

## Pulse Generators

### Technical Data

**PM 5712**  
**PM 5715**

### 50 MHz Pulse Generators



**PM 5786**  
**PM 5786B**

### 125 MHz Pulse Generators

# PM 5712 & PM 5715 Pulse Generators

- 1 Hz ... 50 MHz frequency range
- Rise/Fall times:  
PM 5712, 4 ns fixed;  
PM 5715, 6 ns...500ms, variable
- Amplitude range: 0.2V to 10V into 50Ω
- Adjustable DC offset
- External triggering, gating and pulse shaping facilities
- Single/double, normal/inverted and positive/negative pulse modes
- Extremely clean pulse shape

The PM 5712 and PM 5715 pulse generators cover most requirements for fast pulse response in the wide 1 Hz to 50 MHz range. Suitable for both analog and digital circuit testing in that range, their clean pulse shape and 0.2 to 10V output voltage range make them ideal for testing MOS and TTL circuits.

Offering further a variety of extended facilities for dual outputs, DC offsets, multiple pulse modes, selectable triggering and gating, and more.

The overall performance, combined with simple, reliable operation, make the PM 5712 and PM 5715 outstanding values in their class.

## PM 5712: Fast <4 ns Rise- and Fall-Times

The PM 5712 has a fixed rise- and falltime of <4 ns. This model is primarily intended to supply positive-polarity pulses, although negative pulses up to -5V can be generated by using DC offset and the normal/inverted switch. These characteristics make the PM 5712 ideally suited for use in quality assurance testing and service environments involving

go/no-go and specification compliance tests.

## PM 5715: Variable Rise- and Fall-Times from 6 ns-500 ms

The PM 5715 offers continuously variable transition times from 6 ns to 500 ms, with separately adjustable rise- and falltime. This model also allows selection of both positive and negative pulses, over the full amplitude range from -10V to +10V. With this wide-ranging adjustability, the PM 5715 is the optimum choice in general purpose applications such as those found in research and development, where a wide variety of different pulse response tests may need to be made.

## Two Pulse Outputs

Both the PM 5712 and PM 5715 provide two pulse outputs: the main output, with signal levels of up to 10V, allows the generator to operate with both low- and high-level logic, while the auxiliary output provides pulses similar to those from the main output, but at fixed TTL levels. Further, double pulses can be generated with variable delays, allowing these instruments to be used for analysis of pulse pair resolution in analog and digital circuits.

## Choice of Pulse Modes

Both models offer a choice of three pulse modes:

- Single pulse mode, in which continuous pulses up to 50 MHz are generated, with adjustable repetition time, pulse duration and delay.
- Double pulse mode, in which twin pulses are generated, with pulse-pair frequencies, variable up to 25 MHz and pulse intervals variable from

10ns to 100ms. Both pulses have the same duration.

- T/2 or square wave pulse mode, with a repetition rate, variable up to 50MHz and fixed pulse parameters regardless of the delay and duration settings.

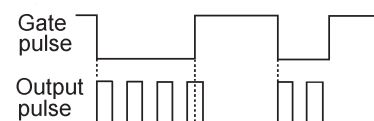
Testing of digital circuitry is further facilitated by the normal/inverted selector switch, which allows the logic state of the pulses to be changed. In the normal mode, both generators supply pulses with duty cycles up to more than 50%, while duty cycles of nearly 100% can be obtained in the inverted mode.

## External Triggering

External triggering enables the PM 5712/PM 5715 to operate synchronously with external clock signals. All other parameters, such as pulse duration, amplitude, etc. are set on the pulse generator. External trigger signals can vary from 0 ... 50 MHz or, when in the double pulse mode, 0 ... 25 MHz.

## External Gating

The external gate mode provides an external synchronous on/off control over the pulse generator. Bursts of output pulses are supplied, only during the presence of the external gate signal. The first pulse coincides with the trailing edge of the gating signal, the last pulse is completed even if the gating signal ends during the pulse.



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## External Duration or Pulse Shaping

Simultaneous selection of external triggering and the T/2 mode enables the generators to function as input signal conditioners. The external input signal defines frequency and pulse duration, while amplitude, DC offset, rise- and fall-time and normal/inverted mode selection are defined by the pulse generator settings.

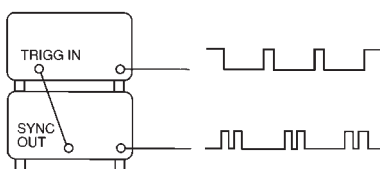
## Adjustable DC Offset

The DC offset is adjustable, allowing testing of circuit tolerances for variations in logic levels.

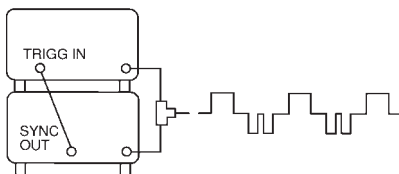
## Dual Channel Arrangement



Two PM 5715 can be interconnected to form a true dual channel pulse generator, as shown below:



Also, complex pulse patterns can be generated by mixing the outputs of two generators using the PM 9584 T-connector.



## Time Parameters

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Pulse Repetition Time | 20 ns... 1s (1 Hz ... 50 MHz)                                      |
| Pulse Delay           | 10 ns ... 100 ms   |
| Pulse Duration        | 10 ns ... 100 ms   |
| Duty Factor           | 0.00000001 to 0.99999999 (high duty factors require inverted mode) |

## Main Output Pulse Characteristics

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Pulse Amplitude        | 0.2V ... 10 V at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$  |
| Source Impedance       |   |
| - 10 V Range           | Current source (high ohmic)   |
| - 5 V and Lower Ranges | 50 $\Omega$   |
| Polarity               |   |
| - PM 5715              | + or - switchable   |
| - PM 5712              | + only. Pulses within -5V... +10V possible, using DC offset and normal/inverted |

## Transition Times

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
|           | Corresponding to 10 ... 90% of pulse amplitude, at amplitudes of <5V and $Z_L = 50 \Omega$       |
| - PM 5715 | 6 ns ... 500 ms. Independent continuous control of rise- and fall-times within each of 6 ranges. |
| - PM 5712 | 4 ns fixed   |

## DC Offset at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| PM 5715            | -2.5V... +2.5V                               |
| PM 5712            | -5V... +2V                                   |
| Max Output Voltage | Pulse amplitude and DC offset max. $\pm 10V$ |

## Waveform Aberrations

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Pulse Modes | <+5% of set amplitude  |
|             | - Single pulse (delay-able)  |
|             | - Double pulse   |
|             | - T/2, 50% duty cycle, 50 $\pm 20\%$ duty cycle in 20 ns and 100 ns repetition range |

## Logic Mode

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Output Protection | Normal or inverted         |
|                   | Short or open circuit safe |

## Auxiliary Pulse Output

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Pulse Amplitude  | +2.5V into 50 $\Omega$ or +4.5V open circuit, TTL-compatible |
| Source Impedance | 50 $\Omega$  |
| Pulse Waveforms  | Single pulse in single and T/2 pulse modes. Double           |

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|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Pulse Advance     | pulse in double pulse mode<br>Approx. 12 ns ahead of<br>main single or double<br>pulses |
| Output Protection | Short or open circuit safe  |

## Internal Clock Output (Sync. Output)

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Function          | Pre-trigger output, main<br>output pulse is delay-able<br>with respect to sync.<br>output |
| Amplitude         | + 1.5V at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$ , +3V<br>open circuit   |
| Source Impedance  | 50 $\Omega$   |
| Pulse Waveform    | Square-wave   |
| Pulse Advance     | Approx. 40 ns ahead of<br>main single pulse with<br>pulse delay set to 10 ns              |
| Output Protection | Short or open circuit safe  |

## External Operating Modes

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| TRIGG    | Each input pulse,<br>generates an output pulse  |
| GATE     | Synchronous gating. Input<br>signal disables output<br>pulses   |
| DURATION | Pulse mode T/2 gives<br>output pulses with same<br>duration and repetition rate<br>as external input signal,<br>other waveform<br>parameters are set via the<br>generator |
| MANUAL   | Single shot push button<br>simulates external signal<br>for triggering, gating and<br>duration.   |

## External Input

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Function                             | For external trigger, gate<br>and duration                                  |
| Range                                | DC...50 MHz   |
| Coupling                             | DC  |
| Input Impedance                      | Approx. 220 $\Omega$ at < 1.5V,<br>approx. 800 $\Omega$ at > 1.5V           |
| Trigger Level                        | $\geq +1V$  |
| Trigger Slope                        | Positive  |
| Pulse Delay                          | Approx. 50 ns from input to<br>main single pulse with<br>delay set to 10 ns |
| Max. Input Voltage<br>Without Damage | $\pm 12V$   |

## General Specifications

### Power Requirements

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Line              | 100, 115, 200 or 230 V<br>$\pm 15\%$   |
| Line Frequency    | 50...400 Hz  |
| Power Consumption | 70 VA  |
| Safety            | According to CE-regulation<br>73/23 EN61010-1 CAT II,<br>Pollution Degree 2  |
| EMC               | According to CE regulation<br>89/336:<br>Emission according to<br>EN 55081-1, EN 55022<br>Class B, EN 60555-2.<br>Immunity according to EN<br>50082-1, inclusive IEC<br>801-2,-3,-4,-5 |

### Environmental Conditions

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Temperature Range |                 |
| - Operating       | 0 ... 40 °C     |
| - Storage         | - 40°C ... 70°C |

### Mechanical Specifications

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Size                     | 210 mm W x 130 mm H x<br>275 mm L (8.3in W x 5 in<br>H x 10.8 in L) |
| Weight                   | 4 kg (8.8 lb)   |
| Included With Instrument | Manual, power cord  |

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- 1 Hz ... 125 MHz pulse frequencies
- Rise and fall times from 1 ns
- Time Setting error indicators
- Excellent 50 Ω backmatching
- Dual outputs for simultaneously + and - pulses
- Full external control facilities
- LED indicator for correct trigger levels
- Presetable burst option

## PM 5786 top performance, top economy and assured time-settings

The PM 5786 handles virtually any analog or digital circuit testing requirement. Fast digital circuitry such as TTL or ECL is easily handled, and the wide choice of external trigger and gate functions make the setting up of special test signals unbearably easy. The PM 5786 offers a whole-spectrum of transition times from which to choose. It allows such versatility as independent and continuous variable settings of rise and fall times all the way from 2 ns ... 100 ms. In other words, the PM 5786 is best suited for high-speed general-purpose applications such as in research and development where many different pulse response tests may need to be made.

## Ease of Operation

The PM 5786 offers features to simplify operation. Like the unique system of front panel time-setting-error indicator LED's to provide clear confirmation that all time settings are correct. This prevents erroneous pulses, caused by incorrectly set pulse duration or pulse delay times or rise and fall times with respect to pulse period.

## Versatile Pulse Selection

Additional ease of use results from simple and versatile selection of the desired kind of

output pulses: bipolar, positive or negative. Simultaneous positive and negative going pulses can be selected for linear applications, as well as complementary positive or negative pulses for digital applications. This simple output selection means there is no need for time-consuming manual adjustment of inverter and offset controls. Further, logic '0' and '1' levels can be changed without the need for interchanging cables by using the COMPL (normal/complementary) switch.

## High-Speed, High-Fidelity Pulses

A choice of bipolar outputs and high-quality 4-range output attenuator in the PM 5786 makes this generator very suitable for all kinds of linear applications. Very clean pulses are ensured by the excellent back-matching impedance that absorbs over 90% of reflections from mismatched loads.

## Burst Mode

The PM 5786 is also available with the burst mode option (PM 5786B), that enables generation of bursts containing selectable numbers of pulses from 1 ... 9999. Pre-selection of the required number of pulses is easily carried-out, using front panel digital switches. Bursts can be triggered either manually or remotely by a signal to the EXTERNAL INPUT on the front panel. The use of the presetable burst mode is particularly valuable, for testing memory circuits, shift registers, counters and other digital circuits. Other functions which can be selected and carried out remotely through the external input include:  
 Externally triggered pulses  
 Externally gated pulses (gives synchronized bursts of pulses)  
 Externally controlled pulse

duration. External control signals can be applied to define the start (and duration) of the various control options. Start/stop conditions can be adjusted with the EXT IN LEVEL control both to select +/- trigger slope and -3V...+3V trigger level. A LED indicates correct triggering. For ECL testing: the minimum transition time is 1.4 ns, corresponding to 20% ... 80% of pulse amplitude.

## External Triggering

External triggering enables the PM 5786 to operate synchronously with external clock signals. All other parameters, such as pulse duration, amplitude etc. are as set on the pulse generator. External trigger signals can vary from 0...125 MHz, or, in the double pulse mode, 0...62.5 MHz.

## External Gating

The external gate mode provides external synchronous on/off control of the pulse generator. As long as the external gate signal is present, output pulses are available with the preset pulse parameters.

## External Duration

This mode allows the generator to function as input signal conditioner. The external input signal defines frequency and pulse duration, while amplitude, DC offset, rise and fall times and normal/complementary mode selection are defined by the pulse generator settings.

## Squarewave Mode

A 'squarewave' mode provides pulses, with a constant 0.5 duty factor. This facilitates a quick method of setting the required output repetition rate, without having to consider the other time parameters.

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## Time parameters

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pulse repetition period | 8 ns...1s (1 Hz...125MHz).          |
| Pulse delay             | 8 ns...100ms.                       |
| Pulse duration          | 3.5 ns...100ms or fixed square wave |
| Jitter                  | <0.1% of setting $\pm$ 50ps.        |

## Main pulse characteristics

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Outputs                                       | 2 channels, A and B.   |
| Transition times at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$         | 2ns... >100ms, continuously variable, corresponding to 10% and 90% of pulse amplitude. For ECL testing the minimum transition time is 1.4ns corresponding to 20% and 80% of pulse amplitude. |
| Pulse amplitude                               | 0.2V... 5V (at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$ ), double amplitude at open output, within the range $\pm$ 6V.  |
| DC offset                                     | -2.5V...+2.5V (at $Z_L = 50\Omega$ ), $\pm$ 5V at open output.   |
| Max output voltage                            | Pulse amplitude plus DC offset is max $\pm$ 6V. Maximum 10V open output amplitude can be achieved provided the signal is in the range $\pm$ 6V.  |
| Waveform aberrations (at $Z_L = 50 \Omega$ ), | Less than 5%+10mV; less than 10% for transition times <5ns.  |
| Source resistance                             | 50 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 5%.  |
| Source impedance                              | 50 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 10%.   |
| Output protection                             | Against short- or open circuit and transients  |
| Pulse modes                                   | Single pulse (delay-able)<br>Double pulse<br>Square wave 50% $\pm$ 1% (1Hz... 1MHz); 50% $\pm$ 10% (1MHz... 125MHz)<br>Normal or complementary, switchable.                                  |

## Output modes

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Bipolar | Simultaneously positive and negative polarity. |
| Pos     | Positive polarity, normal and complementary.   |
| Neg     | Negative polarity, normal and complementary.   |

## External operating modes

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| TRIGG   | Externally triggered pulse repetition DC... 125MHz or manual single shot.   |
| GATE    | Synchronous gating. External input signal starts and stops the generator.   |
| BURST   | Internally generated burst with digital switch selection of number of pulses 0...9999, started by external input signal or manual control.            |
| EXT DUR | External duration gives pulses with same duration and repetition rate as external input signal, all other pulse parameters are set via the generator. |

## External input

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Range               | DC... 125MHz, minimum pulse duration 3.5ns  |
| Input voltage range | 0.5...15V pp  |
| Coupling            | DC  |
| Input impedance     | 1 M $\Omega$ //25pF   |
| Trigger level       | -3V...+3V   |
| Trigger slope       | + and -   |
| Trigger indicator   | Tri-state LED indicator for correct trigger level setting<br>Max input voltage without damage 260Vrms at < 440Hz, declining to 15Vpp at 125MHz. |

## Internal clock output

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Main output pulse is delay-able with respect to internal clock output, which therefore can be used as pre-trigger. |   |
| Amplitude  | +2.5V into 50 $\Omega$ .  |
| Output impedance   | 50 $\Omega$ (typical).  |
| Transition time  | Approximately 1 ns.   |
| Pulse duration   | Square wave, 50% $\pm$ 1% (1 Hz ... 1 MHz), 50% $\pm$ 10% (1 MHz ... 125 MHz).  |
| Output protection  | Against short- and open circuit and transients.   |
| Time setting error indicators  | Warning for erroneous settings of excessive times for pulse delay, pulse duration, leading and trailing transition times, indicated with 4 LED's. |

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## General Specification

### Power requirements

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Line                                | 100V, 120V, 220V and 240Vrms ±10%. 120VA, 50...60Hz.  |
| Safety                              | According to CE-regulation 73/23 EN61010-1 CAT II, Pollution Degree 2 and CSA 556B.   |
| Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) | According to CE-regulation 89/336<br>Emission according to EN 550081-1, EN 55022 Class B, EN 60555<br>Immunity according to EN 50082-1, inclusive IEC 801-2,-3,-4-5 |

### Environmental conditions

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Temperature                  |                                 |
| - Operating                  | 0°C...+50°C.                    |
| - Storage                    | -40°C...+70°C.                  |
| Humidity                     |                                 |
| - Operating                  | 10...90% RH, non-condensing.    |
| - Storage                    | 5...95% RH.                     |
| Altitude Barometric pressure |                                 |
| - Operating                  | 5000m (15000ft)-<br>53.3kN/m2.  |
| - Storage                    | 15000m (50000ft)-<br>15.2kN/m2. |

### Dimensions and weight

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| - Height             | 145mm ( 5.7in)     |
| - Width              | 300mm (11.8in)     |
| - Depth              | 470mm (18.5in)     |
| - Weight Net         | 9.5kg (21Lb)       |
| - Weight Shipping    | 11.5kg (25Lb)      |
| Included with instr. | Manual, power cord |

## Ordering

### Ordering Information

#### Models

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| PM 5712/08 | Pulse Generator                                       |
| PM 5715/11 | Pulse Generator                                       |
| PM 5786    | 2 ns Pulse Generator,<br>excluding pre-set burst unit |
| PM 5786B   | 2 ns Pulse Generator,<br>including pre-set burst unit |

#### Accessories

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| PM 9581/01 | 50 $\Omega$ Feed-through<br>termination (3W)           |
| PM 9584/02 | 50 $\Omega$ T-Piece                                    |
| PM 9585/01 | 50 $\Omega$ Feed-through<br>Termination (1W)           |
| PM 9588/01 | Coaxial Cable Set (5x 1ns,<br>4x 2ns, 3x 3ns, 3x 10ns) |

#### Service and Support

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Warranty | One-year |
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