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## INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVX-FD1-PS

$\leq 250$  MHz IN,  $\leq 5$  MHz OUT

FREQUENCY DIVIDER WITH  
ADJUSTABLE DIVISION FACTOR

SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTRODUCTION

The Model AVX-FD1-PS 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 999 (or 65535, with the -XN option). The instrument will operate at input frequencies of up to 250 MHz, and output frequencies of up to 5 MHz.

The standard AVX-FD1-PS is designed to work with TTL logic-level signals. The input impedance may be set at either 50 $\Omega$  or 1 k $\Omega$  by means of a two-position switch. The output pulse width for Model AVX-FD1-PS is controlled by a 3-position range switch and a one-turn fine control, and is variable from 50 ns to 50  $\mu$ s.

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.

## OPTIONAL FEATURES

The following options are available for the AVX-FD1-PS:

- ECL option: Input and output operate at ECL levels (rather than at standard TTL levels).
- DECL option: Inputs and outputs are differential ECL.
- EP option: Provides complementary output pulses.
- IP option: Accepts pulse or sine wave input from 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak.
- XN option: Extends the maximum divisor from 999 to 65535.

## SPECIFICATIONS

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Model:                     | AVX-FD1-PS  |
| Maximum input frequency:   | 250 MHz   |
| Maximum output frequency:  | 5 MHz   |
| Division factor (N):       | 0 to 999 (optional <sup>1</sup> : 0 to 65535)     |
| Input level:               | TTL (0 and 3-5V)                                  |
| Input termination:         | 50 $\Omega$ or 1 k $\Omega$ to ground, switchable |
| Input pulse width:         | $\geq 2$ ns                                       |
| Output level:              | TTL (0 and 3-5V)                                  |
| Outputs:                   | Main Output: $f_{OUT} = f_{IN}/N$                 |
| Output pulse width:        | 50 ns to 50 $\mu$ s                               |
| Maximum output duty cycle: | 50%   |
| Jitter:                    | $\leq 100$ 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                                     |

1) Add the suffix -XN to the model number for an extended division factor range of 0 to 65535.

## REGULATORY NOTES

### FCC PART 18

This device complies with part 18 of the FCC rules for non-consumer industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment.

This instrument is enclosed in a rugged metal chassis and uses a filtered power entry module (where applicable). The main output signal is provided on a shielded connector that is intended to be used with shielded coaxial cabling and a shielded load. Under these conditions, the interference potential of this instrument is low.

If interference is observed, check that appropriate well-shielded cabling is used on the output connectors. Contact Avtech ([info@avtechpulse.com](mailto:info@avtechpulse.com)) for advice if you are unsure of the most appropriate cabling. Also, check that your load is adequately shielded. It may be necessary to enclose the load in a metal enclosure.

If any of the connectors on the instrument are unused, they should be covered with shielded metal "dust caps" to reduce the interference potential.

This instrument does not normally require regular maintenance to minimize interference potential. However, if loose hardware or connectors are noted, they should be tightened. Contact Avtech ([info@avtechpulse.com](mailto:info@avtechpulse.com)) if you require assistance.

### EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



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declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 2004/108/EG 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 2006/95/EC. 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 2011/65/EU (RoHS)

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| <i>Material/Substance</i>             | <i>Threshold level</i>    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lead (Pb)                             | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Mercury (Hg)                          | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+)            | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)        | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Polybrominated Diphenyl ethers (PBDE) | < 1000 ppm (0.1% by mass) |
| Cadmium (Cd)                          | < 100 ppm (0.01% by mass) |

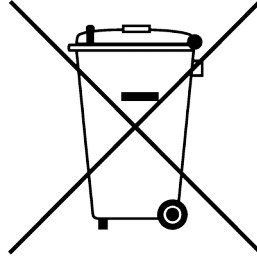
#### DIRECTIVE 2002/96/EC (WEEE)

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 will 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 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 cord used to connect the instrument to the mains supply must provide an earth connection. (The supplied cord does this.)

 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                           | Option | Manufacturer | Part Number |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia | BS 1363, 230V, 50 Hz                  | -AC00  | Qualtek      | 370001-E01  |
| Australia, New Zealand                         | AS 3112:2000, 230-240V, 50 Hz         | -AC01  | Qualtek      | 374003-A01  |
| Continental Europe, Korea, Indonesia, Russia   | European CEE 7/7 "Schuko" 230V, 50 Hz | -AC02  | Qualtek      | 364002-D01  |
| North America, Taiwan                          | NEMA 5-15, 120V, 60 Hz                | -AC03  | Qualtek      | 312007-01   |
| Switzerland                                    | SEV 1011, 230V, 50 Hz                 | -AC06  | Qualtek      | 378001-E01  |
| South Africa, India                            | SABS 164-1, 220-250V, 50 Hz           | -AC17  | Volex        | 2131H 10 C3 |
| Japan  | JIS 8303, 100V, 50-60 Hz              | -AC18  | Qualtek      | 397002-01   |
| Israel   | SI 32, 220V, 50 Hz                    | -AC19  | Qualtek      | 398001-01   |
| China  | GB 1002-1, 220V, 50 Hz                | -AC22  | Volex        | 2137H 10 C3 |

## 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.

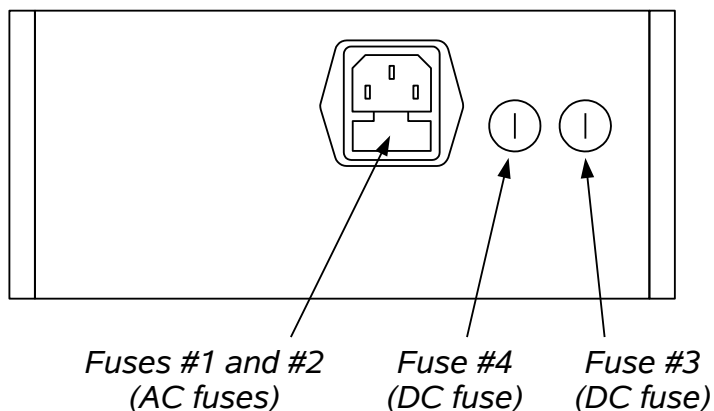
## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

This instrument is intended for use under the following conditions:

1. indoor use;
2. altitude up to 2 000 m;
3. temperature 5 °C to 40 °C;
4. maximum relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C;
5. Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to  $\pm 10$  % of the nominal voltage;
6. no pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution.

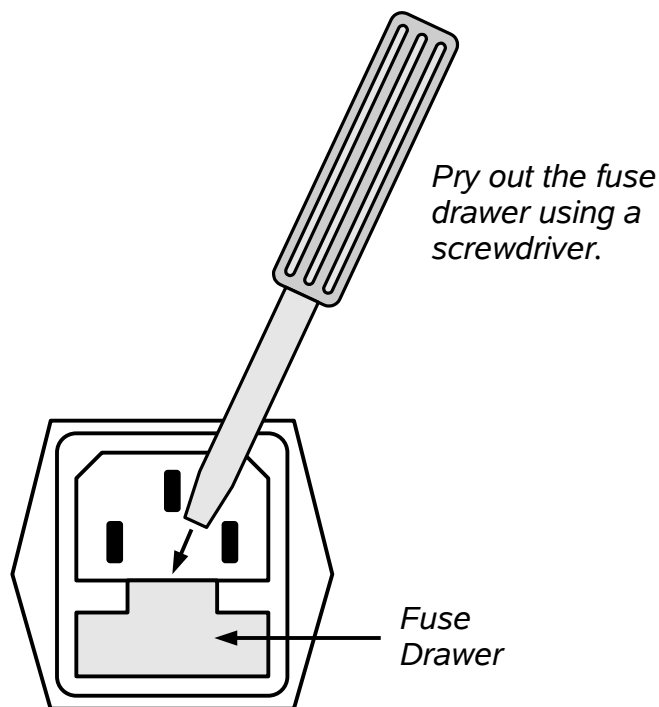
## FUSES

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

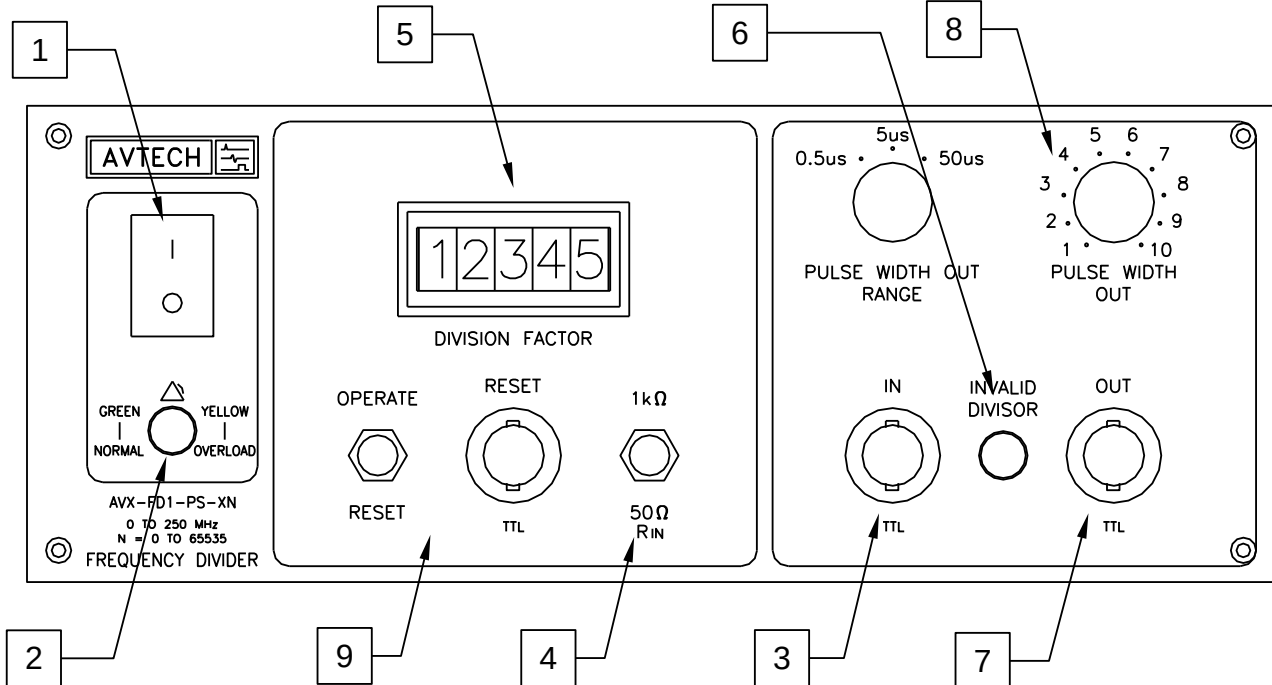
The following table lists the required fuses:

| Fuses       | Nominal Mains Voltage | Rating  | Case Size | Recommended Replacement Part |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|             |                       |   |           | Littelfuse Part Number       | Digi-Key Stock Number |
| #1, #2 (AC) | 100-240V              | 0.5A, 250V, Time-Delay                            | 5×20 mm   | 0218.500HXP                  | F2416-ND              |
| #3 (DC)     | N/A                   | 0.8A, 250V, Time-Delay                            | 5×20 mm   | 0218.800HXP                  | F2418-ND              |
| #4 (DC)     | N/A                   | Not used.<br>A spare 0.8A fuse is installed here. |           |                              |                       |

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. **IN CONNECTOR.** The input signal is applied to this BNC connector. Standard models expect TTL-level inputs (i.e. logic low = 0V, logic high = 3 to 5V).

Models with "-ECL" or "-DECL" options expect ECL levels (i.e. logic low = -1.6V, logic high = -0.8V).

Models with the "-IP" option will accept logic-level inputs, but will also trigger from a pulse or sine wave input from 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak. A "Sine Input / TTL

Input” switch is present on the front panel of units with the “-IP” option.

4. R<sub>IN</sub> (INPUT IMPEDANCE) SWITCH. This switch determines the input impedance of the IN connector (either 50Ω or 1kΩ). If the trigger source attached to the IN connector will drive a 50Ω load, the 50Ω setting should be used, as well as 50Ω coaxial cabling. This will minimize ringing and other waveform distortions on the input. The 1kΩ setting is useful when triggering the instrument from an unbuffered TTL IC output.
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:  $f_{out} = f_{in} / N$ . Standard models will have a 3-digit switch. Models with the -XN option will have 5 digits.
6. INVALID DIVISOR INDICATOR. (Present on units with the -XN option only.) 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. Standard models generate TTL-level outputs (i.e. logic low = 0V, logic high = 3 to 5V), which will drive loads as low as 50Ω.

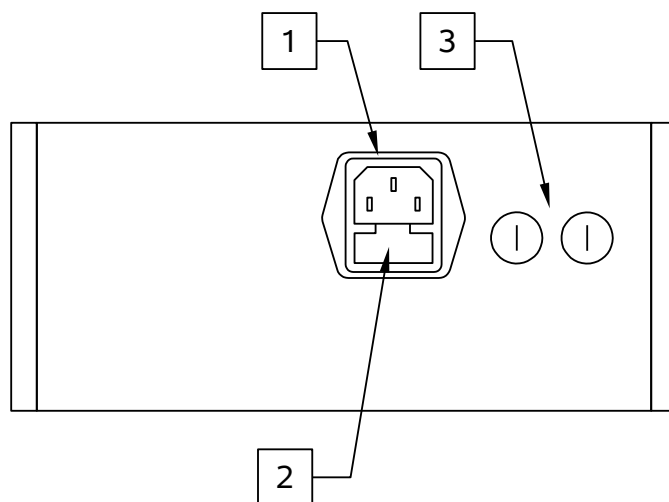
Models with "-ECL" or "-DECL" options generate ECL levels (i.e. logic low = -1.6V, logic high = -0.8V).

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



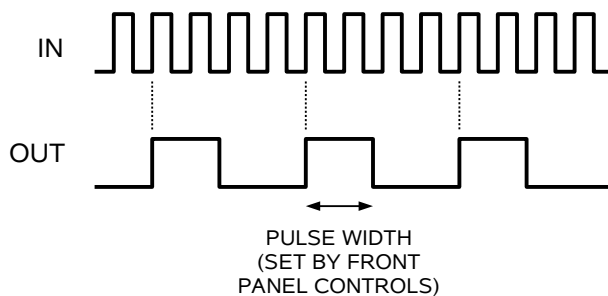
1. AC POWER INPUT. An IEC-320 C14 three-pronged recessed male socket is provided on the back panel for AC power connection to the instrument. One end of the detachable power cord that is supplied with the instrument plugs into this socket.
2. AC FUSE DRAWER. The two fuses that protect the AC input are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

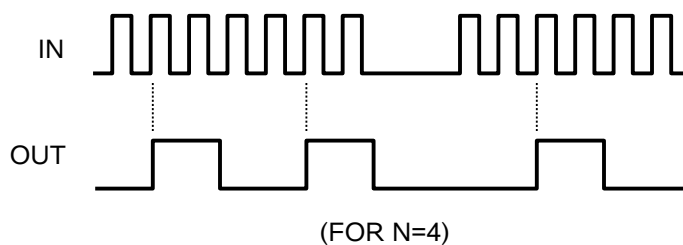
This instrument operates by counting the number of input pulses, and generating an output pulse for every N input pulses. N is set by the thumbwheel switches on the front panel.

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



*Basic Operation*

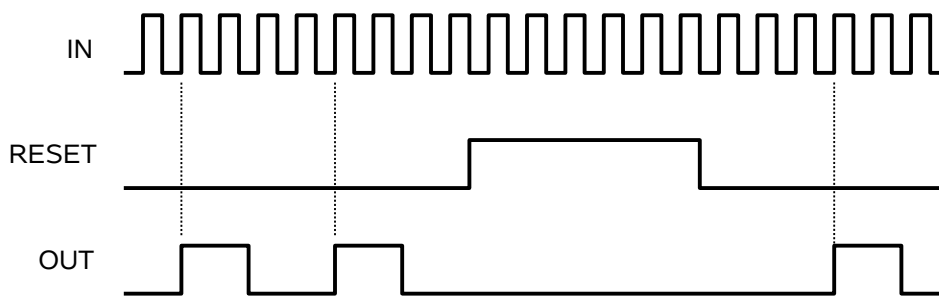
Note that if the input signal is non-periodic, the output signal will also be non-periodic:



*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 999, 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.


### "-IP" OPTION

Models with the "-IP" option will accept logic-level inputs, but will also trigger from a sine wave input (or pulse input with approximately 50% duty cycle) with amplitudes from 0.2 to 5.0 Volts peak to peak. A "Sine Input / TTL Input" switch is present on the front panel of units with the "-IP" option, to select the input trigger level mode.


## 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](mailto: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.

 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 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 3m in length.

## MAINTENANCE

### REGULAR MAINTENANCE

This instrument does not require any regular maintenance.

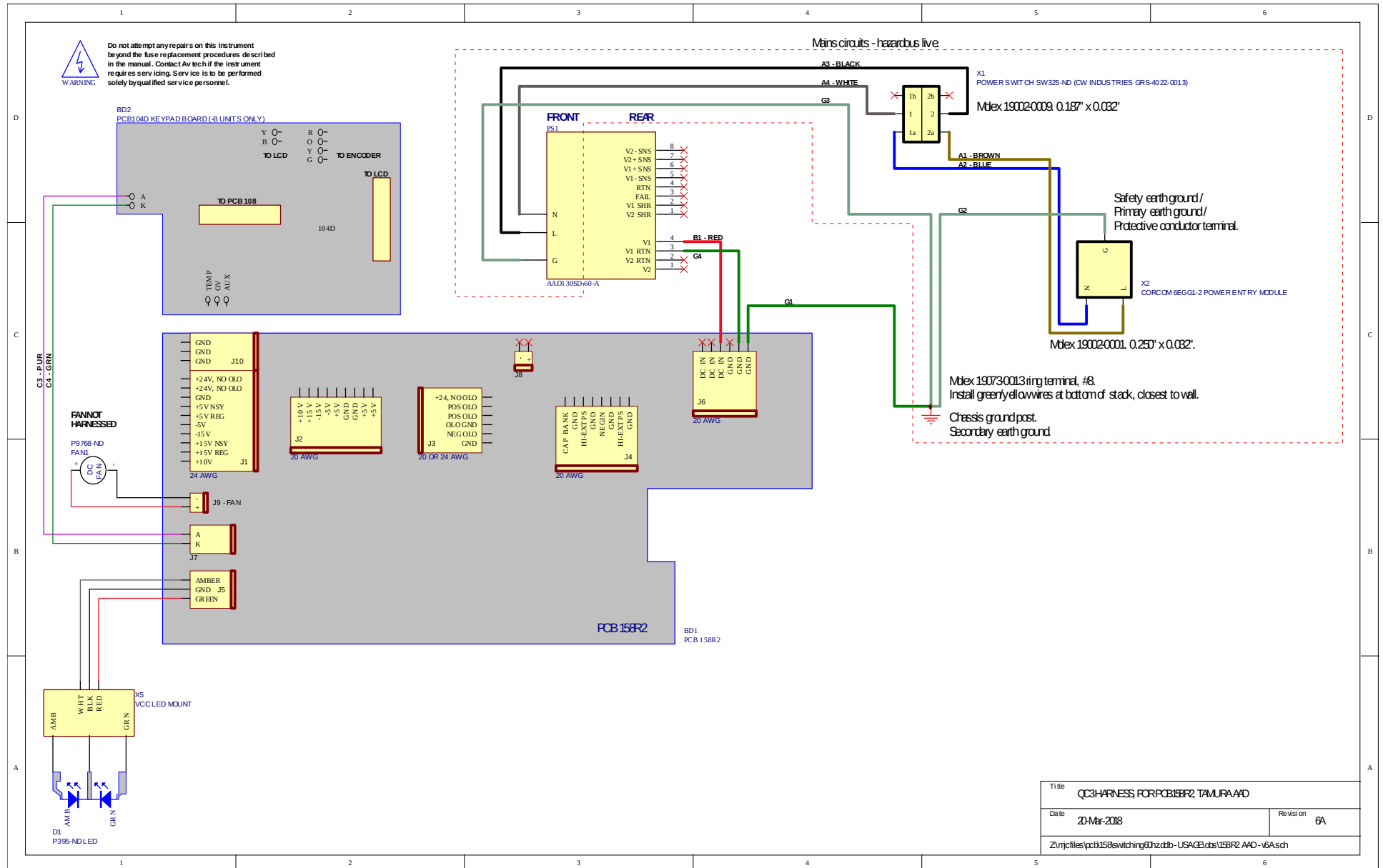
On occasion, one or more of the four rear-panel fuses may require replacement. All fuses can be accessed from the rear panel. See the “FUSES” section for details.

### CLEANING

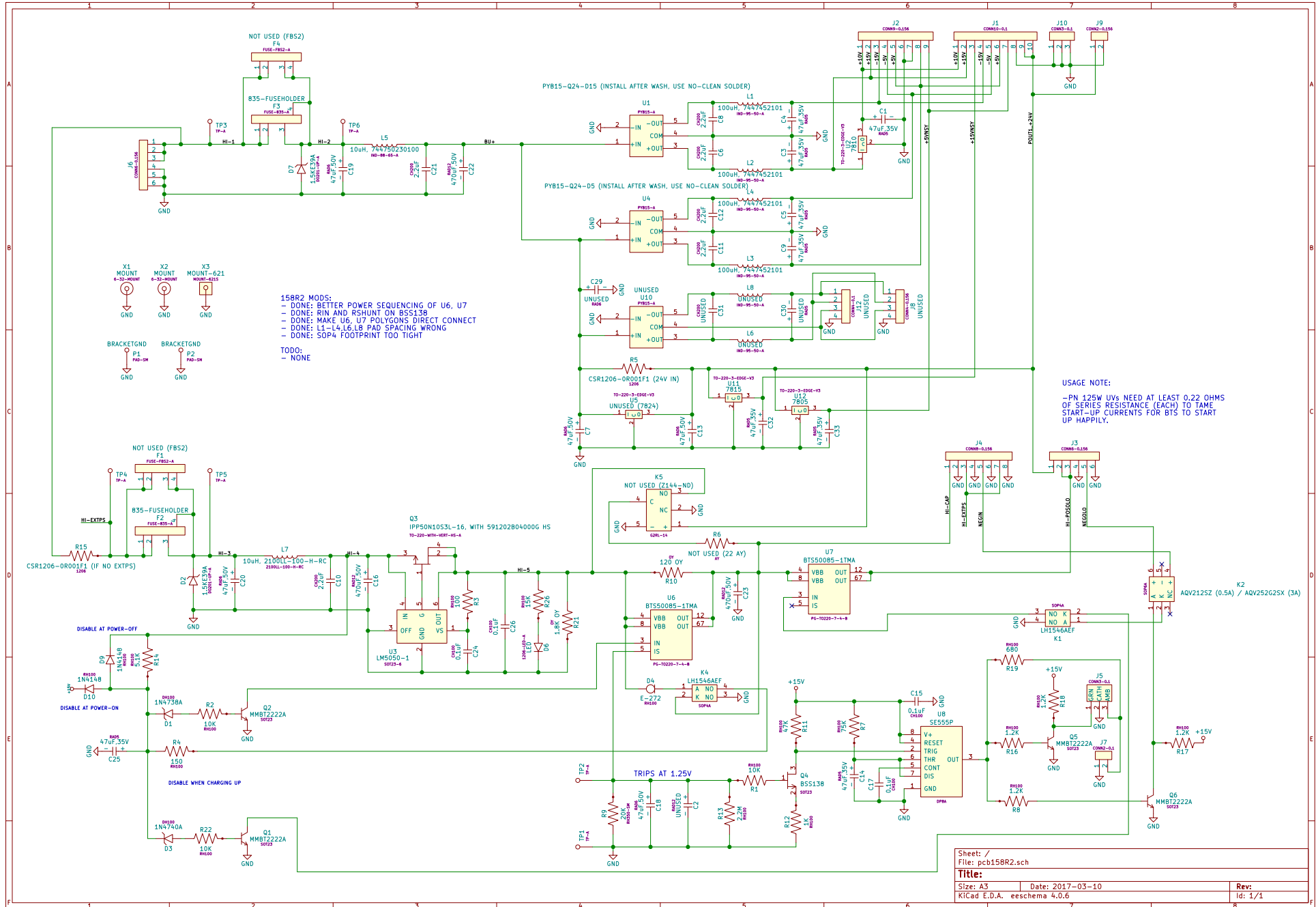
If desired, the interior of the instrument may be cleaned using compressed air to dislodge any accumulated dust. (See the “TOP COVER REMOVAL” section for instructions on accessing the interior.) No other cleaning is recommended.

# WIRING DIAGRAMS

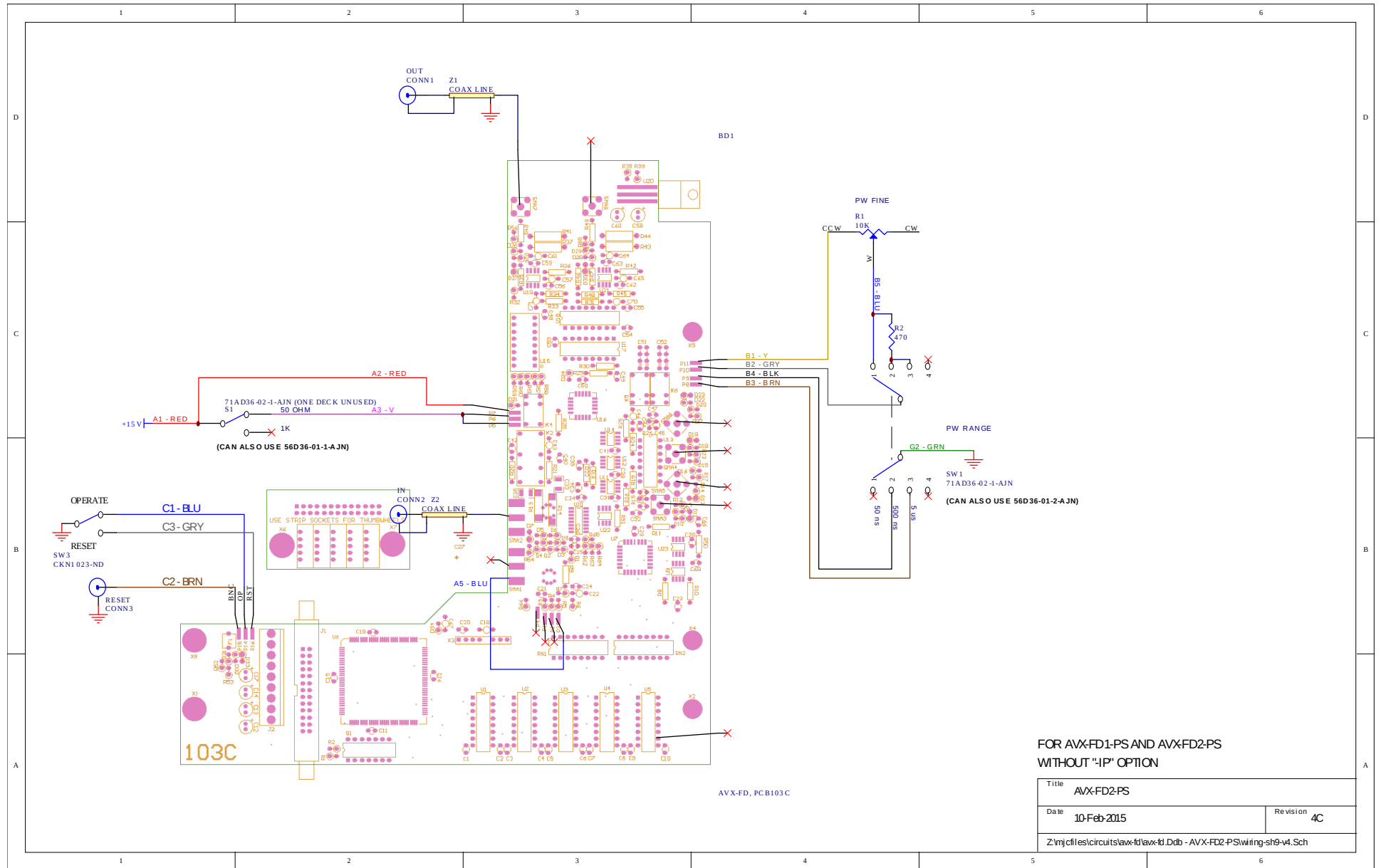
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# MAIN WIRING





PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET