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## INTRODUCTION

The AVR-G3-B-DCA is a high performance, GPIB and RS232-equipped instrument capable of generating 0 to 100 V at repetition rates up to 5 kHz into high-impedance loads of $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ or higher.

Two pulses are generated in response to each trigger event. The first pulse is positive, and the second pulse is negative. The pulse widths and amplitudes of the positive and negative pulses are independently variable. The delay between the trailing edge of the positive pulse and the leading edge of the negative pulse is also variable, from 50 us to 1 second. The pulse widths are adjustable from 10 us to 100 ms .

The AVR-G3-B-DCA includes an internal trigger source, but it can also be triggered or gated by an external source. A front-panel pushbutton can also be used to trigger the instrument.

The AVR-G3-B-DCA features front panel keyboard and adjust knob control of the output pulse parameters along with a four line by 40 -character backlit LCD display of the output amplitude, pulse width, pulse repetition frequency, and delay. The instrument includes memory to store up to four complete instrument setups. The operator may use the front panel or the computer interface to store a complete "snapshot" of all key instrument settings, and recall this setup at a later time.

The instrument is protected against overload conditions (such as short circuits) by an automatic control circuit. An internal power supply monitor removes the power to the output stage for five seconds if an average power overload exists. After that time, the unit operates normally for one second, and if the overload condition persists, the power is cut again. This cycle repeats until the overload is removed.

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

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Model: | AVR-G3-B ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amplitude ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | $0 \text { to } \pm 100 \text { Volts. }$ <br> The positive and negative amplitudes are independently variable. |
| Pulse width (FWHM): | 10 us to 100 ms . <br> The positive and negative pulse widths are independently variable. |
| Load impedance: | $\geq 10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ |
| Rise time (20\%-80\%): | $\leq 100 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| Fall time (80\%-20\%): | $\leq 100 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| PRF: | $1 \mathrm{~Hz}-5 \mathrm{kHz}$ |
| Duty cycle: | 0-50\% |
| Polarity ${ }^{3}$ : | Positive and negative |
| Pulse separation: | 50 us - 1 second (measured from the trailing edge of the positive pulse to the leading edge of the negative pulse) |
| GPIB and RS-232 control': | Standard on -B units. |
| Propagation delay: | $\leq 100 \mathrm{~ns}$ (Ext trig in to pulse out) |
| Jitter: | $\pm 100 \mathrm{ps} \pm 0.03 \%$ of sync delay (Ext trig in to pulse out) |
| Trigger required: (ext trig mode) | $\begin{gathered} \text { TTL logic-level pulse (LOW }=0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{HIGH}=+3 \mathrm{~V} \text { to }+5 \mathrm{~V} \text { ), } \\ \\ >50 \mathrm{~ns} \text { in width } \end{gathered}$ |
| Sync delay: | Variable <br> 0 to +1 second |
| Sync output: | + 3 Volts, 200 ns , will drive 50 Ohm loads |
| Gate input: | Synchronous, active high or low, switchable. Suppresses triggering when active. |
| Connectors: | Out, Trig, Sync, Gate: BNC |
| Power requirements: | 100-240 Volts, $50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |
| Dimensions ( $\mathrm{H} \times \mathrm{W} \times \mathrm{D}$ ): | $100 \mathrm{~mm} \times 430 \mathrm{~mm} \times 375 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $3.9^{\prime \prime} \times 17^{\prime \prime} \times 14.8^{\prime \prime}$ ) |
| Chassis material: | cast aluminum frame and handles, blue vinyl on aluminum cover plates |
| Rack-mount kit: | Optional. Add -R5 to the model number. |
| Temperature range: | $+5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

## EUROPEAN REGULATORY NOTES

## EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We Avtech Electrosystems Ltd.
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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 1 A 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 with 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, liquid crystal displays (LCDs), and the handles. Confirm that a power cord, a GPIB cable, and two instrumentation manuals (this manual and the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments") 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 $100-240 \mathrm{~V}, 50-60 \mathrm{~Hz}$.
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.)

> S 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 normally supplied with this instrument, depending on the destination region:

| Destination Region | Description | Manufacturer | Part Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Continental Europe | European CEE 7/7 <br> "Schuko" 230V, 50Hz | Volex (http://www.volex.com) | 17850-C3-326 |
|  | Qualtek (http://www.qualtekusa.com) | $319004-\mathrm{T01}$ |  |
| United Kingdom | BS 1363, <br> $230 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | Qualtek (http://www.qualtekusa.com) | $370001-\mathrm{E01}$ |
| Switzerland | SEV 1011, <br> $30 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | Volex (http://www.volex.com) | $2102 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C} 3-10$ |
| Israel | SI 32, <br> $220 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | Volex (http://www.volex.com) | 2115H-C3-10 |
| North America, <br> and all other areas | NEMA $5-15$, <br> $120 \mathrm{~V}, 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | 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 2000 m ;
3. temperature $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$;
4. maximum relative humidity $80 \%$ for temperatures up to $31^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decreasing linearly to $50 \%$ relative humidity at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$;
5. Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to $\pm 10 \%$ 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 <br> Mains <br> Voltage | Rating | Case Size | Recommended Replacement Part <br> \#ittelfuse Part <br> Number |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#1, \#2 (AC) | Digi-Key Stock <br> Number |  |  |  |  |
| \#3 (DC) | N/A | 1.0A, 250V, <br> Time-Delay | $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $0218001 . \mathrm{HXP}$ | F2419-ND |
| \#4 (DC) | N/A | 0.25A, 250V, <br> Time-Delay | $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ | 0218.500 HXP | F2416-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. When turning the instrument on, there may be a delay of several seconds before the instrument appears to respond.
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. OUT CONNECTOR. This BNC connector provides the output to a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ (or higher) load.

Caution: Voltages as high as $\pm 100 \mathrm{~V}$ 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.
4. 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 100 ns .
5. LIOUID 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
"Programming Manual for -B Instruments" describes the menus and submenus in detail.
6. 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. <br> If <br> this of of the adjustable numeric parameters is displayed, and <br> sign of the parameneter. both positive or negative, this changes the |
| $+/-$ | 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. |
| EXTRA FINE |  |
| 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. |  |
| When the main menu is displayed, this knob can be used to <br> move the arrow pointer. |  |

## 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.
4. 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). When set to active high mode, this input is pulleddown to ground by a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor. When set to active low mode, this input is pulledup to +5 V by a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor.
5. 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. The input impedance of this input is $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. (Depending on the length of cable attached to this input, and the source driving it, it may be desirable to add a coaxial 50 Ohm terminator to this input to provide a proper transmission line termination. The Pasternack (www.pasternack.com) PE6008-50 BNC feed-thru 50 Ohm terminator is suggested for this purpose.)
6. GPIB Connector. A standard GPIB cable can be attached to this connector to allow the instrument to be computer-controlled. See the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" for more details on GPIB control.
7. 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 "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" for more details on RS-232 control.
8. LAN Connector and Indicator. (Optional feature. Present on -TNT units only.) The -TNT option "Internet-enables" Avtech pulse generators by adding this standard Ethernet port to the rear panel, in addition to the IEEE-488.2 GPIB and RS-232 ports normally found on "-B" units. Commands are sent using the standard Telnet protocol. The SCPI-compliant command set is the same as that used for GPIB and RS-232 control. The -TNT option uses the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) to obtain its network address. A DHCP server must be present on the local network for the -TNT option to operate properly.
9. AMP Connector. This connector, if present, is not used.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## 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 load. 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. When the delay is set to a negative value the SYNC pulse follows the OUT pulse.

These pulses are illustrated below, assuming internal triggering:


Figure A

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


Figure B

## TIMING ISSUES

The user such take precautions so that DELAY $1+$ PULSE WIDTH 1 + DELAY 2 + PULSE WIDTH 2 does not exceed the period, or unexpected results may be obtained.

While it is possible to set the controls and triggering such that the sum of DELAY 1 + PULSE WIDTH 1 + DELAY 2 + PULSE WIDTH 2 exceeds the period (1 / frequency), internal hardware protection circuits disable the negative pulse if it overlaps with a positive pulse. The instrument will not be damaged by incorrect timing settings.

## 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 "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" 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. When gated, the output will complete the full pulse width if the output is high, and then stop triggering. No pulses are truncated.

## OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

The AVR-G3-B-DCA has an output impedance (i.e., an internal resistance in series with the output) of 50 Ohms, to provide transmission line back-matching and short-circuit protection.

The rise and fall times are fixed at less than 100 ns . However, since the output impedance is $50 \Omega$, the rise and fall times will degrade if cable lengths longer than 1 meter ( 3 feet) are used on the output, due to the cable capacitance. The maximum usable cable length is 2 meters ( 6 feet).

## LOAD IMPEDANCE

The AVR-G3-B-DCA can drive load impedances of $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ or higher. It is NOT designed to drive $50 \Omega$ loads or highly capacitive loads.

## PREVENTING OUTPUT STAGE FAILURE

The output stage is protected against overload conditions by an overload circuit and fuses on the main frame back panel. However, the output switching elements may fail if the unit is triggered at a PRF exceeding 5 kHz or if the load impedance is too low ( $<10$ $\mathrm{k} \Omega$ ). Heating and subsequent possible failure of the output stage is reduced if the following action is taken where possible:

- PRF is kept to a minimum, i.e. operate in a low PRF range when possible rather than in a high PRF range.
- Keep the output PW to a minimum.
- Never apply an externally generated voltage to the output port.
- Use the correct load impedance (> $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ).
- Keep output cable lengths to 2 meters (6 feet) or less.


## OPERATIONAL CHECK

This section describes a sequence to confirm the basic operation of the instrument. It should be performed after receiving the instrument. It is a useful learning exercise as well.

Before proceeding with this procedure, finish read this instruction manual thoroughly. Then read the "Local Control" section of the "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" thoroughly. The "Local Control" section describes the front panel controls used in this operational check - in particular, the MOVE, CHANGE, and ADJUST controls.


1. Connect a cable from the SYNC OUT connector to the TRIG input of an oscilloscope. Connect a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ (or higher) load to the OUT connector and place the scope probe across this load. The load resistor must have a voltage rating of at least 100 V . The power dissipated in the resistor is given by

$$
P=\left(V^{2} / R\right) \times(P W / T)=\left(V^{2} / R\right) \times P W \times f
$$

where " $V$ " is the output voltage, " $R$ " is the load resistance, "PW" is the pulse width, and " T " is the pulse period (1/frequency), and " P " is the frequency. If a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor is used, the worst-case power dissipation is 1 Watt. (Ohmite "OY" ceramic composition resistors - http://www.ohmite.com - are recommended for such applications. These resistors are readily available from http://www.digi-key.com/ and other distributors.)
2. Set the oscilloscope to trigger externally with the vertical setting at 50 Volts/div and the horizontal setting at $100 \mathrm{us} / \mathrm{div}$. Be sure that your oscilloscope and probe setup can handle the maximum amplitude of 100 V . A high-voltage attenuator might be necessary to avoid damaging the probe and oscilloscope.
3. Turn on the AVR-G3-B-DCA. The main menu will appear on the LCD.
4. To set the AVR-G3-B-DCA to trigger from the internal clock at a PRF of 1 kHz :
a) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the frequency menu item. If it is not, press the MOVE button until it is.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The frequency submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the frequency is set at 1 kHz .
c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Internal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
5. To set the positive-pulse delay to 10 us:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "DLY1" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The delay submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the delay is set at 10 us.
c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
6. To set the negative-pulse delay to 100 us:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "DLY2" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The delay submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the delay is set at 100 us.
c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
7. To set the positive pulse width to 50 us:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "PW1" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The pulse width submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the pulse width is set at 50 us.
c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
8. To set the negative pulse width to 50 us:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "PW2" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The pulse width submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the pulse width is set at 50 us.
c) The arrow pointer should be pointing at the "Normal" choice. If it is not, press MOVE until it is.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
9. At this point, nothing should appear on the oscilloscope.
10. To enable the output:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the output menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The output submenu will appear.
c) Press MOVE until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "ON" choice.
d) Press CHANGE to return to the main menu.
11. To change the positive output amplitude:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "AMP1" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The amplitude submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the amplitude is set at +50 V .
c) Observe the oscilloscope. You should see 50 us wide, +50 V pulses.
d) Rotate the ADJUST knob. The amplitude as seen on the oscilloscope should vary.
e) Set the amplitude to zero.
12. To change the negative output amplitude:
a) Press the MOVE button until the arrow pointer is pointing at the "AMP2" menu item.
b) Press the CHANGE button. The amplitude submenu will appear. Rotate the ADJUST knob until the amplitude is set at -50 V .
c) Observe the oscilloscope. You should see 50 us wide,-50V pulses.
d) Rotate the ADJUST knob. The amplitude as seen on the oscilloscope should vary.
13. This completes the operational check.

## PROGRAMMING YOUR PULSE GENERATOR

## KEY PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

The "Programming Manual for -B Instruments" 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
trigger:source internal frequency 1000 Hz pulse:width1 100 us pulse:width2 100 us pulse:delay1 100 us pulse:delay2 100 us
volt1 +60
volt2 -100
output on
(resets the instrument) (selects internal triggering)

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\text { (sets the frequency to } 1000 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { ) }
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(sets the positive pulse width to 100 us)
(sets the negative pulse width to 100 us )
(sets the positive delay to 100 us)
(sets the negative delay to 100 us )
(sets the positive amplitude to +60 V )
(sets the negative amplitude to -100 V )
(turns on the output)

For triggering a single event, this sequence would be more appropriate:

| *rst | (resets the instrument) |
| :---: | :---: |
| gger:source hold | (turns off all triggering) |
| ulse:width1 100 us | (sets the positive pulse width to 100 us) |
| lse:width2 100 us | (sets the negative pulse width to 100 us ) |
| se:delay1 100 us | (sets the positive delay to 100 us ) |
| lse:delay2 100 us | (sets the negative delay to 100 us ) |
| put on | (turns on the output) |
| lt1 +60 | (sets the positive amplitude to +60 V ) |
| t2-100 | (sets the negative amplitude to -100 V ) |
| ger:source immediate | (generates a single non-repetitive trigger |
| gger:source hold | (turns off all triggering) |
| utput off | (turns off the output) |

To set the instrument to trigger from an external TTL signal applied to the rear-panel TRIG connector, use:
*rst
trigger:source external pulse:width1 100 us pulse:width2 100 us pulse:delay1 100 us pulse:delay2 100 us
(resets the instrument) (selects internal triggering) (sets the positive pulse width to 100 us )
(sets the negative pulse width to 100 us )
(sets the positive delay to 100 us)
(sets the negative delay to 100 us )
volt1 +60
volt2-100
output on
(sets the positive amplitude to +60 V )
(sets the negative amplitude to -100 V )
(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 "Programming Manual for -B Instruments". (Note: this manual also includes some commands that are not implemented in this instrument. They can be ignored.)


| :SBITS | 1 \| 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| :ERRor |  |
| :[NEXT]? | [query only] |
| :COUNT? | [query only] |
| :VERSion? | [query only] |
| TRIGger: |  |
| :SOURce | INTernal \| EXTernal | MANual | HOLD | IMMediate |
| *CLS | [no query form] |
| *ESE | <numeric value> |
| *ESR? | [query only] |
| *IDN? | [query only] |
| *OPC |  |
| *SAV | 0\|1|2|3 [no query form] |
| *RCL | $0\|1\| 2 \mid 3$ [no query form] |
| *RST | [no query form] |
| *SRE | <numeric value> |
| *STB? | [query only] |
| *TST? | [query only] |
| *WAI | [no query form] |

## 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.

今 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 $3 m$ 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.

PCB 158K - LOW VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY, 1/3

PCB 158K - LOW VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY, 2/3


PCB 168B - HIGH VOLTAGE DC POWER SUPPLY


PCB 104D - KEYPAD / DISPLAY BOARD, 2/3

PCB 104D - KEYPAD / DISPLAY BOARD, 3/3




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