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**INSTRUCTION MANUAL** 

MODEL 145 20 MHz FUNCTION/ PULSE GENERATOR

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# SECTION GENERAL DESCRIPTION

### 1.1 THE MODEL 145

The Model 145 20 MHz Pulse/Function Generator has the versatility of output found in a function generator, plus the pulse characteristics of a pulse generator. It is a precision source of sine, triangle, balanced square, positive square and negative square waveforms, a source of dc levels and a source of normal and inverted pulses. All are front panel and remote control variable in frequency from 0.0001 Hz to 20 MHz (periods from 50 ns to 10,000s). Pulse widths are variable from 25 ns to 1 ms and pulse delays variable from 50 ns to 10 ms. Double pulses (two pulses per period) are also available with variable time between pulses. The logical complement of the pulse is selectable and either pulse or complement are output simultaneously as ECL, ECL, TTL, TTL and variable amplitude and offset pulses.

The amplitude controllable output of either waveform or pulse can be varied up to 30 volts peak-to-peak (open circuit) and attenuated up to 80 dB. DC voltage or dc offset of signal is variable by front panel control and by external control between ±15 volts (open circuit). The outputs are also triggerable for one or multiple cycles by front panel switch or remote signal. A voltage representing generator frequency and a TTL level sync pulse at the frequency of the generator are auxiliary outputs.

### 1.2 SPECIFICATIONS

## 1.2.1 Versatility

Instrument operates as either a function generator or pulse generator.

### 1.2.2 Function Generator

# Waveforms

Selectable sine  $\wedge$  , square  $\square$  , triangle  $\wedge$  , positive square  $\square$  , negative square  $\square$  and dc. TTL sync pulse and fixed amplitude pulses of TTL,  $\overline{\text{TTL}}$ , ECL and  $\overline{\text{ECL}}$ , all simultaneously available with function output.

### **Operational Modes**

Continuous: Generator oscillates continuously at selected frequency.

Triggered: Generator is quiescent until triggered by an external signal or manual trigger, then generates one cycle at selected frequency.

Gated: As triggered mode, except generator oscillates for the duration of the gate signal.

### Frequency Range

0.0001 Hz to 20 MHz in 10 overlapping ranges with approximately 1% vernier control.

### **Function Output**

 $^{\circ}$  ,  $^{\circ}$  ,  $^{\circ}$  selectable and variable to 30V p-p (15V p-p into 50 $\Omega$ ).  $^{\circ}$  ,  $^{\circ}$  , to 15 Vp (7.5 Vp into 50 $\Omega$ ). All waveforms and dc can supply 150 mA peak current and may be attenuated to 60 dB in 20 dB steps with an additional 20 dB vernier.

# DC Output and DC Offset

Selectable thru FUNCTION OUT output. Controlled by front panel control or by applying an external voltage. Adjustable between  $\pm 15$  Vdc ( $\pm 7.5$  Vdc into  $50\Omega$ ) with signal peak plus offset limited to  $\pm 15$  Vdc ( $\pm 7.5$  Vdc into  $50\Omega$ ). External offset sensitivity approximately -1 V/V with output into open circuit. DC offset and output waveform attenuated proportionately by the 60 dB output attenuator.

# Sync Output

A TTL level pulse, Will drive  $50\Omega$  termination.

# GCV - Generator Controlled Voltage

At GCV OUT connector, a 0 to +2V signal proportional to generator frequency. 600  $\!\Omega$  source impedance.

# VCG - Voltage Controlled Generator

Up to 1000:1 frequency change with external 0 to 2 volt signal to VCG IN connector. Upper and lower frequencies limited to maximum and minimum of selected range.

Slew Rate: 2% of range per  $\mu$ s.

Linearity:

±0.2% for 10 Hz to 100 kHz. ±0.75% for 0.001 Hz to 2 MHz.

Impedance:  $2 k\Omega$ .

## Trigger and Gate

Input Range: 1V p-p to ±10V.

# SECTION 2

## 2.1 MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

After unpacking the instrument, visually inspect all external parts for possible damage to connectors, surface areas, etc. If damage is discovered, file a claim with the carrier who transported the unit. The shipping container and packing material should be saved in case reshipment is required.

# 2.2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

### 2.2.1 Power Connection

# WARNING

To preclude injury or death due to shock, the third wire earth ground must be continuous to the facility power outlet. Before connecting to the facility power outlet, examine extension cords, autotransformers, etc., between the instrument and the facility power outlet for a continuous earth ground path. The earth ground path can be identified at the plug on the instrument power cord; of the three terminals, the earth ground terminal is the nonmatching shape, usually cylindrical.

### CAUTION

To prevent damage to the instrument, check for proper match of line and instrument voltage and proper fuse type and rating.

### NOTE

Unless otherwise specified at the time of purchase, this instrument was shipped from the factory with the power transformer connected for operation on a 108 to 132 Vac line supply and with a 0.5 amp slow blow fuse.

Conversion to other input voltages requires a change in rear panel fuse-holder voltage card position and slow blow fuse according to the following table and procedure.

| Card Position | Input Vac  | Fuse     |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| 100           | 90 to 105  | 0.5 amp  |
| 120           | 108 to 126 | 0.5 amp  |
| 220           | 198 to 231 | 0.25 amp |
| 240           | 216 to 252 | 0.25 amp |

 Open fuse holder cover door and rotate fuse pull to left to remove the fuse.

- Select operating voltage by orienting the printed circuit board to position the desired voltage on the top left side. Push the board firmly into its module slot.
- Rotate the fuse-pull back into the normal position and insert the correct fuse into the fuse holder. Close the cover door.
- Connect the ac line cord to the mating connector at the rear of the unit and the power source.

## 2.2.2 Signal Connections

Use 3 foot RG58U  $50\Omega$  shielded cables equipped with female BNC connectors to distribute all input and output signals.

# 2.3 ELECTRICAL ACCEPTANCE CHECK

This checkout procedure is a general verification of generator operation. Should a malfunction be found, refer to the warranty in the front of this manual.

A two channel oscilloscope, four 3 foot  $50\Omega$  coax cables with female BNC connectors, a coax tee connector and a function generator are required for this procedure.

Preset the generator front panel controls as follows:

Set up the oscilloscope, Model 145 and external generator as shown in figure 2-1.

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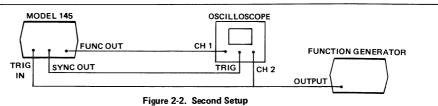


Table 2-1. Acceptance Procedure (Continued)

| Step | Control  | Position/Operation           | Observe                             |  |  |
|------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
|      | Set up a trigger source as shown in figure 2-2. Trigger on triangle waveform. Set trigger source at 100 Hz $^{\wedge}$ . |                              |                                     |  |  |
| 14   | TRIGGER LEVEL  | Rotate knob. Set for several | Knob varies number of cycles gated. |  |  |

| 14 | TRIGGER LEVEL      | Rotate knob. Set for several cycles. | Knob varies number of cycles gated.  |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 15 | GENERATOR MODE     | TRIG                                 | One cycle per trigger cycle.   |
| 16 | TRIGGER START/STOP | Rotate knob, then to 0° CAL.         | CW starts sine wave at $+90^{\circ}$ ; ccw starts sine wave at $-90^{\circ}$ . Fully cw gives continuous sine waves. |

# NOTE: Select square wave on trigger source.

| 17 | FUNCTION                         | PULSE                            |   |
|----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 18 | PULSE WIDTH                      | Turn cw to 100 μs ▮ 1 ms.        | Pulse appears.  |
| 19 | PULSE WIDTH VARIABLE             | Rotate, then to 12 o'clock       | CW increases pulse width; ccw decreases pulse width.        |
| 20 | FUNCTION                         | PULSE, then PULSE.               | Pulse direction reverses; dc levels remain the same values. |
| 21 | NORMAL/DOUBLE/<br>DELAYED Switch | DELAYED                          |   |
| 22 | PULSE DELAYED                    | 10 μs Ι 100 μs                   |   |
| 23 | PULSE DELAYED VARIABLE           | Turn knob.                       | Pulse moves horizontally.                                   |
| 24 | NORMAL/DOUBLE/<br>DELAYED Switch | DOUBLE                           |   |
| 25 | PULSE DELAYED VARIABLE           | Turn knob to resolve two pulses. |   |

# SECTION OPERATION

# 3.1 CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS

The generator front panel controls and connectors are shown in figure 3-1 and keyed to the following descriptions.

# (1) POWER Switch

Turns generator on and off.

# (2) Frequency Dial

Settings under the dial index mark multiplied by 17 determine the output signal frequency. The dial calibration marks correspond to the frequency (black) numbers only. The period (grey) numbers are approximations only. Refer to table 3-1 for quick period/frequency conversion. The frequency can be varied by the vernier 17 and the VCG signal 16.

# (3) GENERATOR MODE Switch

Selects one of the following three modes.

CONT — Continuous output at FUNCTION OUT, SYNC OUT and, if PULSE WIDTH is on, PULSE OUT connectors.

TRIG — DC level output at all six output connectors until the generator is triggered by MANUAL TRIGGER switch or with a signal at the TRIG IN connector. When triggered, the generator output is one cycle of waveform or one pulse period followed by a dc level.

GATE — As for TRIG except the output is continuous for the duration of the trigger signal at TRIG IN. The last cycle or period started is completed.

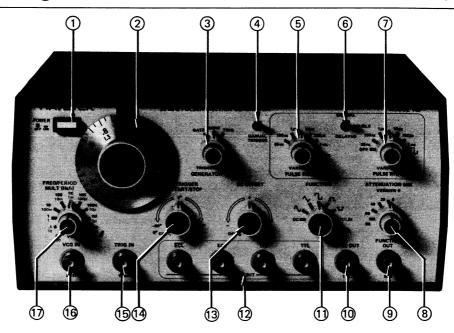


Figure 3-1. Controls and Connectors

ECL and FUNCTION OUT connectors with synchronous leading edges to the sync pulse 10 trailing edge.

DOUBLE – As NORMAL plus an additional pulse in each pulse period delayed from the first pulse leading edge by time (5).

DELAYED — As NORMAL, except the pulse leading edge is delayed from the normal pulse leading edge by time (5).

# (7) PULSE WIDTH Control

Outer knob selects the range for the width of all pulses except sync. Has OFF and square wave detents. When in OFF position, the 145 has no PULSE OUT outputs. The square wave ( \( \bar{\pi} \) ) detent is normally used to check the 50% period point; PULSE DELAY (\( \bar{\pi} \)) has no effect. For the best square wave output, set FUNCTION (11) to \( \bar{\pi} \) .

### VARIABLE Control

Inner knob selects pulse width within the range selected by the outer knob.

# (8) ATTENUATION Control

Outer knob reduces output voltage level of all outputs at FUNCTION OUT with increasing steps of attenuation.

## **VERNIER Control**

Inner knob is a 20 dB vernier which controls the output within the steps of the outer knob. DC and offset voltages are not affected by this control.

# (9) FUNCTION OUT Connector

The only output for the functions other than fixed amplitude pulse. At this output the functions and pulses are controllable in amplitude and dc offset; the other outputs furnish fixed amplitude pulses only.

### (10) SYNC OUT Connector

Furnishes a TTL pulse for each cycle or period of the generator. To be used for scope or similar synchronization. Refer to paragraph 3.2.1.4 for conversion to an ECL sync pulse.

# (11) FUNCTION Switch

Selects one of eight output signals: dc, waveforms or pulses.

# 12) PULSE OUT

Four standard pulses for logic circuits as follows (PULSE WIDTH 7) must be other than OFF):

TTL Connector — Furnishes a transistor-transistor-logic level pulse whose occurrence and duration are controllable. Levels are typically < 0.5V quiescent, > 2.0V active into a  $50\Omega$  termination.

TTL Connector — Same as TTL connector except active and quiescent levels are reversed.

ECL Connector — Furnishes an emitter-coupled logic level pulse with controllable occurence and duration. Levels are typically —1.8V quiescent, —0.9V active into a  $50\Omega$  termination connected to —2 volts. Refer to paragraph 3.2.1.3 for ECL loading instructions.

ECL Connector — Furnishes an output like the ECL output, except active and quiescent levels are reversed.

# (13) DC OFFSET Control

Offsets the waveform or dc level at 9 from -15V to +15V (open circuit;  $\pm 7.5V$  into  $50\Omega$ ). An OFF position ensures no offset.

# (14) TRIGGER START/STOP Control

Sets the start and stop point of the selected waveform (sine or triangle only) appearing at 9.

Usually used in the trigger mode and in combination with 13 to create desired waveforms.

O° CAL position ensures conventional waveforms symmetrical about 0 Vdc.

# (15) TRIG IN Connector

Accepts a 1V p-p to 10V external signal to trigger the generator. (Up to ±50V will not damage circuitry.) Triggers on rising edge of input which crosses TRIGGER LEVEL (3) setting from negative to positive.

# (16) VCG IN Connector

Accepts 0 to +2V ac or dc voltages to vary up to 1000:1 the frequency and period of the outputs.

## 3.2.1.4 Conversion of SYNC OUT TTL to ECL

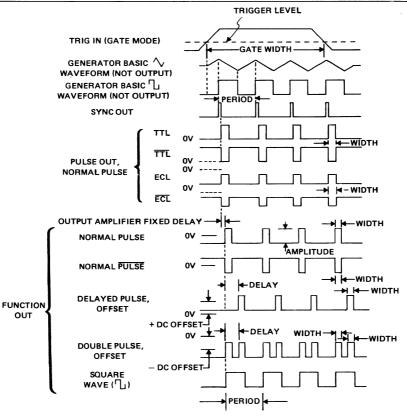
The SYNC OUT TTL pulse can be converted to an ECL pulse by rerouting two jumpers on the trigger/pulse printed circuit board. Disconnect jumper at E24 and connect to E25. Disconnect jumper at E27 and connect to E28. The two jumpers are correctly routed from E25 to E26 and from E28 to E29 for ECL operation. Instrument disassembly is covered in paragraph 5.3.

# 3.2.2 **Pulses**

See figure 3-4 for definition of controllable pulse characteristics

### 3.2.3 Waveforms

See figure 3-5 for definition of controllable waveform characteristics.



## NOTES

- 1. Not Shown: TTL, TTL, ECL, ECL double pulse, delayed pulse and pulse.
- Pulse period is determined by the generator frequency setting unless in trigger mode, in which case it is determined by trigger frequency.
- 3. In trigger mode, just one period is generated for each trigger pulse.
- 4. DC offset plus pulse peak voltage > | 7.5V | causes pulse clipping.

Figure 3-4. Pulse Characteristics