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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP-SLA
0 to 10 MHz FREQUENCY DIVIDER
WITH AN ADJUSTABLE
DIVISION FACTOR OF 0 TO 65535

SERIAL NUMBER: _____

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INTRODUCTION

The Model AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP-SLA digital frequency divider will divide the pulse repetition frequency of an input pulse train by an adjustable factor (N), which is variable from 1 to 65535. The instrument will operate at input frequencies of up to 10 MHz.

The instrument may be triggered by a sine-wave input (from 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak), a TTL logic-level trigger, or an ECL logic-level trigger. The trigger mode is switch selectable. The input impedance is 50 Ohms to ground in the sine and TTL trigger modes, and 50 Ohms to -2V in the ECL mode.

The output pulse width for Model AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP-SLA is controlled by a 3-position range switch and a one-turn fine control, and is variable from 50 ns to 50 us.

A TTL "RESET" input and an OPERATE/RESET switch are also provided. A logic-high level on the TTL input resets the internal counters to a default state. This input is useful for synchronization purposes. The OPERATE/RESET switch performs a similar function when it is set to the RESET position.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP-SLA
Maximum input frequency:	N > 1: 0 - 10 MHz N = 1: 0 - 5 MHz
Division factor (N):	0 to 65535 (standard), 0 to 65535 (with -XN option)
Input trigger levels:	TTL trigger mode: TTL (0 and 3-5V) ECL trigger mode: ECL (-1.6V and -0.8V) Since trigger mode: 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak
Input termination:	TTL trigger mode: 50 Ω to ground (DC-coupled input) ECL trigger mode: 50 Ω to -2V (DC-coupled input) Sine trigger modes: 50 Ω to ground (AC-coupled input)
Input pulse width:	≥ 2 ns
Output level:	TTL (0 and 3-5V)
Outputs:	Main Output: $f_{OUT} = f_{IN}/N$
Output pulse width:	50 ns to 50 us
Jitter:	≤ 100 ps
Connectors:	BNC
Prime power:	100 - 240 Volts, 50 - 60 Hz
Dimensions (H x W x D):	100 mm x 215 mm x 375 mm (3.9" x 8.5" x 14.8")
Temperature range:	+5°C to + 40°C

ORIGINAL QUOTATION

Date: Fri, 30 Apr 2004 09:07:26 -0400
 From: Avtech Sales
 To: "Zempel, John"
 Subject: Re: frequency divider

April 30, 2004
 To: John Zempel
 zempelj@wustl.edu
 Department of Neurology
 Washington University in St. Louis

John,

Following your recent inquiry, I am pleased to quote on a frequency divider that can accept sine, TTL, and ECL triggers:

Quote number: 12060

Model number: AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP-SLA

Description: Frequency Divider

-SLA option: The instrument may be triggered by a sine-wave input (as per the -IP option), a TTL logic-level trigger, or an ECL logic-level trigger. The trigger mode is switch selectable. The input impedance is 50 Ohms in all modes.

Other: as per the standard AVX-FD1-PS-XN-IP, described at <http://www.avtechpulse.com/divider/avx-fd1>

Price: \$3798 US each, FOB destination (includes 5% academic discount).

Estimated delivery: 60 days after receipt of order.

Note: You can send us a purchase order immediately and send us a revised one in 1-2 weeks if revisions are required to the specifications. You will need to send us a confirmation of the exact model number before we start any work on the unit.

Please call or email me if I can be of further assistance.

Regards,
 Dr. Michael J. Chudobiak
 Chief Engineer

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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



INSTALLATION

VISUAL CHECK

After unpacking the instrument mainframe and the transformer module, examine to ensure that they have not been damaged in shipment. Visually inspect all connectors, knobs, and handles. Confirm that a power cord and an instrumentation manual (this manual), 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 V, 50 - 60 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 cable used to connect the instrument to the mains supply must provide an earth connection. (The supplied cable does this.)

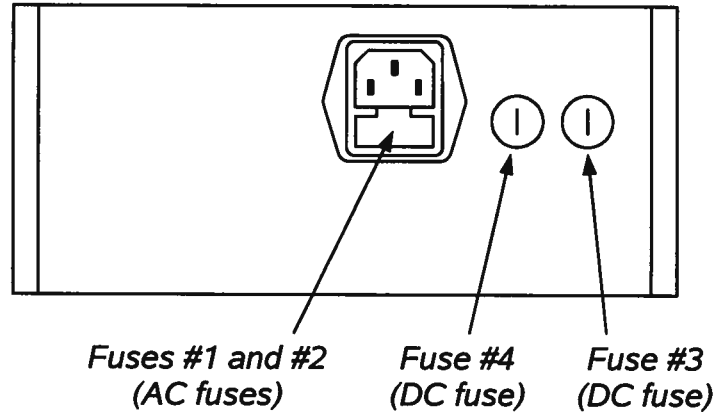
ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

This instrument is intended for use under the following conditions:

- a) indoor use;
- b) altitude up to 2 000 m;
- c) temperature 5 °C to 40 °C;
- d) maximum relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C;
- e) Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to ± 10 % of the nominal voltage;
- f) no pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution.

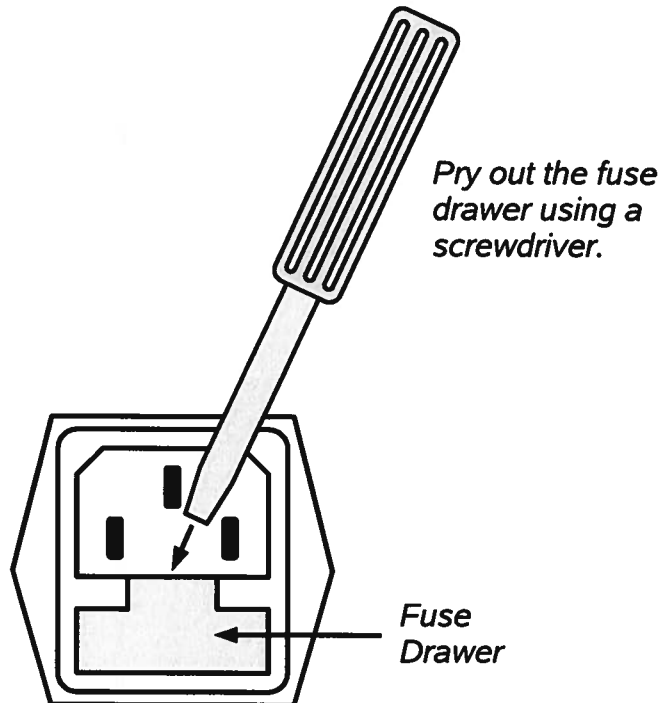
FUSES

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

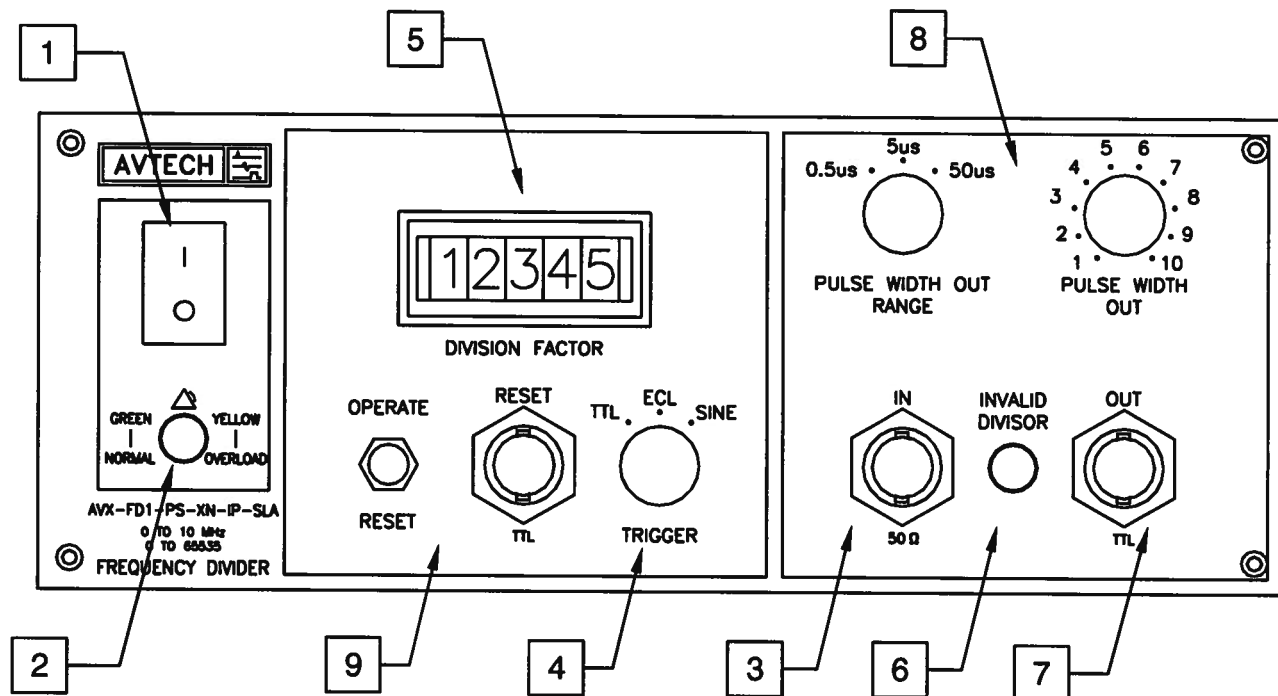
The following table lists the required fuses:

Fuses	Nominal Mains Voltage	Rating	Case Size	Manufacturer's Part Number (Wickmann)	Distributor's Part Number (Digi-Key)
#1, #2 (AC)	100-240V	0.5A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950500000	WK5041-ND
#3 (DC)	N/A	0.8A, 250V, Time-Delay	5×20 mm	1950800000	WK5046-ND
#4 (DC)	N/A	Not used. A spare 0.8A fuse is installed here.			

The fuse manufacturer is Wickmann (<http://www.wickmann.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. **IN CONNECTOR**. The input signal is applied to this BNC connector.
4. **TRIGGER SWITCH**. This switch determines the input levels required at the IN connector.

In the TTL mode, the input requires TTL levels (i.e. logic low = 0V, logic high = 3 to 5V).

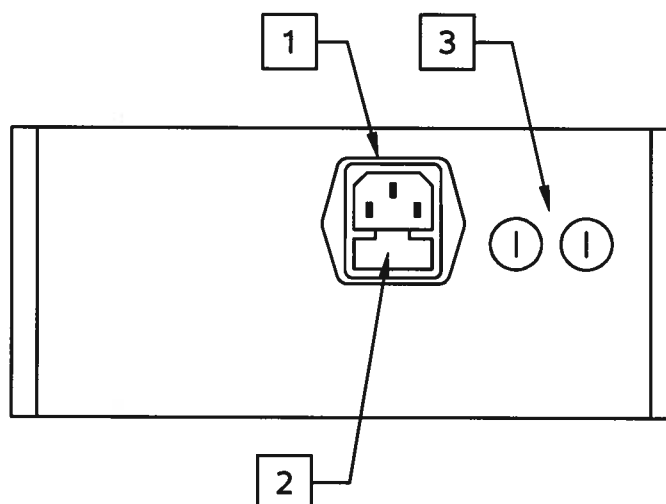
In the ECL mode, the input requires ECL levels (i.e. logic low = -1.6V, logic high = -0.8V).

In the SINE mode, the input requires a sine wave input from 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak.

5. **DIVISION FACTOR THUMBWHEEL SWITCH.** This switch determines the division factor, N. The input and output pulse repetition frequencies (f_{in} and f_{out}) are related by: $f_{out} = f_{in} / N$.
6. **INVALID DIVISOR INDICATOR.** This indicator becomes yellow if the divisor is set outside of the valid range of 0 to 65535.
7. **OUT CONNECTOR.** The output signal is provided on this connector. This model generates TTL-level outputs (i.e. logic low = 0V, logic high = 3 to 5V), which will drive loads as low as 50 Ω .
8. **PULSE WIDTH RANGE and FINE CONTROLS.** This range switch and fine control are used to set the output pulse width.
9. **RESET CONNECTOR.** A TTL-level pulse on the RESET connector will reset the internal counters to a default state. This can be used for synchronisation purposes. The connector may be left unconnected without interfering with normal operation.

The OPERATE/RESET switch can be used to achieve this function manually. That is, setting this switch to the "RESET" position will reset the internal counters to a default state.

REAR PANEL CONTROLS



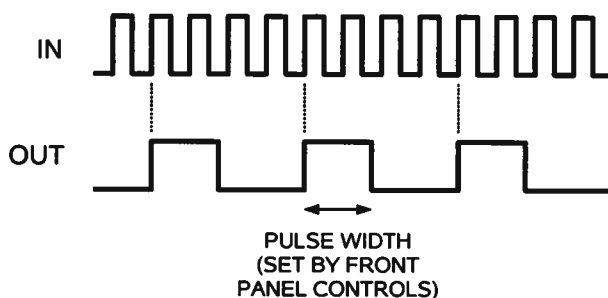
1. **AC POWER INPUT.** An IEC-320 C14 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket.
2. **AC FUSE DRAWER.** The two fuses that protect the AC 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BASIC TIMING CONTROL

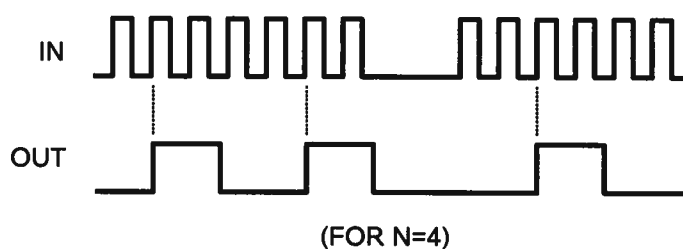
This instrument operates by counting the number of input pulses, and generating an output pulse for every N input pulses. N is set by the thumbwheel switches on the front panel.

This function is illustrated below, assuming that $N=4$.



Basic Operation

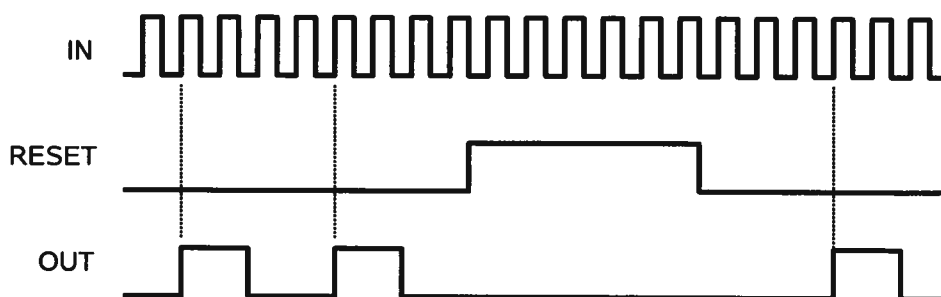
Note that if the input signal is non-periodic, the output signal will also be non-periodic:



Basic Operation for Non-Periodic Inputs

RESET FUNCTION

A reset input and switch are provided on the front panel, which can be used for synchronization, as shown below:



In this example, $N=4$. When the reset input is TTL high, the internal counter are reset to zero and are held at zero until the reset input switches to TTL low. An output pulse is generated on the fourth input pulse after the reset line returns to TTL low.

DIVISOR VALUES

The frequency divisor may be set at any value between 1 and 65535, inclusive, for normal operation. The divisor may also be set to zero, in which case a constant logic-low output is generated.

The divisor may be set for $N=1$. In this mode, the instrument essentially acts as a pulse-stretcher or "one-shot", since the output pulse width is controlled from the front panel.

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 before opening the instrument.

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.

 Caution: High voltages are present inside the instrument during normal operation. Do not operate the instrument with the cover removed.

ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE

To prevent electromagnetic interference with other equipment, all used outputs should be connected to shielded 50 Ω loads using shielded 50 Ω coaxial cables. Unused outputs should be terminated with shielded 50 Ω coaxial terminators or with shielded coaxial dust caps, to prevent unintentional electromagnetic radiation. All cords and cables should be less than 3m 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.

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