- 1) **WARNING:** Before attempting any repairs, note that potentials as high as 400 volts are employed in the chassis structure.
- 2) The pulse generator is constructed from the following basic subsystems or modules:
  - a) Metal chassis
  - b) Pulse generator module (AVL-2A-PG)
  - c) Power supply module (AVL-2A-PS)

The two modules are interconnected as shown in Fig. 1.

- 3) If no output pulse is provided by the AVL-2A unit, turn off the prime power supply and remove the top cover panel by removing the four Phillips screws on the back panel. The top cover can then be slid off. Apply a scope probe or voltmeter to pin 1 of the AVL-2A-PS unit. Turn on the prime power supply. A voltage of about 360 to 380 volts should be read at pin 1. If the voltage is zero or much less than 380 volts, then one of the switching transistors (Part No. SL3) in the AVL-2A-PG module has probably failed. **WARNING:** The cases of the transistors are at potentials as high as 380 volts. With the prime power supply off remove one of the transistors by removing the two 2-56 screws which secure the transistor in its socket. Pull the transistor out of the socket. With the unit un-triggered turn on the prime power supply and measure the voltage from the case of the remaining transistor to ground. If the voltage is about 360 to 380 volts then the transistor which was removed is defective and should be replaced. If the voltage which is measured is less than 360 volts then the transistor still in position is defective and should be replaced. Note that the two transistors are completely interchangeable (Order Avtech Part No. SL3). Note that with both transistors removed, the voltage at pin 1 on the AVL-2A-PS module should be in the range of 360 to 380 volts. If the voltage is less then the AVL-2A-PS module must be replaced.

Fig. 1



Notes:

- 1) All module chassis are grounded to main chassis and to each other via separate ground lines.
- 2) **WARNING:** The line connecting pin 1 of AVL-2A-PS to pin 6 of AVL-2A-PG is a potential of 375 to 400 volts.

