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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**MODEL AVO-7E-C-IFGC PULSE GENERATOR**

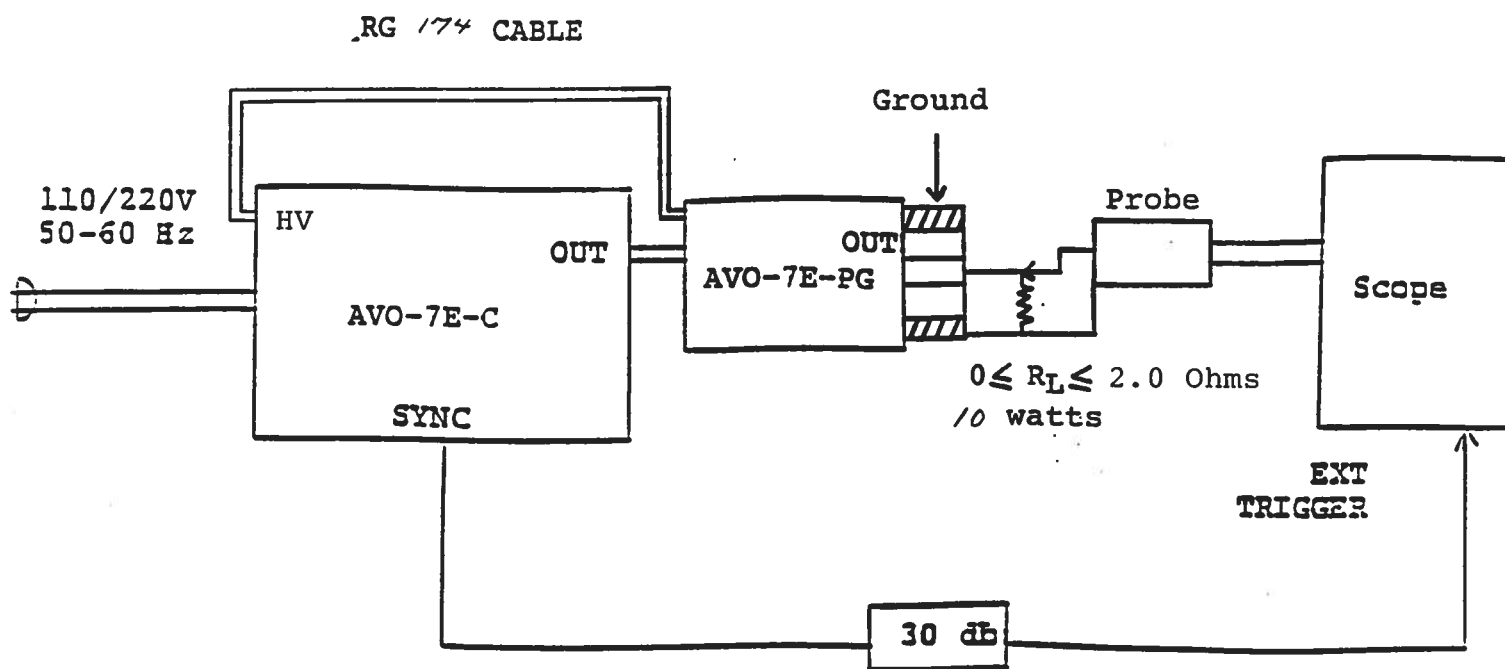
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### WARRANTY

Avtech Electrosystems Ltd. warrants products of its manufacture to be free from defects in material and workmanship under conditions of normal use. If, within one year after delivery to the original owner, and after prepaid return by the original owner, this Avtech product is found to be defective, Avtech shall at its option repair or replace said defective item. This warranty does not apply to units which have been disassembled, modified or subjected to conditions exceeding the applicable specifications or ratings. This warranty is the extent of the obligation or liability assumed by Avtech with respect to this product and no other warranty or guarantee is either expressed or implied.

Fig. 1

PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT



## GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) The equipment should be connected in the general fashion shown above. Since the AVO unit provides an output pulse rise time as low as 100 ns a fast oscilloscope (at least 50 MHz and preferably 200 MHz) should be used to display the waveform. The mainframe and the -PG output module must be connected as shown in Fig. 1. Note that the HV port on the -PG module and the HV port on the rear panel of the mainframe must be connected by the RG-58A cable.
- 2) The TRIG output channel provides TTL level signals. To avoid overdriving the TRIG input channel of some scopes, a 30 db attenuator should be placed at the input to the scope trigger channel. The TRIG output precedes the main output when the internally mounted LEAD-LAG switch is in the LEAD position. The TRIG output lags the main output when the switch is in the LAG position. Note that the top cover must be removed to access the LEAD-LAG switch. The unit is shipped with the switch in the LEAD position.
- 3) To obtain a stable output display the PW and PRF controls on the front panel should be set mid-range. The front panel TRIG toggle 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.
- 4) The output amplitude is controlled by the front panel ten turn Amp control and the RANGE A-B switch as follows:

<u>Amplitude</u>	<u>PW</u> (max)	<u>PRF</u> (max)
30 Amps (Range A)	10 us	300 Hz
5.5 Amps (Range B)	100 us	180 Hz
2.0 Amps (Range B)	1 ms	50 Hz
1.5 Amps (Range B)	10 ms	6.6 Hz
1.0 Amps (Range B)	500 ms	0.2 Hz

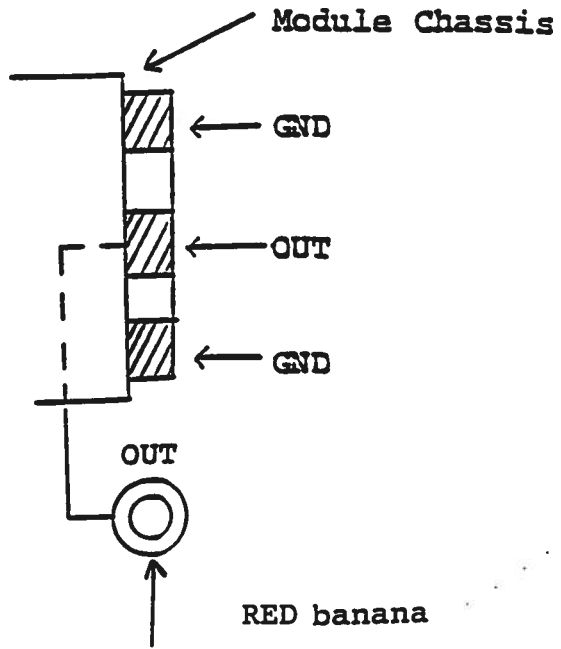
If the above PRF-PW ratings are exceeded the realizable maximum output amplitude will decrease and in severe cases lead to the failure of the output switching elements (see REPAIR SECTION).

- 5) The AVO-7E is designed to supply up to 30 ampere to a maximum load voltage of 60 Volts when in RANGE A and up to 5.5 Amps to 15 Volts when in RANGE B. Factory tests

are conducted with a 2.0 Ohm load capable of dissipating at least 10 Watts. Higher load resistance values may be used but the output voltage must be limited to 60 Volts or less (RANGE A) or 15 Volts or less (RANGE B).

- 6) An external clock may be used to control the output PRF of the unit by setting the front panel TRIG toggle switch in the EXT position and applying a 0.2 us (approx) TTL level pulse to the TRIG BNC connector input. For operation in this mode, the scope time base must also be triggered by the external clock rather than from the TRIG output.
  
- 7) The output terminals of the pulse generator module consists of a short length of microstrip transmission line protruding from the module chassis. The OUT terminal is the center conductor which is bounded on both sides by the ground plane (see below). Note that the "OUT" red banana terminal is in parallel with the microstrip center conductor and so may also be used as the output terminal.

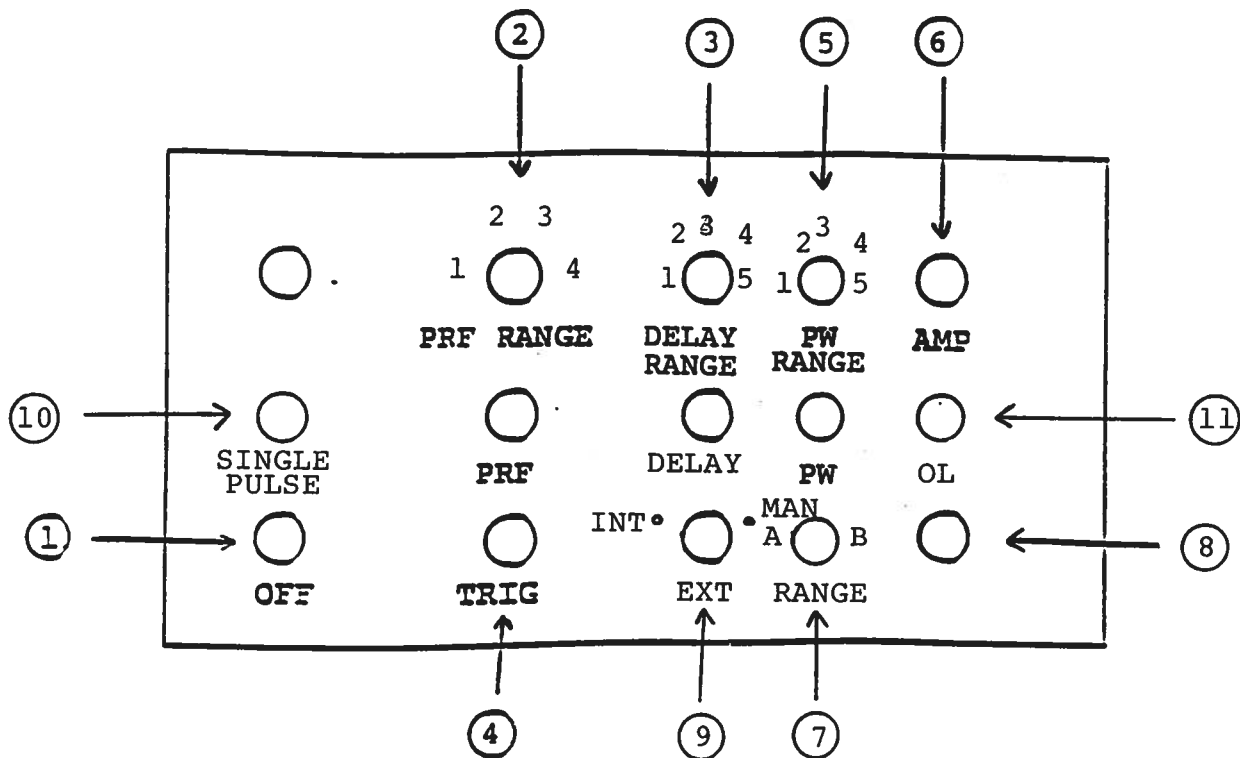
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- 8) Note that the RG58 cable on the PG module must be connected to the rear panel BNC HV connector on the mainframe.
- 9) CAUTION: The output stage is protected against overload condition by a 2.0 A slow blow fuse on the main frame back panel. However, the output switching elements may fail if the duty cycle rating is exceeded. Heating and subsequent likely failure of the output stage is reduced if the following action is taken where possible:
- a) PRF is kept to a minimum, ie. operate in the LOW PRF range when possible rather than in the HIGH range.
  - b) Keep the output PW to a minimum.
  - c) Keep the load resistance as high as possible.
- 10) OVERLOAD. AVO-7E-C 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) 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 pulse width (i.e. switch to a lower range)
- 11) The 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.
- 12) If application assistance is required, call (613) 226-5772 or Fax (613) 226-2802.

Fig. 2

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS





- (1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- (2) PRF Control. Varies PRF from 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz as follows:

Range 1	0.1 Hz to 1 Hz
Range 2	1 Hz to 10 Hz
Range 3	10 Hz to 100 Hz
Range 4	100 Hz to 1.0 kHz

- (3) DELAY Control. Controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the TRIG output (4) and the -PG output. This delay is variable as follows:

Range 1	5.0 us to 50 us
Range 2	50 us to 500 us
Range 3	500 us to 5 ms
Range 4	5 ms to 50 ms
Range 5	50 ms to 500 ms

The TRIG output precedes the main output when the LEAD-LAG switch is in the LEAD position and lags when the switch is in the LAG position. The top cover of the instrument must be removed to access this switch. At time of shipping, the switch is in the LEAD position.

- (4) TRIG Output. This output is used to trigger the scope time base. The output is a TTL level 100 ns (approx.) pulse capable of driving a fifty Ohm load.
- (5) PW Control. A one turn control and 5 position range switch which varies the output pulse width as follows:

Range 1	5 us to 50 us
Range 2	50 us to 500 us
Range 3	500 us to 5 ms
Range 4	5 ms to 50 ms
Range 5	50 ms to 500 ms

- (6) AMP. A ten turn pot for controlling the output pulse amplitude.
- (7) RANGE A-B. With the switch in the A position the output amplitude can be varied from 0 to +30 Amperes. In this mode the output pulse width must not exceed 10 us and the PRF must not exceed 300 Hz. The unit may be damaged if the above duty cycle restrictions are exceeded. With the switch in the B position, the output amplitude may be varied between 0 to about 6 Amperes. Note, however, that the following duty cycle restrictions must not be exceeded:

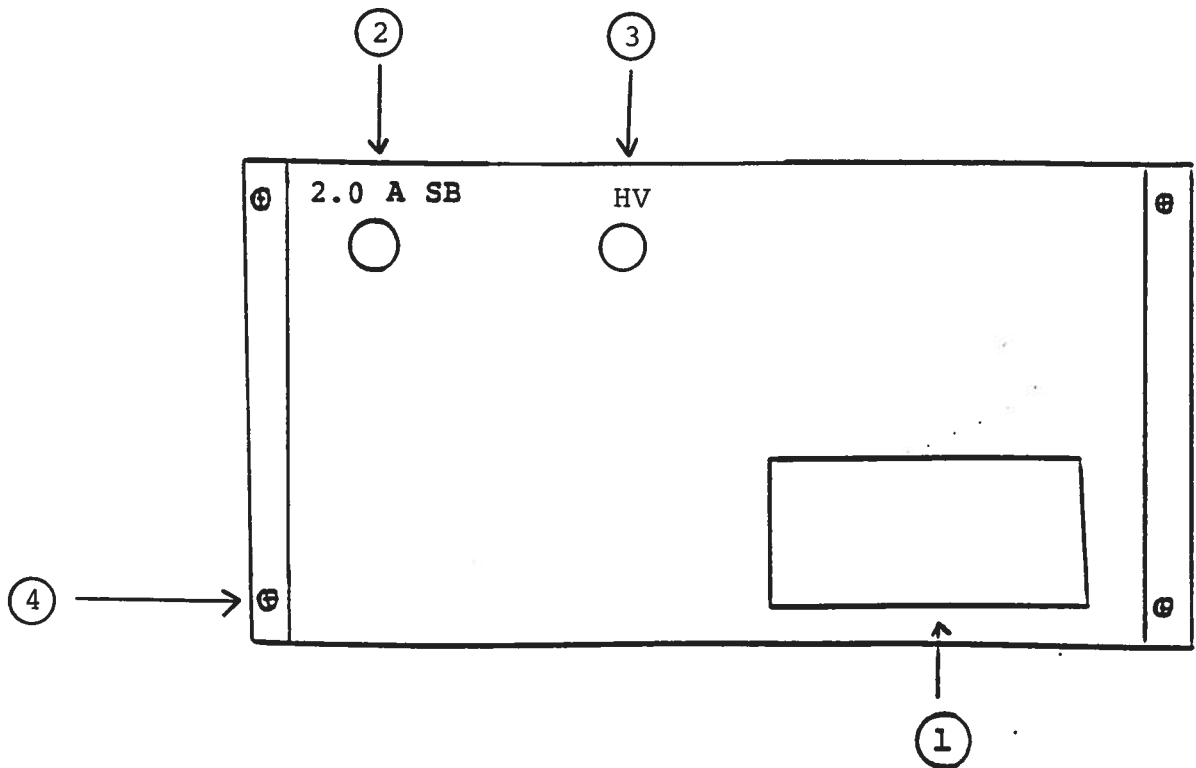
<u>Amplitude</u>	<u>PW</u> (max)	<u>PRF</u> (max)
5.5 Amps	100 us	180 Hz
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When changing ranges it is recommended that the amplitude be turned down to zero.

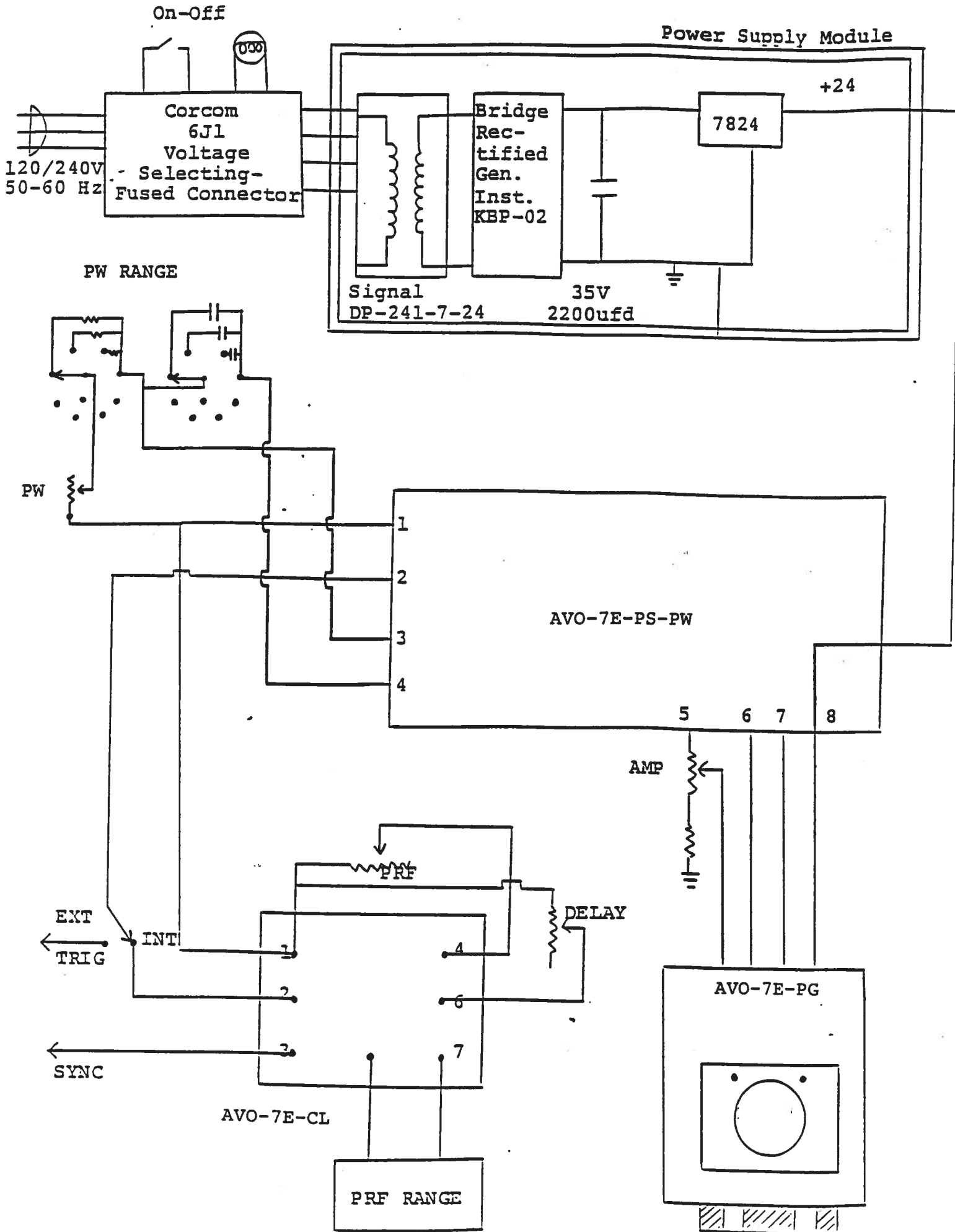
- (8) OUT Connector. A multi pin connector which attaches the 2 foot cable from the pulse generator module to the main frame. The RG58 cable from PG module must also be connected to the rear panel BNC HV connector.
- (9) EXT-INT-MAN Control. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the AVO 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 AVO unit requires a 0.2 us 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. For single pulse operation, set the INT-EXT-MAN switch in the MAN position.
- (10) SINGLE PULSE. For single pulse manual operation, set the front panel INT-EXT-MAN switch in the MAN position and push the SINGLE PULSE button.
- (11) OVERLOAD. AVO-7E-C 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) 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:
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Fig. 3

BACK PANEL CONTROLS



- (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 (1.0A SB).
- (2) 2.0 A SB FUSE. Protects output stage against overload conditions.
- (3) HV BNC. 4 foot long RG 174 cable must be connected between HV BNC on -PG module and this connector. Cable supplies either 100 Volts (RANGE A) or 36 Volts (RANGE B) to the -PG module.
- (4) COVER REMOVAL. To remove the top cover, remove the 4 Phillips screws on the back panel. The top cover may then be slid back (and off).



## SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

The AVO-7E-C unit consists of the following basic modules:

- 1) AVO-7E-PG pulse generator module
- 2) AVO-7E-CL clock module
- 3) AVO-7E-EW pulse width control module
- 4) +24V power supply board and +50 volt power supply board
- 5) -15 volt power supply module

The modules are interconnected as shown in Fig. 4.

In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the 2.0A slow blow fuse or the main line fuse (1.0 Amp) on the rear panel has blown. Replace if necessary. If the unit still does not function, it is most likely that some of the output switching elements may have failed and the unit should be returned to the factory for repair.

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Dear Steve:

Following our telephone conversation of January 31, I am pleased to provide a revised price and delivery quotation for two special purpose pulsed constant current generators meeting the following specifications:

A)

Model designation: AVO-7E-C-P-IFGC.

	<u>Amplitude</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>PRF</u> (max)
Output amplitude:	30 Amps (Range A)	10 us	300 Hz
(via 10 turn locking	5.5 Amps (Range B)	100 us	180 Hz
dial control and two	2.0 Amps (Range B)	1 ms	50 Hz
position range switch,	1.5 Amps (Range B)	10 ms	6.6 Hz
Range A, Range B)	1.0 Amps (Range B)	500 ms	0.2 Hz

Output pulse width: 5 us to 500 ms via a five position range switch and a one turn fine control.

PRF: Internal clock: 0.1 Hz to 1 KHz via a four position range switch and a one turn fine control.

External trigger: 0 to 1 KHz (includes manual push button for one shot operation).

Rise, fall time:  $\leq 0.5$  us.  
Load voltage range: Range A (0 to +60 volts).  
Range B (0 to 15 volts).  
Chassis size: 4" x 12" x 16".  
Other: See standard Model AVO-7E-C,  
Cat. No. 8.  
Price: \$4,690.00 US each, FOB destination.  
Delivery: 30 days ARO.

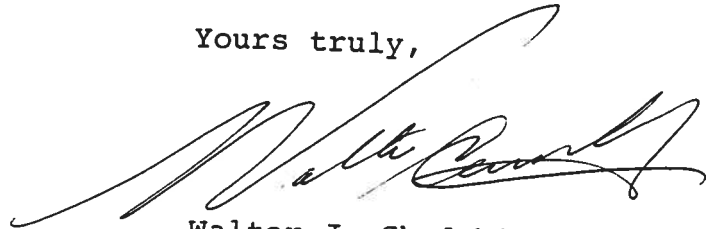
Note that this model could be subsequently converted (at the factory) to meet the specifications of Model AVO-7E-C-P-IFGD (\$600.00 US).

B)

Model designation: AVO-7E-C-P-IFGD.  
Function: As Model AVO-7E-C-P-IFGC but includes additional PW selector switch which provides a 5 minute wide output pulse when triggered externally or when manual push button activated. Maximum output amplitude in this mode limited to 0.5 Amperes.  
Price: \$4,995.00 US each, FOB destination.  
Delivery: 60 days ARO.

Thank you for your interest in our products. Please call me again if you require any additional information or modifications to the above quotations.

Yours truly,



Walter J. Chudobiak  
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