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INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVR-3-C-PW-PN-C-TRCFA PULSE GENERATOR

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WARRANTY

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PULSE GENERATOR TEST ARRANGEMENT

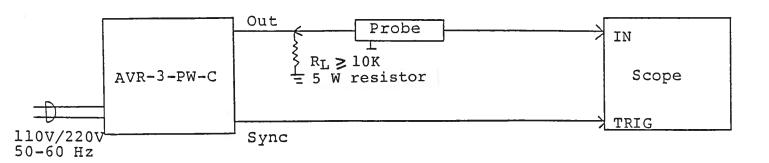


Fig. 1

- The equipment should be connected in the general fashion shown above. Since the AVR unit provides an output pulse rise time as low as 10 nsec a fast oscilloscope (at least 50 MHz and preferably 200 MHz) should be used to display the waveform.
- The sync output channel provides NIM level signals.
- 3) The unit provides a square wave output (50% duty cycle) of the form shown in Fig. 2. <u>CAUTION</u>: This unit is designed to drive a high impedance load (eg. $R_{\perp} \ge 10K$) and may fail if operated into a low-impedance load (eg. 50 ohms).
- 4) The output PRF (or PW) is controlled by the 3 position range switch and one turn PRF control from 5 Hz to 5 KHz (or 100 msec to 10 usec).
- 5) The output amplitude is controlled by the one turn amp control (0 to 440 volts peak to peak to 10K or larger).
- 6) The PRF is controlled by the internal clock when the INT-EXT switch is in the INT position. With the switch in the INT position and the DELAY switch in the LEAD position, a TTL level coincident replica of the main output pulse is provided at the TRIG output. This TTL signal may be used for scope triggering purposes. When the DELAY switch is in the LAG position, the TRIG output provides a 1.0 usec wide TTL level pulse which is delayed with respect to the rising edge of the output square wave. The amount of delay is variable from approximately 100 nsec to 10 msec and is controlled by the 6 position DELAY RANGE switch and the one turn delay control.
- 7) The unit may be triggered externally by setting the INT-EXT switch in the EXT position and applying a TTL level 50% duty cycle square wave to the TRIG input. The output will then have the same PRF as the TTL input but delayed by approximately 100 nsec.
- 8) The output switching elements may fail if the unit is inadvertently operated into a short circuit or low impedance. The switching elements are easily replaced in the field following the procedure outlined in the REPAIR Section.

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS

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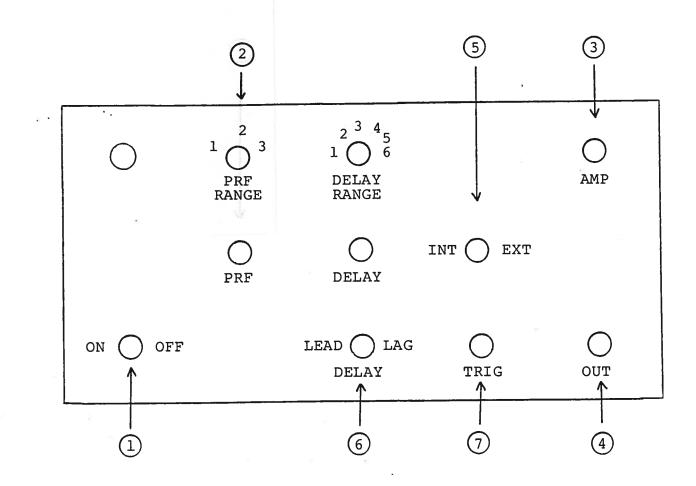


Fig. 2

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- (1) ON-OFF Switch. Applies basic prime power to all stages.
- (2) PRF Control. Varies PRF from 5 Hz to 5 KHz.
- (3) <u>AMP Control</u>. A one turn control which varies the output pulse amplitude from 0 to 440V peak to peak to 10K or higher.
- (4) <u>OUT</u>. BNC connector provides output to high impedance load.
- (5) <u>INT-EXT</u>. The PRF is controlled by the internal clock when the INT-EXT switch is in the INT position. With the switch in the INT position and the DELAY switch (6) in the LEAD position, a TTL level coincident replica of the main output pulse is provided at the TRIG output (7). This TTL signal may be used for scope triggering purposes. When the DELAY switch (6) is in the LAG position, the TRIG output (7) provides a 1.0 usec wide TTL level pulse which is delayed with respect to the rising edge of the output square wave. The amount of delay is variable from approximately 100 nsec to 10 usec and is controlled by the 6 position DELAY RANGE switch and the one turn delay control as follows:

Range	MIN	MAX
1	10 nsec	100 nsec
2	100 nsec	1 usec
3	1 usec	10 usec
4	10 usec	100 usec
5	100 usec	1 msec
6	1 msec	10 msec

- (6) DELAY. See (5) above.
- (7) <u>TRIG</u>. The unit may be triggered externally by setting the INT-EXT switch (5) in the EXT position and applying a TTL level 50% duty cycle square wave to the TRIG input. The output will then have the same PRF as the TTL input but delayed by approximately 100 nsec. When the INT-EXT switch (5) is in the INT position, a coincident TTL level replica of the main output is provided at the TRIG output (see 5 above).

BACK PANEL CONTROLS

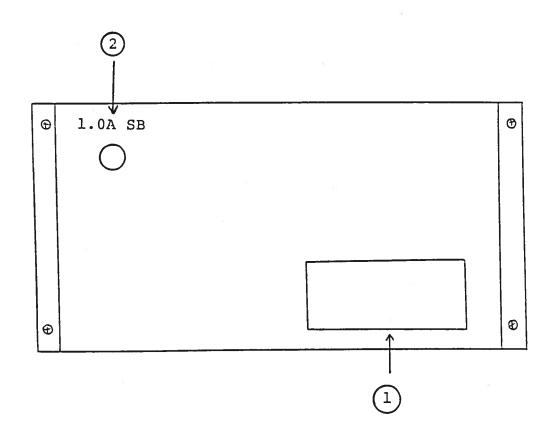


Fig. 3

- (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).
- (2) <u>1.0A SB</u>. This fuse limits the DC prime power supplied to the output stage and will blow in the case of severe overloading.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND REPAIR PROCEDURE

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

- 1) AVR-3-PW-PG-P pulse generator module
- 2) AVR-3-CL clock module
- 3) +24V power supply board
- 4) AVR-3-PS power supply module

In the event of an instrument malfunction, it is most likely that the 1.0 A slow blow fuse or the main power fuse 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 (SL21T) 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. The cover plate is removed by removing the two 2-56 Phillips screws. NOTE: First turn off the prime power. CAUTION: Briefly ground the SL21T tabs to discharge the 400 volts power supply potential. The elements may be removed from their sockets by means of a needle nosed pliers. The SL21T is a selected VMOS power transistor in a TO 220 package and may be checked on a curve tracer. If defective, replacement units should be ordered directly from Avtech. When replacing the SL21T switching elements, take care to insure that the short lead (of the three leads) is adjacent to the back of the chassis.

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