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## INSTRUCTIONS

### MODEL AVMH-4-C PULSE GENERATOR

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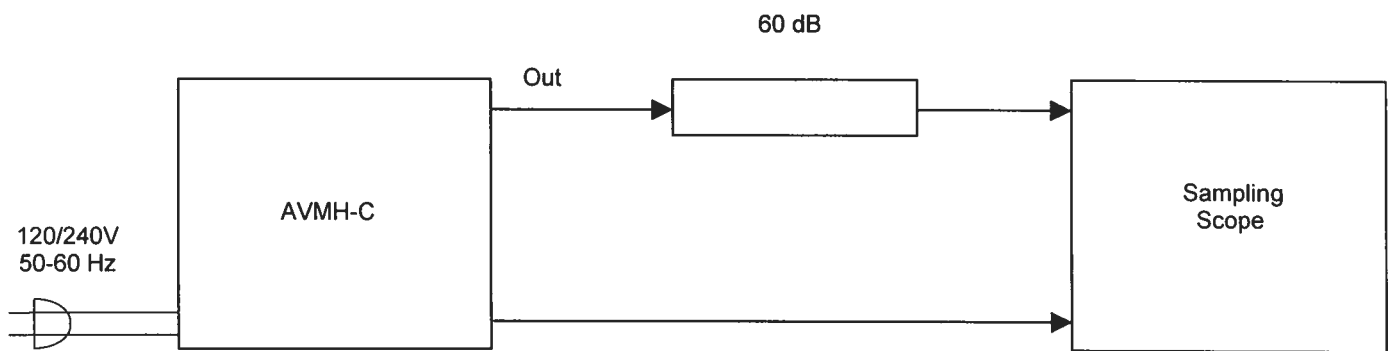
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FIG. 1: PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT



## 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 ten gigahertz.
- 2) The use of 60 dB attenuator at the sampling scope vertical input channel will insure a peak input signal to the sampling scope of less than one Volt.
- 3) The TRIG output channel provides a 0.2 Volt 10 ns pulse.
- 4) To obtain a stable output display the PRF control on the front panel should be set mid-range while the PRF range switch may be in either 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. It is recommended that the DELAY control first be set max counter clockwise and then turned clockwise until a stable display is obtained. The scope may then be used to set the desired PRF by rotating the PRF control and by means of the PRF range switch. The stability of the display on some sampling scopes is very sensitive to the trigger delay setting, particularly at high PRF (eg. 5 to 10 MHz). If necessary, consult your sample scope instructions manual for the proper triggering method.
- 5) The output pulse width is controlled by means of the one-turn  $T_R$  and  $T_F$  controls. The  $T_R$  control controls the position of the leading edge while the  $T_F$  control determines the position of the falling edge. Clockwise rotation of these controls causes the pulse edge to move to the right. It is necessary to sequentially adjust the  $T_R$ ,  $T_F$  and AMP controls to obtain the desired output pulse width and amplitude.
- 6) The output pulse amplitude is controlled by means of the front panel one-turn AMP control. The pulse width may change by several nanoseconds as the output amplitude is reduced from maximum to minimum. Therefore it is convenient to first set the desired amplitude and then set the desired pulse width as described above.

- 7) An external clock may be used to control the output PRF of the AVMH unit by setting the front panel TRIG toggle switch in the EXT position and applying a 15 ns (or wider) TTL level pulse to the TRIG BNC connector input. The AVMH unit triggers on the rising edge of the input trigger pulse. For operation in this mode, the scope time base must also be triggered by the external clock rather than from the SYNC output.
- 8) **WARNING:** Model AVMH-C may fail if triggered at a PRF greater than 10 MHz.
- 9) The Model AVMH-C pulse generator can withstand an infinite VSWR on the output port.
- 10) To invert the output of the AVMH unit, connect the AVX-2-T unit to the OUT port. An inverted pulse is then obtained at the OUT port of the AVX-2-T unit. To offset the inverted pulse, apply the required DC level to the DC terminal of the AVX-2-T unit. (PN option).
- 11) 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 or by operating into a short circuit), 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 the amplitude
  - 3) Reducing pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)
- 12) The AVMH-C 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.
- 13) For additional assistance:

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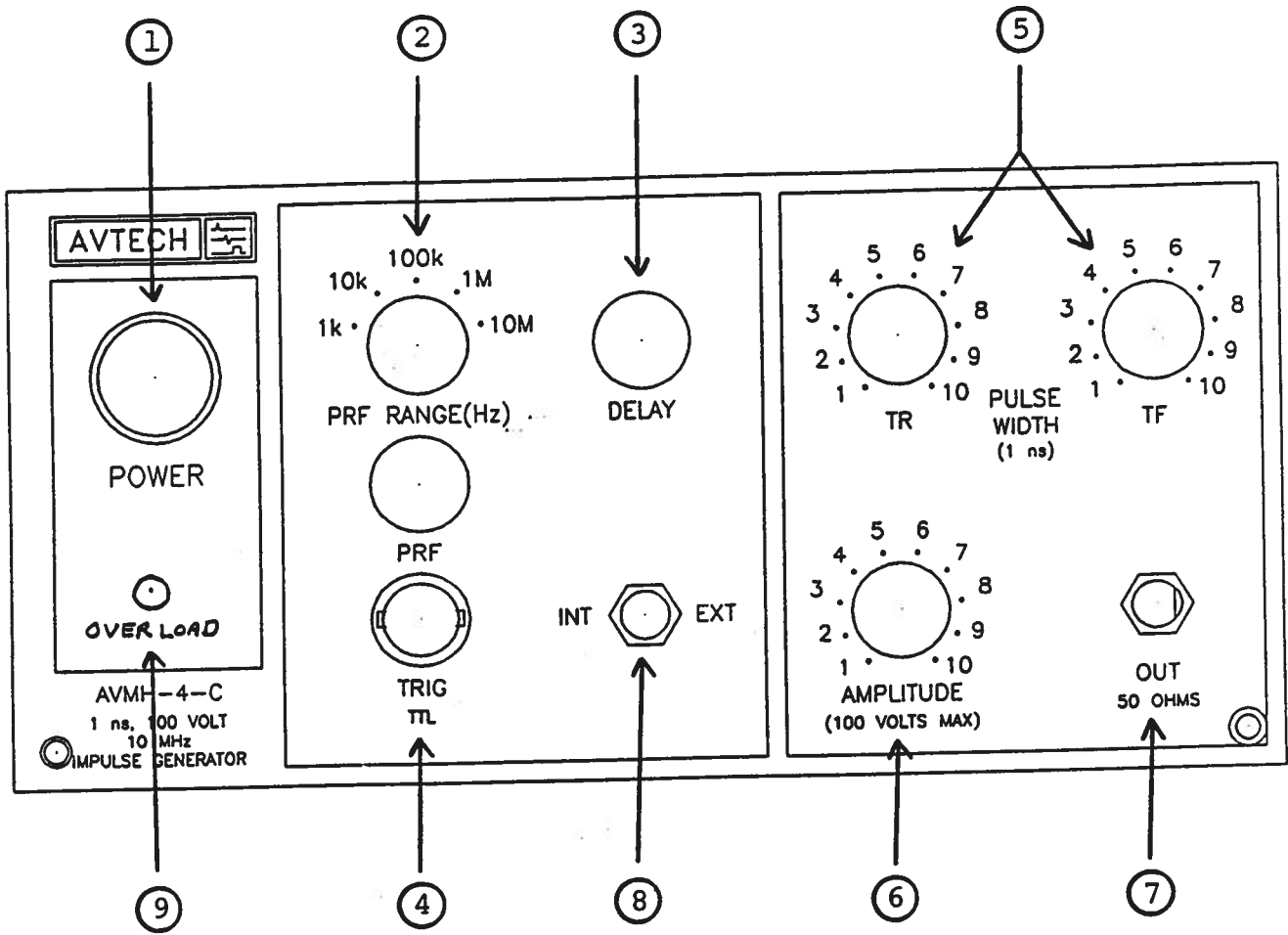


Fig. 2

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

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- (1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- (2) PRF Control. PRF RANGE and PRF controls determine output PRF as follows:

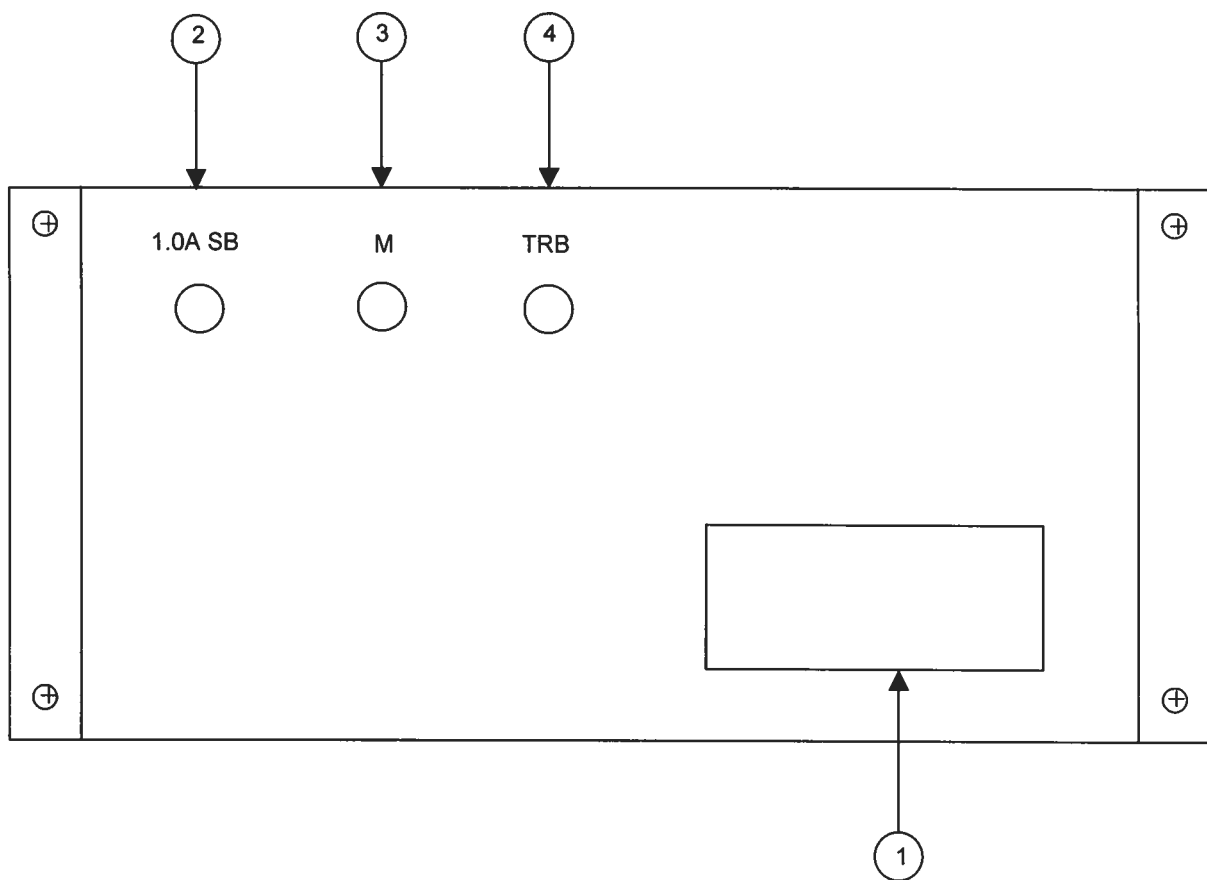
	PRF MIN	PRF MAX
Range 1	0.1 kHz	1 kHz
Range 2	1 kHz	10 kHz
Range 3	10 kHz	100 kHz
Range 4	100 kHz	1 MHz
Range 5	1 MHz	10 MHz

- (3) DELAY Control. Controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the TRIG output (4) and the main output (7). This delay is variable over the range of 0 to at least 100 ns.
- (4) TRIG Output. This output precedes the main output (7) and is used to trigger the sampling scope time base. The output is a 200 mV 10 ns (approx) pulse capable of driving a fifty-Ohm load.
- (5) PW Control. Two one-turn controls which vary the output pulse width.  $T_R$  determines the position of the rising edge while  $T_F$  determines the position of the falling edge.
- (6) AMP Control. A one-turn control which varies the output pulse amplitude from 0 to max output to a fifty-Ohm load.
- (7) OUT Connector. SMA connector provides output to a fifty-Ohm load.
- (8) EXT-INT Control. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the AVMH 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 AVMH unit requires a 15 ns (or wider) 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.



- (9) **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 or by operating into a short circuit), 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 the amplitude
  - 3) Reducing pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)

FIG. 3: BACK PANEL CONTROLS

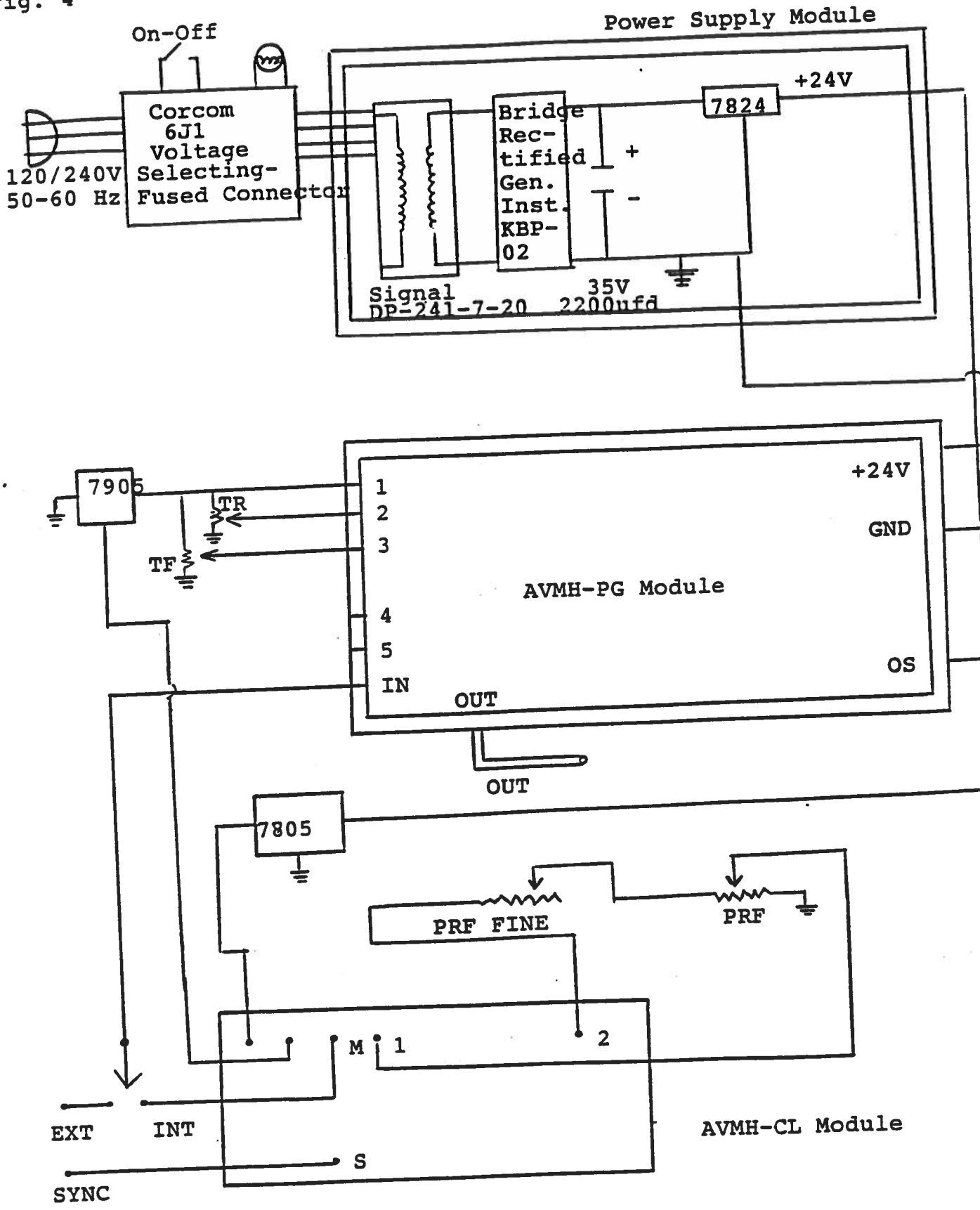


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- (1) FUSED CONNECTOR, VOLTAGE SELECTOR. The detachable power cord is connected at this point. In addition, the removable cord is adjusted to select the desired input operating voltage. The unit also contains the main power fuse (0.5A SB).
- (2) 1.0A SB. Fuse which protects the output stage if the output duty cycle rating is exceeded.
- (3) MONITOR Output. Provides an attenuated (x10) coincident replica (to 50 Ohm) of the main output. (option).
- (4) TRB. Units with a serial number above 4600 may also have a rear panel one-turn TRB adjustment pot. This pot also controls the rising edge waveform. For PRF below about 10 MHz, the pot should normally be in mid-range but for PRF above 10 MHz the pot should normally be fully counter clockwise.

Fig. 4

SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM



## SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

The AVMH-C consists of a pulse generator module (AVMH-PG), a clock module (AVMH-CL) and a power supply board which supplies +24 Volts (600 mA max) to the pulse generator module. In the event that the unit malfunctions, remove the instrument cover by removing the four Phillips screws on the back panel of the unit. The top cover may then be slid off. Measure the voltage at the +24 V pin of the PG module. If this voltage is substantially less than +24 Volts, unsolder the line connecting the power supply and PG modules and connect 50 Ohm 10 W load to the PS output. The voltage across this load should be about +24 V DC. If this voltage is substantially less than 24 Volts the PS module is defective and should be repaired or replaced. If the voltage across the resistor is near 24 Volts, then the PG module should be replaced or repaired. The sealed PG module must be returned to Avtech for repair (or replacement). The clock module provides a 20 ns TTL level trigger pulse at pin M to trigger the PG module and a 20 ns 0.5 V sync pulse at pin S to trigger the sampling scope display device. The output at pin S precedes the output at pin M by 0 to 100 ns depending on the DELAY control setting. With the INT-EXT switch in the EXT position, the clock module is disconnected from the PG module. The clock module is functioning properly if:

- a) 10 ns, or wider, outputs are observed at pins M and S.
- b) The PRF of the outputs can be varied over the range of 10 kHz to 25 MHz using the PRF and PRF RANGE controls.
- c) The relative delay between the pin M and S outputs can be varied by at least 100 ns by the DELAY control.

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

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