 B N C $\quad$ model 577


- 200pS Jitter Internal, 800pS External Trigger
- Programmable (Ethernet/USB/RS-232/GPIB)
- Separate Patterns for Each Channel Possible
- 250pS Delay \& Width Resolution


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The Model 577 Digital Delay/ Pulse Generator represents the latest in timing capabilities. Eight outputs, each configurable with its own pattern, its own trigger, its own gate, its own delay and width settings, make the 577 our most versatile instrument. The 250 ps width and delay resolution and 200 ps internal jitter give gating, triggering, delaying, clocking and synchronizing a precision sufficient for nearly every application. Add to this performance: optical or electrical outputs and inputs, pulse picking capabilities, selectable external clocks and USB/RS232 programming.

## New Features:

## Illuminated Channel Enable Buttons

Each channel has a designated enable/disable button. When individual channels are active or enabled the buttons are illuminated. This allows for easy reference and avoids any confusion of output operability. The run/stop indicator on the front panel LCD display as well as an illuminated run/stop button further simplify setup.

## Two Inputs to Use as Triggers and/or Gates

You may choose which channels use a particular trigger or a particular gate. You may select to have the inputs configured as a single trigger and a single gate, as two triggers or as two gates.

## Optical and/or Electrical Inputs and Outputs

You may choose to have all electrical, all optical or a combination of both. In environments with EMI issues, optical signals become a necessity.

## Selectable External Clock Frequency

For synchronizing using your external clock, you may select from a number of frequencies between 10 MHz and 100 MHz in 1 MHz increments. As an example, pulse picking at 80 MHz allows one to select one pulse out of a 80 MHz pulse stream.

## Individual Synchronized Patterns

Each channel may have patterns that may be continuous, a single burst, a series of repetitive bursts, a sub-harmonic of a previous channel, a single timed pulse. All the while the pulses have their own delay and widths. A typical application is to have a
 channel issue series of pulses to trigger flashlamps or laser diodes. Other channels can trigger $Q$-switches, detectors and cameras with single timed pulses synchronized to the pulse series in the first channel. Gates can be inserted to further control whether devices are activated.

## Auto-Save

Forgot to save your settings? The Model 577 stores your setup configurations while powering down. Recall is automatic on power-up.

## Front Panel Optical

Many applications benefit from optical signals. For noisy environments, or communications applications, we offer an LED output stage at the front panel. This modular option can be configured for 2, 4, 6 or 8 outputs at 820 nm or 1300 nm

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## High Voltage and 50 Ohm Load Output Modules

The inputs and outputs for the 577 consist of modules that may be changed at the factory. The standard 577 electrical output module provides adjustable amplitudes of 4 V and 20 V from a 50 ohm source impedance. On occasions that one may need a higher voltage into 50 ohms, we offer a 35 V signal into 50 ohms output module as well as a TTL/CMOS into 50 ohms output module.

## Electrical and Optical Outputs Simultaneously

Again, the inputs and outputs for the 577 consist of modules that may be changed at the factory. Thus one may select optical, standard electrical or high voltage electrical in pairs for their instrument. For example, a 8 channel unit may have optical, standard electrical and high voltage outputs all on one instrument. Custom or additional output

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 modules may be added as the need arises.

## Field Programmability:

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The instrument can now have functions upgraded in the field, such as a special or custom feature upgrade via a fully programmable FPGA.

## Pulse Picking

You select the external clock frequency value and insert that frequency into the external clock input of the 577 . Now you may set the delay and width of a channel to select a single pulse out of this pulse train. You may select other channels to have differing delays to have them control devices that are synchronized to this single pulse. Also you may try using a second channel identically timed with the first to be a trigger for some of the remaining channels. Many timing options to consider here.

## Negative Delay

Use the handy negative delay feature to reference one channel with respect to another channel in positive or negative time increments. By allowing a channel to reference another channel as its trigger, you can synchronize the channels with respect to each other.


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| DELAYS |  |
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| Range | 0-1000 s |
| Resolution | 250 ps |
| Timebase | 25 ppm |
| RMS Jitter | 200 ps |
| Pulse Inhibit Delay | 120 ns |
| Output Inhibit Delay | 50 ns |
| SYSTEM EXTERNAL TRIGGER INPUT(S) |  |
| Number | 2\|1 |
| Rate | DC to 1/(200ns + longest delay); maximum of 5 MHz |
| Threshold | 0.2 to 15 VDC |
| Max Input Voltage | 60 V Peak |
| Resolution | 10 mV |
| Slope | Rising or Falling |
| Impedance | 1 M ohm +40 pF or 50 ohm |
| Jitter | 800 ps RMS |
| Insertion Delay | 100 ns |
| GATE INPUT(S) |  |
| Number | 0\|1 |
| Threshold | 0.2 to 15 VDC |
| Max Input Voltage | 60 V Peak |
| Resolution | 10 mV |
| Polarity | Active High/Active Low |
| Function | Pulse Inhibit or Output Inhibit |
| Channel Behavior | Global w/ Individual Channel Enables |
| INTERNAL RATE GENERATOR |  |
| Number | 0.0002 Hz to 10.000 Mhz |
| Resolution | 5 us |
| Accuracy | Same as timebase |
| Jitter | 200 ps |
| Setting | 1 cycle |
| Burst Mode | 1 to 10,000,000 |
| TTL/ADJUSTABLE OUTPUTS |  |
| Number | 4 or 8 Channel Outputs |
| Impedance | 50 ohm |
| Pulse Width Range (TTL) | 10 ns - 1000 s |
| Rise Time (TTL) | 3 ns typ |
| Slew rate (Adjustable) | $0.1 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{ns}$ |
| Overshoot | < $100 \mathrm{mV}+10 \%$ of pulse amplitude |
| Levels | TTL 0 to 4 VDC into high impedance *VAR adjustable amplitude, 2.0 to 20.0 VDC with 10 mV res, 20.0 VDC max transition into high impedance |


| ELECTRICAL INPUTS |  |
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| Number | 0 or 2 |
| Rate | DC to 1(0.2 us + longest delay) |
| Threshold | 0.2 to 15 VDC |
| Max Input Voltage | 60 V Peak |
| Resolution | 10 mV |
| Impedance | 1 M ohm +40 pF or 50 ohm |
| Function(s) | Individual Channel Trigger Gate/Follower |
| Trigger Slope | Rising or Falling |
| Gate Polarity | Active High or Active Low |
| Trigger Jitter | <2 ns |
| OPTICAL OUTPUTS |  |
| Number | 4, 8 |
| Wavelength | 820 nm or 1300 nm |
| Max Signal Rate | 5 M Bd |
| Max Link Distance | 1.5 km |
| Connector Type | ST |
| Resolution | 500 ps |
| Accuracy | $1 \mathrm{~ns}+.0001 \times$ delay |
| OPTICAL INPUTS |  |
| Number | 0 or 2 |
| Wavelength | 820 nm or 1300 nm |
| Max Signal Rate | 5 Mbd |
| Max Link Distance | 1.5 km |
| Connector Type | ST |
| Resolution | 500 ps |
| Accuracy | $2 \mathrm{~ns}+.001 \mathrm{x}$ delay |
| Optical Trigger | 2412 |
| Trigger Delay | < 300 ns |
| Jitter | < 15 ns |
| STANDARD FEATURES/FUNCTIONS |  |
| Communications | USB/RS232 |
| Global Gates/Triggers | 2 Global Gate/Trigger Inputs |
| Channel Gates/Triggers | Optical/Electrical available ( 5 ns Jitter) |
| External Clock in | $10 \mathrm{MHz}-100 \mathrm{MHz}$ <br> User Selectable in 1 MHz Steps |
| External Clock out | 10 MHz - 100 Mhz <br> User Selectable To, Ext Clock, \& Sub <br> Multiples of each |
| Command Set Compatibility | Backwards Compatible |

