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## INSTRUCTIONS

MODEL AV-136A

8.5 dB GAIN,  $\pm 1V$  OUTPUT

AC-COUPLED INVERTING PULSE AMPLIFIER

WITH 280 ps RISE AND FALL TIMES

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

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## INTRODUCTION

The Model AV-136A is a DC-powered amplifier module, designed to amplify pulses in the pulse width range of 0.3 to 500 ns, and CW signals in the frequency range of 1 to 4000 MHz.

The maximum output voltage is  $\pm 1V$ , and the rise and fall times are 280 ps or less.

The gain is 8.5 dB or higher, and the amplifier is inverting. In voltage terms, the gain is -2.7 or higher.

This instrument is intended for use in research, development, test and calibration laboratories by qualified personnel.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	AV-136A
Small signal bandwidth: (-3 dB)	1-4000 MHz
Gain (minimum):	8.5 dB
in dB:	
voltage gain (V/V):	-2.7
polarity:	inverting
Rise and fall times (20%-80%) <sup>1</sup> :	0.28 ns
Input impedance:	50 Ohms
Peak output: (to 50 $\Omega$ )	1V
P <sub>1dB</sub> power out at 1 dB gain compression:	16 dBm
1P <sub>3</sub> third order intercept point:	30 dBm
Noise figure:	6.5 dB
Voltage equivalent:	60 $\mu$ V
Min. input pulse width:	300 ps
Max. input pulse width:	500 ns
Prime power:	+15V, 0.25A
Connectors:	SMA
Dimensions:	36 mm x 28 mm x 59 mm (1.4" x 1.1" x 2.3"), Avtech style B.

1) Measured for a pulse from 0V to maximum positive voltage output, between the 20% and 80% amplitude points.

## EUROPEAN REGULATORY NOTES

### EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We Avtech Electrosystems Ltd.  
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declare that this pulse generator meets the intent of Directive 89/336/EEC 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 2002/95/EC (RoHS)

This instrument is exempt from Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in electrical and electronic equipment. Specifically, Avtech instruments are considered "Monitoring and control instruments" (Category 9) as defined in Annex 1A of Directive 2002/96/EC. The Directive 2002/95/EC only applies to Directive 2002/96/EC categories 1-7 and 10, as stated in the "Article 2 - Scope" section of Directive 2002/95/EC.

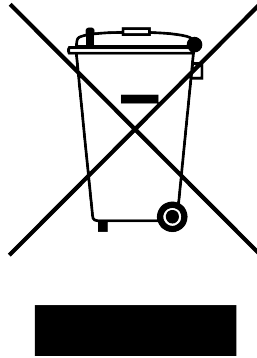
### DIRECTIVE 2002/96/EC (WEEE)

European customers who have purchased this equipment directly from Avtech will have completed a "WEEE Responsibility Agreement" form, accepting responsibility for WEEE

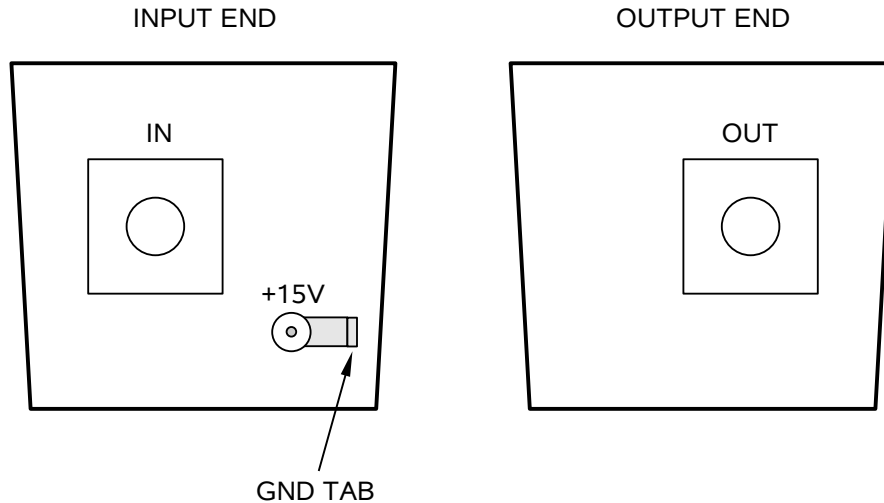
compliance (as mandated in Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Union and local laws) on behalf of the customer, as provided for under Article 9 of Directive 2002/96/EC.

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.



## CONTROLS



The input and output SMA connectors are located on opposite ends of the module, as shown above.

The +15V solder pin is located on the input end. The ground tab is to the side of this solder pin.

### POWER SUPPLY

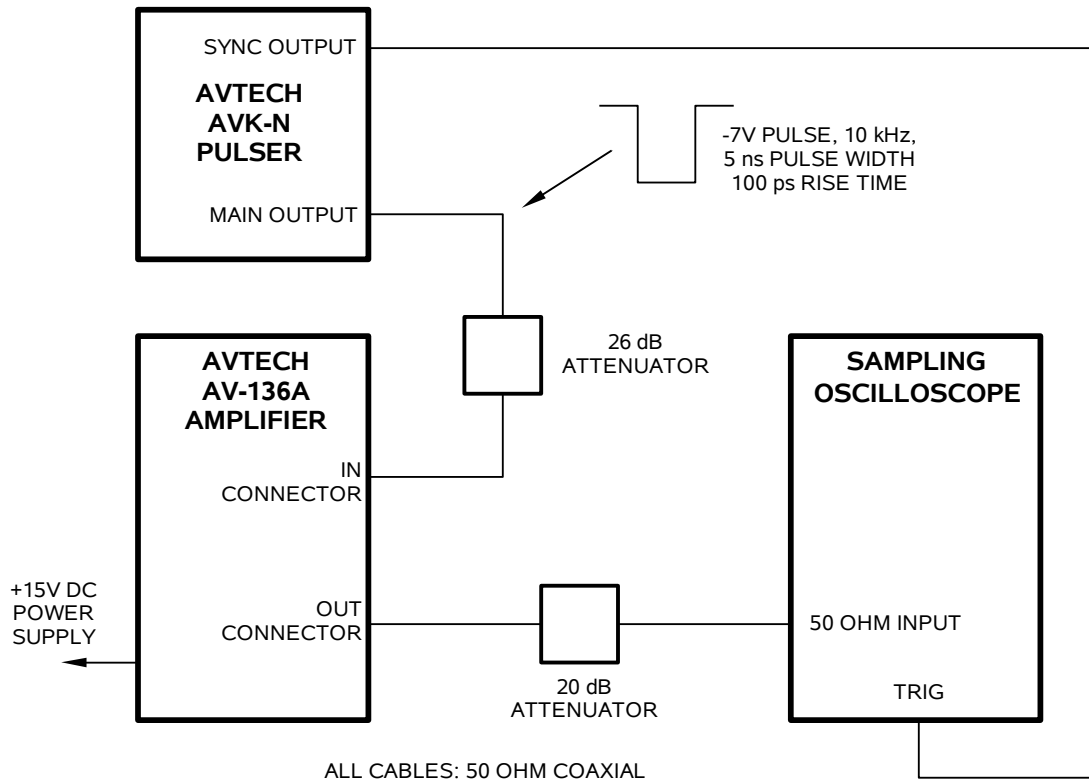
The AV-136A must be supplied with a DC power supply of +15V.

The power supply input is protected from excessive voltages and incorrect polarities by an externally-mounted (and replaceable) 1N4746A Zener diode. This diodes may be damaged by reversed polarities, or voltages exceeding  $\pm 17V$ .

### PROTECTING YOUR INSTRUMENT

**⚠** To obtain maximum performance, the input of the AV-136A is not protected against excessive input voltages. The input signal **MUST NOT EXCEED  $\pm 500$  mV!** It may be damaged by voltages greater than  $\pm 500$  mV. Failures due to the application of excessive input voltages are not covered by warranty.

## BASIC TEST ARRANGEMENT



The factory test set-up is shown above.

The Avtech AVK-N pulser generates a -7V pulse at 10 kHz, with 5 ns pulse width. The rise time is 100 ps. The 26 dB attenuator will reduce this signal to -400 mV, approximately.

The AV-136A amplifier will amplify the signal to +1.1V, approximately. The output rise time should be 280 ps or less. (Note that if a slower input signal is used, the observed output signal will be correspondingly slower.)

A 20 dB attenuator should be placed at the input of the oscilloscope, to avoid over-driving the input. Most high-bandwidth sampling oscilloscopes do not tolerate inputs of more than  $\pm 1V$ .

The bandwidth capability of components and instruments used to display the pulse generator output signal (attenuators, cables, connectors, etc.) should exceed 10 GHz.



PERFORMANCE CHECK SHEET