3.2 FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DESCRIPTION

3.2.1 Introduction

This section contains an overall block diagram of the ScopeMeter. Refer to figure 3.1.

The block diagram can be divided in two parts. The upper part of the diagram shows the components that are situated on the Printed Circuit Board (in the following text: PCB), that is connected to the ScopeMeter's bottom cover. Because this PCB contains mainly analog circuits, it is called the **analog A2 PCB**.

The lower part of the diagram contains the digital circuitry of the ScopeMeter. This circuitry is located on the **digital A1 PCB**, the PCB connected to the ScopeMeter's top cover.

The general layout of the block diagram is the same as the layout of the circuit diagrams in chapter 10. The circuits that can be found on the same circuit diagram (chapter 10) are placed in a dashed box in the *block diagram*.

Analog A2 PCB
The signals at the red and gray BNC input connectors are attenuated by the **CHANNEL A ATTENUATOR** section and the **CHANNEL B ATTENUATOR**. These attenuators are set by the Microprocessor (on the digital A1 PCB) via the **ANALOG CONTROL CIRCUIT**. Also input protection circuits are provided here.

The output signals of the attenuator blocks are fed to the **ANALOG ASIC** (ASIC = Application Specific Integrated Circuit). This component is controlled by the ScopeMeter's microprocessor (on the digital A1 PCB). The Analog ASIC incorporates signal amplification and channel selection. It also prepares the signal for sampling by the **Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)**.

The red and black banana connectors are connected to the **EXTERNAL (BANANA) INPUT/OUTPUT CIRCUIT**. When the ScopeMeter is set to mV, DIODE or OHM METER mode, the External (banana) input/output circuit outputs its signal into the Channel A Attenuator section. In SCOPE mode, the circuit can act as a trigger input. The trigger signal is fed to the Analog ASIC. In the Analog ASIC "channel A", "channel B" or "External trigger" can be selected as trigger source. The trigger signal is used to generate the DELTA- T voltage (time relation between trigger moment and sampling moment).

The built-in **GENERATOR** uses the External (banana) input/output circuitry as output. It is possible to generate a DC voltage and a square wave voltage. ScopeMeter model 97 also can generate sine wave voltages, a ramp voltage, and a ramp current.