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Pockels Cell Driver with differential output

High-voltage trapezoidal pulses output with nanosecond rising edge for controlling an electro-optical Q-switch in solid-state lasers.

Features

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- Operating in mode with rise time less than 2 ns;
- Low voltage (5 V) power supply;
- Built-in pulsed high-voltage source;
- Output pulse amplitude adjustment by built-in potentiometer or by external signal;
- Positive logical level trigger 3 ÷ 8 V;
- Additional output signal for HV-pulse amplitude measurement;
- Ultra-compact design and light weight;
- Reduced electro-magnetic noise due to bipolar HV pulse relative to common ground.



Specifications

Output voltage amplitude ¹	2600 ÷ 3800 V
Output voltage pulse-to-pulse instability	1%
Max pulse current	20 A
Max load capacitance	20 pF
HV pulse rise time ²	1 ÷ 2 ns
Hold time ³	0.5÷1μs (0.5μs)
HV pulse fall time	3 ÷ 6 μs
Max HV pulse repetition rate	4 kHz
Trigger voltage (input impedance is 200 Ohms)	3÷8V (5V)
Output pulse delay from trigger pulse ⁴	10 ÷ 15 ns
Jitter of output HV pulse relative to trigger	< 0.1 ns
DC supply voltage	4.5 ÷ 5.5 V (5 V)
DC supply current at maximum output pulse voltage:	
at a repetition rate of 1 kHz at a repetition rate of 2 kHz at a repetition rate of 4 kHz	220 mA 300 mA 460 mA
Operating temperature range	-40 ÷ +60 °C
Dimensions	$30 \times 50 \times 8 \text{ mm}^3$
Mounting hole pattern (Ø 3.2 mm)	24 × 44 mm

1 is set from the built-in potentiometer or remotely.

2 depends on load capacitance and output voltage amplitude.

3 is set by manufacturer.

4 delay depends on the trigger pulse. The higher trigger amplitude the shorter delay.

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Connection Diagram



Connector J1 (input) - DF13-6P-1.25H (Hirose)

1	Pin 1 (red)	Power supply + 5 V & 500 mA;	4	Pin 4 (black)	Trigger GND;		
2	Pin 2 (black) Pin 3 (vellow)	Power supply GND; Trigger input + (3 ÷ 8) V:	5	Pin 5 (green)	Output voltage measure signal; DC voltage scale 1:10000; ^{Note 1}		
		R INPUT = 200 Ohms; Rising edge < 20 ns; Duration > 20 ns;	6	Pin 6 (black)	Output voltage measure GND.		
	Connector J2 (output) – SM02B-BHSS (JST)						
1	Pin 1	Positive high voltage output;	2	Pin 2	Negative high voltage output.		

Note 1

Pin 5 and **Pin 6** can be used for setting the amplitude of the output voltage pulse from -20 % to +2 % (from value set by potentiometer RV46).

If 0 V is set on **Pin 5** from an external source, the pulse amplitude will be ~ 2 % higher than the set value. If 5 V is set on the **Pin 5**, the pulse amplitude will be lower by ~ 20 %. The input impedance of the **Pin 5** is 45 kOhms.



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Output waveform of the Pockels Cell Driver - 21

Pulse Output Voltage is adjusted in the range from 2600 V to 3800 V.



Waveforms of the transmitted light beam

Pulse voltage: $V_{PULSE} = 3600 V$ Pockels cell half wave voltage: $V_{\lambda/2} = 3800 V$





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