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## INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AVR-A-1-S2-C
200 VOLT, 10 kHz, 10 - 200 ns
HIGH SPEED PULSE GENERATOR

## WITH 3 ns RISE TIMES

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## WARRANTY

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## INTRODUCTION

The AVR-A-1-S2-C is a high performance instrument capable of generating pulses of up to 200 V into $50 \Omega$ loads, with rise and fall times of less than 3 ns . The output pulse width is variable from 10 ns to 200 ns , at repetition rates up to 10 kHz .

Instruments with the "-P" model suffix can generate up to +200 V , whereas instruments with the "-N" model suffix can generate up to -200V. Instruments with the "-PN" suffix can generate both polarities.

A 50 Ohm load is required for proper operation. The output stage may be damaged if the output is not terminated into a $50 \Omega$ load.

This instrument is intended for use in research and development laboratories.

## AVAILABLE OPTIONS

The AVR-A-1-S2-C is available with several options:
-OS Option: an externally generated DC offset can be added to the output.
-EA Option: the amplitude can be controlled by an externally generated 0 to +10 V analog control voltage.

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Model: | AVR-A-1-S2-C ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Amplitude ${ }^{2,3,4}$ : 50 Ohm load) | $<10$ to 200 Volts |
| Pulse width (FWHM) ${ }^{2,4}$ : | 10 ns to 200 ns |
| PRF: | 0 to 10 kHz |
| Rise \& fall times (20\%-80\%): | $\leq 3 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| Maximum duty cycle: | 0.2\% |
| Maximum avg. output power: | 1.6 Watts |
| Required load: | $50 \Omega \pm 10 \%{ }^{7}$ |
| Polarity ${ }^{5}$ : | Positive or negative or both (specify) |
| Front-panel controls: | Decade range switches \& one-turn dials for PRF, pulse width \& delay; one-turn dial for amplitude. |
| Propagation delay: | $\leq 100$ ns (Ext trig in to pulse out) |
| Jitter: | $\pm 100 \mathrm{ps} \pm 0.03 \%$ of sync delay, Ext trig in to pulse out |
| DC offset or bias insertion: | Option available. Apply required DC offset or bias in the range of $\pm 50$ Volts, ( 250 mA max) to back panel solder terminal. See note 6. |
| Trigger modes: | Internal trigger, or external trigger (TTL level pulse, > $50 \mathrm{~ns}, 1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ input impedance). |
| Variable delay: (Sync to main out) | 0 to 200 ns , for internal trigger mode only. No variable delay in external trigger mode. |
| Sync output: | >+3 Volts, > 50 ns , will drive 50 Ohm loads |
| Connectors: | Out, Trig: BNC |
| Dimensions: | $100 \mathrm{~mm} \times 430 \mathrm{~mm} \times 375 \mathrm{~mm}$ (3.9" $\times 17^{\prime \prime} \times 14.8$ ") |
| Power requirements: | 100-240 Volts, 50-60 Hz |
| Chassis material: | Cast aluminum frame \& handles, blue vinyl on aluminum cover plates |
| Mounting: | Any |
| Temperature range: | $+5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

1) -C suffix indicates stand-alone lab instrument with internal clock and line powering. No suffix indicates miniature module requiring DC power and external trigger. (See http://www.avtechpulse.com/formats for details of the four basic instrument formats).
2) For analog electronic control ( 0 to +10 V ) of the amplitude, suffix model number with -EA. Electronic control units also include standard front-panel controls.
3) For operation at amplitudes of less than $10 \%$ of full-scale, best results will be obtained by setting the amplitude near full-scale and using external attenuators on the output.
4) For 10-turn dial control of pulse width (or amplitude) suffix model number with -PWT (or -AT). For -C units only.
5) Indicate desired polarity by suffixing model No. by -P or -N (i.e. positive or negative) or -PN for dual polarity option. Polarity reversal is achieved by means of a two-position switch on -C units.
6) For DC offset option suffix model number with -OS
7) The instrument may be damaged by load impedances outside this range.

## 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) 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) if you require assistance.

## EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



We Avtech Electrosystems Ltd.
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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 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 2011/65/EU (RoHS)

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declare that, to the best of our knowledge, all electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) sold by the company are in compliance with Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (also known as "RoHS Recast"). In addition, this declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of Avtech Electrosystems Ltd. Specifically, products manufactured do not contain the substances listed in the table below in concentrations greater than the listed maximum value.

| Material/Substance | Threshold level |
| :---: | :---: |
| 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 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.


## AC POWER SUPPLY REGULATORY NOTES

This instrument converts the AC input power to the +24 V DC voltage that powers the internal circuitry of this instrument using a Tamura AAD130SD-60-A switching power supply. According to the manufacturer, the Tamura AAD130SD-60-A has the following certifications:

UL60950-1
IEC60950-1
CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1
EN60950-1
and is compliant with:
EN61000-3-2
EN61000-4-2 Level 2
EN61000-4-2 Level 3 (Air Only)
EN61000-4-4 Level 3
EN61000-4-5 Level 3
EN61000-4-11
CISPR 11 and 22 FCC Part 15 Class B (conducted)

## 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.)

全 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 | $\begin{gathered} \text { BS } 1363, \\ 230 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -AC00 | Qualtek | 370001-E01 |
| Australia, New Zealand | $\begin{gathered} \text { AS 3112:2000, } \\ 230-240 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -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, $120 \mathrm{~V}, 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ | -AC03 | Qualtek | 312007-01 |
| Switzerland | $\begin{gathered} \text { SEV } 1011, \\ 230 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -AC06 | Qualtek | 378001-E01 |
| South Africa, India | $\begin{gathered} \text { SABS } 164-1, \\ 220-250 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -AC17 | Volex | 2131H 10 C3 |
| Japan | $\begin{gathered} \text { JIS } 8303, \\ 100 \mathrm{~V}, 50-60 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -AC18 | Qualtek | 397002-01 |
| Israel | $\begin{gathered} \text { SI 32, } \\ 220 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | -AC19 | Qualtek | 398001-01 |
| China | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GB 1002-1, } \\ & 220 \mathrm{~V}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{aligned}$ | -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 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 Mains Voltage | Rating | Case Size | Recommended Replacement Part |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Littelfuse Part Number | Digi-Key Stock Number |
| \#1, \#2 (AC) | 100-240V | $0.5 \mathrm{~A}, 250 \mathrm{~V}$ Time-Delay | $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ | 0218.500HXP | F2416-ND |
| \#3 (DC) | N/A | $0.5 \mathrm{~A}, 250 \mathrm{~V}$ Time-Delay | $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ | 0218.500HXP | F2416-ND |
| \#4 (DC) | N/A | 0.5A, 250V, <br> Time-Delay | $5 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ | 0218.500HXP | 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) PRF Range Switch. This switch sets the pulse repetition frequency (PRF) range of the internal oscillator. The marked value of each position is the upper limit of the 10:1 range, approximately. The vernier dial directly below the switch varies the PRF within the set range.

If this switched is set to the "EXT" position, the instrument is triggered by a signal applied to the TRIG connector, rather than by the internal oscillator.
4) TRIG Connector. When the PRF Range Switch is set to "EXT", the instrument is triggered by a TTL pulse applied to this connector. The pulse must be at least 50 ns wide.

When the PRF Range Switch is set to one of the four internal oscillator ranges, this
connector is an output, which supplies a $2 \mathrm{~V}, 50$ ns wide pulse for each trigger event. This output may be used to trigger oscilloscopes or other equipment.
5) Delay Controls. When the PRF Range Switch is set to one of the four internal oscillator ranges, the main output is advanced or delayed relative to the TRIG output pulse (item 3). The delay is variable up to 200 ns , approximately, using the DELAY and DELAY FINE dials.
6) Advance/Delay Switch. When the PRF Range Switch is set to one of the four internal oscillator ranges, this switch determines whether the TRIG output precedes the main output (ADVANCE mode), or whether the TRIG output occurs after the main output (DELAY mode).
7) Pulse Width Control. This dial controls the pulse width.
8) Amplitude Control. This dial controls the amplitude.
9) OUT Connector. This BNC connector provides the main output signal, into load impedances of $50 \Omega$. This output requires a $50 \Omega$ load to function properly.

㐱 Caution: Voltages as high as $\pm 200 \mathrm{~V}$ 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.

## 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. OS INPUT CONNECTOR. (For units with the -OS option only). A DC offset in the range of $\pm 25 \mathrm{~V}$ ( 250 mA max) may be applied to this solder terminal. The DC offset will appear on the output. When this feature is not used, the OS input should be connected to ground (using the adjacent GND connector).
5. GND CONNECTOR. (For units with the -OS option only). This solder terminal is connected to ground. It may be used to ground the OS input connector.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT

The AVR-A-1-S2-C should be tested with a sampling oscilloscope with a bandwidth of at least 2 GHz to properly observe the high-speed waveform. A typical test arrangement is shown below:


The attenuator is required to prevent damage to the sampling oscilloscope.

## BASIC PULSE CONTROL

This instrument can be triggered by its own internal clock or by an external TTL trigger signal. When triggered internally, two mainframe output channels respond to the trigger: OUT and SYNC.

- OUT. This is the main output. The maximum output voltage is 200 V .
- TRIG. The TRIG pulse is a fixed-width TTL-level reference pulse used to trigger oscilloscopes or other measurement systems.

When the ADVANCE/DELAY switch is set to the ADVANCE mode, the TRIG output precedes the main output. These pulses are illustrated below:


When the ADVANCE/DELAY switch is set to the DELAY mode, the TRIG output lags the main output. These pulses are illustrated below:


When triggered externally, the TRIG connector acts as an input. The delay controls do not function in this mode. This is illustrated below:


## AMPLITUDE DYNAMIC RANGE

Avtech high-speed pulse generators are optimized to operate near their maximum rated amplitude. Generally, operation below $20 \%$ of the maximum rated amplitude is not recommended. To generate pulses below this level, the pulse generator should be
operated near its maximum rated amplitude, and one or more coaxial attenuators should be connected to the output.

Avtech suggests the Mini-Circuits BW-S20W20+ family of fixed 18 GHz, 20 Watt attenuators for use with the AVR-A-1-S2-C.

## MINIMIZING WAVEFORM DISTORTIONS

## USE 50 OHM TRANSMISSION LINES AND LOADS

Connect the load to the pulse generator with $50 \Omega$ transmission lines (e.g. RG-58 or RG174 cable).

This instrument requires a $50 \Omega$ load for proper operation. It will not properly drive a high-impedance load. The output stage will be damaged if it is operated into an open circuit (or any other high impedance). Failures due to improper output loading are not covered by the warranty.

## USE LOW-INDUCTANCE LOADS

Lenz's Law predicts that for an inductive voltage spike will be generated when the current through an inductance changes. Specifically, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {SPIKE }}=\mathrm{L} \times \mathrm{dl}_{\text {LOAD }} / \mathrm{dt}$, where L is the inductance, I load is the load current change, and $t$ is time. For this reason, it is important to keep any parasitic in the load low. This means keeping wiring short, and using low inductance components. In particular, wire-wound resistors should be avoided.

## PREVENTING DAMAGE

The AVR-A-1-S2-C may fail if triggered at a PRF greater than 10 kHz .
This unit is designed to operate into a load impedance of 50 Ohms and the output stage will be damaged if it is operated into an open circuit (or any other high impedance). Failures due to improper output loading are not covered by the warranty.

The lifetime of the switching elements in the pulse generator module is proportional to the running time of the instrument. For this reason the prime power to the instrument should be turned off when the instrument is not in use.

## 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.

全 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 $3 m$ 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.


## WIRING OF DC POWER



## PCB 158R3 - LOW VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY



## PCB 235B - HIGH VOLTAGE DC POWER SUPPLY



## PCB 206B - PRF LIMITER



PCB 241B - PW CONTROL


## PCB 126D - OSCILLATOR AND TRIGGER CIRCUIT



## MAIN WIRING, -P AND -N UNITS



PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET

