Model 9310-16 Sixteen-Channel Fast Amplifier
Operating Instructions

DESCRIPTION

Signals from large detector arrays often require extra amplification before they can be used for time discrimination, or driving counters or other sensors. The ORTEC Mode 9310-16 provides 16 channels of amplification in a single-width NIM. Two channels can be cascaded for a gain of up to 100 should your experiment require it. DC coupling and an offset adjustment allow for higher counting rates and less baseline distortion than ac-coupled amplifiers.

For signals from arrays of photomultiplier tubes, electron multipliers, microchannel plates, or photodiodes, the Model 9310-16 provides dual outputs from each channel. This reduces the need for an additional fan-out for counting and timing applications.

SPECIFICATIONS

The 9310-16 provides 16 dc-coupled, bipolar, non-inverting fast amplifiers, each with a gain of 10 in a single-width NIM. Each amplifier has 2 outputs, and each output has a front-panel, screwdriver-adjustable offset.

Performance

Noise  
<50 µV rms (referred to the input).

I/O Delay  
<3 ns.

Crosstalk  
50 dB isolation between channels.

Input Dynamic Range  
400 mV peak-to-peak.

Rise Time  
<1.5 ns with unipolar input ±25 mV amplitude.

Gain  
Fixed gain of 10 ±6%.

Bandwidth  
dc to 250 MHz with ±25 mV input; dc to 130 MHz with ±150 mV input.

Inputs and Outputs

Inputs  
One input per channel accepts up to ±200 mV; overvoltage-protected; dc-coupled; $Z_i = 50 \Omega \pm 2\%$; input reflections <10%; LEMO 00 connector.

Outputs  
Two outputs per channel provide up to ±2 V into 50 Ω; output delay <10 ns; LEMO 00 connector.

Controls

ZERO  
Front-panel screwdriver adjustment, one per channel; offset uniformity ±4 mV typical, ±12 mV maximum. Input and outputs must be terminated in 50 Ω for proper adjustment.

Electrical and Mechanical

Power Required  
+6 V, 850 mA; -6 V, 850 mA.

Weight  
Net 0.9 kg (2 lb), shipping 2.25 kg (5 lb).

Dimensions  
NIM-Standard single width 3.43 cm x 22.13 cm (1.35 in x 8.714 in) front panel per DOE/ER-0457T.

CE  
Conforms to CE standards low-voltage power directives.

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