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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVR-3-PW-C-PN-UQA 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 dissembled, 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



- The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 100 MHz.
- 2) This unit was specifically designed to drive high impedance loads ($R_{\perp} \gg 100K$). The unit may fail if operated into low impedance loads (eg. 50 \ge) at very wide pulse width (eg. ≥100 usec).
- 3) The sync 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 SYNC output precedes the main output when the front panel LEAD-LAG switch is in the LEAD position. The SYNC output lags the main output when the switch is in the LAG position.
- 4) The desired output polarity is selected by means of the front panel POLARITY switch. With the POLARITY switch in the P position, the negative output pulse generator is rendered inactive. Likewise, with the POLARITY switch in the N position, the positive pulse generator is rendered inactive.
- 5) The output pulse widths for the positive and negative outputs are controlled by means of the front panel one turn PW control and by the PW RANGE control. The minimum and maximum PW for each range and the corresponding maximum PRF are as follows. Note that the unit may fail if operated at duty cycles exceeding the above.

	PW min	PW max
Range 1	0.1 usec PRF max 1 KHz	1.0 usec PRF max 1 KHz
Range 2	1.0 usec PRF max 1 KHz	10 usec PRF max 1 KHz
Range 3	10 usec PRF max 1 KHz	100 usec PRF max 1 KHz
Range 4	100 usec PRF max 1 KHz	1 msec PRF max 100 Hz
Range 5	1 msec PRF max 100 Hz	10 msec PRF max 10 Hz
Range 6	10 msec PRF max 10 Hz	100 msec PRF max 1 Hz
Range 7	100 msec PRF max 1 Hz	1 sec PRF max 0.1 Hz

To voltage control the output pulse width within each range, set the rear panel switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 volts between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} > 10K$). (option).

- 6) To obtain a stable output display the PRF control 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 and PRF FINE controls.
- 7) The output pulse amplitudes for the positive and negative outputs are controlled by means of the front panel one turn AMP control. To voltage control the output amplitude, set the rear panel switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 volts between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} > 10K$). (option).
- B) An external clock may be used to control the output PRF of the AVR unit by setting the front panel TRIG toggle switch in the EXT position and applying a 0.2 usec (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 SYNC output.
- 7) The DELAY control controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the TRIG output and the main output. This delay is variable over the range of 0.1 usec to 1 sec. 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.

		MIN	MAX
Range	1	0.1 usec	1.0 usec
Range	2	1.0 usec	10 usec
Range	3	10 usec	100 usec
Range	4	100 usec	i msec
Range	5	1 msec	10 msec
Range	6	10 msec	100 msec
Range	7	100 msec	1 sec

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



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Fig. 2

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

Range	1	0.1	to	1	Hz
Range	2	1	to	10	Hz
Range	3	10	to	100	Hz
Range	4	100	to	1	KHz

(3) <u>DELAY Control</u>. Controls the relative delay between the reference output pulse provided at the TRIG output (4) the main output (5) and (6). This delay is variable over the range of 0.1 to about 1 sec. Delay LEADS or LAGS depending on the position of the LEAD-LAG switch.

	MIN	MAX
Range 1	0.1 usec	1.0 usec
Range 2	1.0 usec	10 usec
Range 3	10 usec	100 usec
Range 4	100 usec	1 msec
Range 5	1 msec	10 msec
Range 6	10 msec	100 msec
Range 7	100 msec	1 sec

- (4) <u>TRIG Output</u>. This output is used to trigger the scope time base. The output is a TTL level 100 nsec (approx.) pulse capable of driving a fifty ohm load. This output precedes the output at (5) or (6) if the two position LEAD-LAG switch is in the LEAD position. This output follows the output at (5) or (6) if the switch is in the LAG position. The delay range is variable from 0.1 usec to 1 sec. The external trigger signal is applied at this input when the EXT-INT toggle switch is in the EXT position.
- (5) <u>OUT N Connector</u>. BNC connector provides output to a high impedance load (>100K).
- (6) <u>OUT P Connector</u>. BNC connector provides output to a high impedance load (>100K).
- (7) <u>FW Control</u>. A one turn control and 7 position range
 (8) switch which varies the positive output pulse width from
 0.1 usec to 1.0 sec. The minimum and maximum PW for
 each range and the corresponding maximum PRF are as
 follows. Note that the unit may fail if operated at
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Range 5	1 msec PRF max 100 Hz	10 msec PRF max 10 Hz
Range 6	10 msec PRF max 10 Hz	.100 msec PRF max 1 Hz
Range 7	100 msec PRF max 1 Hz	1 sec PRF max 0.1 Hz

- (9) <u>AMP Control</u>. A one turn control which varies the output pulse amplitude from 0 to +150 V to a high impedance load.
- (10) <u>POLARITY Control</u>. With the switch in the P position, the negative output pulse generator is rendered inactive. With the switch in the N position, the positive output pulse generator is rendered inactive.
- (11) <u>EXT-INT Control</u>. With this toggle switch in the INT position, the PRF of the AVR unit is controlled via an internal clock which in turn is controlled by the PRF control. With the toggle switch in the EXT position, the AVR unit requires a 0.2 usec 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.

BACK PANEL CONTROLS

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Fig. 3

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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.
- (2) <u>0.5A SB</u>. Fuse which protects the output stage if the output duty cycle rating is exceeded.
- (3) <u>EA</u>. To voltage control the output amplitude, set the switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 volts between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} > 10K$). (option).
- (4) <u>EW</u>. To voltage control the output pulse width, set the switch in the EXT position and apply 0 to +10 volts between terminal A and ground ($R_{IN} > 10K$). (option).

Fig. 4b

The AVR-3-PW-C-PN consists of the following basic modules:

- 1) AVR-3-PW-PG pulse generator modules (-P and -N)
- 2) AVR-3-CL clock module
- 3) +24V power supply board
- 4) AVR-3-PS-N power supply module
- 5) AVR-3-PS-P power supply module
- 6) AVR-3-PW pulse width module

The modules are interconnected as shown in Fig. 4. The clock module controls the output PRF and the relative delay between the main output and the SYNC outputs. The PG pulse generator modules generate the output pulse. The PS-P and PS-N modules generate 0 to ± 150 volts to power the pulse generator module. The PW module controls the output pulse width. In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the rear panel 0.5A SB fuse or some of the output switching elements (SL4) may have failed due to an output short circuit condition or to a high duty cycle condition. The switching elements may be accessed by removing the cover plate on the bottom side of the instrument. NOTE: First turn off the prime power. The elements may be removed from their sockets by means of a needle nosed pliers. The SL4 is a selected VMOS power transistor in a TO 220 packages and may be checked on a curve tracer. If defective, replacement units should be ordered directly from Avtech. When replacing the SL4 switching elements, take care to insure that the short lead the three leads) is adjacent to the black dot on the (of chassis. If the switching elements are not defective, then the four Phillips screws on the back panel should be removed. The top cover may then be slid off and operation of the clock and power supply modules should be checked. The clock module is functioning properly if:

- a) 0.1 usec TTL level outputs are observed at pins 2 and 3.
- b) The PRF of the outputs can be varied over the range of 0.1 Hz to 1.0 KHz using the PRF controls.
- c) The relative delay between the pin 2 and 3 outputs can be varied by at least 0.1 usec to 1.0 sec by the DELAY controls.

The sealed clock module must be returned to Avtech for repair or replacement if the above conditions are not observed. The power supply board generates +24V DC to power the other modules. If the voltage is less than +24V, turn off the prime power and unsolder the lead from the 7824 regulator chip on the power supply board. Solder a 100 ohm 5 watt resistor to the 7824 output to ground and turn on the prime power. A voltage of +24 volts should be read. If the voltage is less then the power supply board is defective and should be repaired or replaced.

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