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# **TF 2169**

# **Pulse Modulator**

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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## **Pulse Modulator**

### TF 2169

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## **General information**

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Pulse Modulator TF 2169 is designed to be used in conjunction with a signal generator to produce high quality pulsed r.f. signals. The modulator requires two inputs : the r.f. carrier from a signal generator and a pulse waveform from an external pulse generator. The pulsed r.f. output is taken via a built-in step attenuator. The modulator is primarily designed for use with Signal Generator TF 2015 so it is dimensioned and constructed to be easily fitted to the underside of TF 2015 such that the combination appears as a single instrument. It can also be used with other signal generators similar to TF 2015 in frequency range, output impedance, output level etc.



Fig. 1.1 Pulse Modulator TF 2169

#### 1.2 DATA SUMMARY

Characteristic Performance CW INPUT Frequency range : 10 MHz to 520 MHz. Level : -7 dBm (100 mV) to -17 dBm (30 mV). Impedance : 50  $\Omega$  (approximately). PULSE INPUT 3.5 V into 50  $\Omega$ . Minimum level : Maximum level : 6 V into 50  $\Omega$ . Polarity : Positive or negative-going. Impedance : 50  $\Omega$  (approximately).

General information

### RF OUTPUT

Carrier insertion loss :	$10 \text{ dB} \pm 2 \text{ dB}$
Attenuator range :	0 to 110 dB in 11 steps Panel marked 10 to 120 dB to allow for modulator insertion loss of 10 dB.
Attenuator accuracy :	±0.3 dB per 10 dB step. ±1 dB cumulative.
Output impedance :	50 $\Omega$ (approximately).
Pulse durations :	100 ns to infinity (d.c. coupled).
Pulse rise times (levels 10 to 90%) :	Less than 25 ns.
Carrier suppression :	Better than -70 dB from 10 to 80 MHz falling to -50 dB at 520 MHz (typically 90 dB up to 80 MHz).
Input pulse present at output :	Less than 10% of peak carrier.

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#### 1.3 OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Interconnecting cable, (TF 2015 to TF 2169)	MI code 43129-106D.
Mounting kit (to be fitted to TF 2015)	MI code 46883-214N.
Mounting kit (to be fitted to TF 2169)	MI code 46883-220F.



## Operation

The operating instructions given in this chapter cover the use of TF 2169 with Signal Generator TF 2015.

2.1 FITTING TO SIGNAL GENERATOR TF 2015

Two mounting kits, MI code 46883-214N and 46883-220F, are available to enable TF 2169 to be fitted to TF 2015.

#### Mounting kit 46883-214N

This is fitted to Signal Generator TF 2015 as follows :

(1) Turn TF 2015 upside down and remove the bottom section of the case.

(2) Dismantle the tilt bar fitted at the front and discard the plate with the two holes and two slots.

(3) Replace the discarded plate with one of the latching plates supplied (joggled ends of plate inwards). Refit the tilt bar.

(4) Using the fixing supplied, fit the two plastic stands to clamp the latching plate.

(5) Remove the two rear stands and refit to clamp the second latching plate using existing fittings; then refit the bottom section of the case.

#### Mounting kit 46883-220F

This is fitted to Pulse Modulator TF 2169 as follows :

(1) Turn TF 2169 upside down and remove the bottom section of the case.

(2) Dismantle the tilt bar fitted at the front and discard the plate with the two holes and two slots.



Fig. 2.1 Signal Generator TF 2015 with Pulse Modulator TF 2169

#### Operation

(3) Replace the discarded plate with one of the two latching plates supplied (latches downwards). Refit the tilt bar.

(4) Remove the two rear stands and refit to clamp the second latching plate, then refit the bottom section of the case.

(5) Position TF 2015 on top of the modulator and clamp the two instruments together using the clips now attached to each side of the modulator case.

#### 2.2 MAKING CONNECTIONS

All three coaxial connectors on the modulator are type BNC 50  $\Omega$  and are connected as follows :

(1) CW IN

Use cable 43129-106D, available as an optional accessory, to connect to RF OUTPUT on TF 2015. Ensure that the connectors are securely mated to minimize r.f. leakage.

When the modulator is used with other signal generators the interconnecting cable used must be kept as short as possible.

#### (2) PULSE IN

Connect to the output of the pulse generator by means of a 50  $\Omega$  coaxial cable.

#### (3) RF OUT

Connect to the equipment under test by means of a 50  $\Omega$  coaxial cable.

#### 2.3 SETTING OUTPUT LEVEL

The output level is set by adjusting the TF 2169 attenuator and the FINE RF OUTPUT control on TF 2015, with the stepped r.f. output control (coarse attenuator) on TF 2015 at 0. The accuracy of the output amplitude can be accepted (in the worst case) as being the sum of the TF 2015 level error and the insertion loss of TF 2169 i.e.  $\pm 3$  dB up to 100 MHz or  $\pm 4$  dB from 100 MHz to 520 MHz.

### **Technical description**

The information given in this chapter should be read with reference to the circuit diagram Fig. 7.1.

### 3.2 CIRCUIT SUMMARY

TF 2169 consists of three basic sections :

Modulator A1 Modulator A2 Attenuator A3

The c.w. signal from TF 2015 is first applied to the input of the modulator A1. Output from A1 is passed to the second modulator A2 which applies the signal to the attenuator A3. Two series connected modulators are employed to give a good carrier suppression ratio in the absence of a pulse.

The modulating pulses are applied to A1 and A2 through low-pass filters and matching pads and the pulsed r.f. is passed to the attenuator unit through a frequency sensitive pad which holds the insertion loss of the modulator acceptably constant.

Attenuator unit A3 provides a loss of 110 dB in steps of 10 dB, but since the insertion loss of the modulators closely approximates 10 dB the attenuator outputs are shown on the panel as 10 to 120 dB. The pad sections consist of resistive networks with a characteristic impedance of 50  $\Omega$ . The unit is divided into compartments to ensure maximum shielding between pads. Pads are connected into circuit by micro-switches housed in screened compartments and operated in pairs by leaf springs actuated by cams on the central spindle.

#### 3.1 MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The modulator is designed to be easily fitted to Signal Generator TF 2015 and to provide easy access to all components for repair or replacement.

Printed circuit boards and the attenuator are allocated unit identification numbers in the sequence A1, A2 and A3 and where practical the assembly is marked with this number. Silk screening is used to identify the components on the printed circuit boards.

Construction consists of front and rear panels supported by side members. The modulator box contains units A1 and A2 together with the filter circuits and the matching pads. The attenuator unit A3 is fitted to the front panel and inter-connection between units is made using semirigid coaxial cable.

The instrument case, which is in two sections and easily removed by extracting four screws, is fitted with a fold-away tilt bar.

### Maintenance

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains information to enable the performance of the modulator to be maintained. It should be read with reference to Chapter 3 and the circuit diagram, Fig. 7.1.

#### 4.2 SCREW FASTENERS

The screw threads used in the instrument are metric of various sizes. Ensure that screws removed are refitted in original positions.

#### 4.3 ACCESS TO SUB-ASSEMBLIES AND COMPONENTS

#### Removal of case

The case is in two sections. Remove the four screws (two each side) at the rear of the case then slide off top and bottom sections.

#### Sub-assemblies A1 and A2

A1 and A2 are modulator assemblies which are contained within the modulator box. To obtain access remove the cover of the box, which is held by two retaining screws.

#### Filter circuits and matching pads

These are also contained within the modulator box in separately screened compartments.

#### Attenuator A3

This is directly accessible. The attenuator pads can be examined by removing the two screws holding the screening lid. Ensure that the r.f. gasket is correctly positioned before re-fitting the lid.

#### 4.4 TEST EQUIPMENT

The test equipment required for maintenance and repair of the modulator is listed in Table 4.1.

#### 4.5 PERFORMANCE CHECKS

The performance checks given in this section are simplified and of restricted range compared with those which would be needed to demonstrate complete compliance with the specification. They should be regarded only as providing a check procedure for use during routine maintenance to determine whether adjustment or repair is necessary. Any figures given are for guidance only and should not be taken as guaranteed performance figures unless they are quoted in the Data Summary, Sect. 1.2.

#### 4.6 INSERTION LOSS

Test equipment : items a, d, f, g, h.

To check the insertion loss of TF 2169, proceed as follows :

(1) Connect the 4.5 V battery to PULSE IN on TF 2169.

(2) Connect the RF OUTPUT on TF 2015 to CW IN on TF 2169.

(3) Using the millivoltmeter (100 mV range) and the T connector loaded with 50  $\Omega$ , set TF 2015 for a c.w. output of 100 mV at 10 MHz.

(4) Set the attenuator on TF 2169 fully clockwise. Transfer the T connector loaded with 50  $\Omega$  to RF OUT on TF 2169. The indicated r.f. output from TF 2169 should be between 25 and 40 mV (100 mV - 10 dB ±2 dB).

(5) Reverse the battery polarity and check that the indicated output from TF 2169 is as given in (4).

(6) Repeat the test at various frequencies between 10 MHz and 520 MHz. If necessary change the value of C4 and/or R8 to obtain the required result.

Recommended model MI TF 2603. Minimum requirements : (i) Time base : 50 ns/cm (ii) Rise time : 2 ns (iii) Amplitude measurement 0 to 10 V.
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GEC Selectest.
Ever-ready 126 or equivalent.
Minimum requirements :
<ul> <li>(i) PRF range : up to 1 MHz</li> <li>(ii) Pulse amplitude : up to 6 V</li> <li>(iii) Pulse width : variable from 100 ns</li> <li>(iv) Rise time : 10 ns</li> <li>(v) Output impedance : 50 Ω.</li> </ul>
MI TF 2015.
69 MI code 43129-106D.
MI TM 7948.
Frequency range : 10 to 520 MHz.

Table 4.1

#### 4.7 CW SUPPRESSION

Test equipment : items d, f, i.

To check for c.w. suppression proceed as follows :

(1) Using cable 43129-106D (optional accessory) connect the RF OUTPUT on TF 2015 to CW IN on TF 2169, see Fig. 2.1.

(2) Using a short length of 50  $\Omega$  coaxial cable connect RF OUT on TF 2169 to the input of the spectrum analyser and connect the 4.5 V battery to PULSE IN on TF 2169.

(3) Set the attenuator on TF 2169 and the RF OUTPUT controls on TF 2015 fully clockwise.

(4) Set TF 2015 for a c.w. output at 10 MHz and the analyser with a reduced bandwidth to cover this frequency.

(5) Note the 10 MHz level shown on the analyser as a reference.

(6) Disconnect the battery and check that the level shown on the analyser is now greater than 70 dB below the level noted in (5).

(7) By setting the RANGE switch and the TUNE switch on TF 2015 to scan a frequency range from 10 to 80 MHz and by appropriately adjusting the analyser, check that over this frequency range the levels shown on the analyser are greater than 70 dB below the level noted in (5).

(8) Set TF 2015 and the analyser at 520 MHz and check that the level shown on the analyser is greater than 40 dB below the level noted in (5).

NOTE. To ensure that the noise level is minimized when making the checks adjust the analyser for a limited bandwidth.

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4.8 PULSE OUTPUT

Test equipment : items b, e, f, g, h.

(1) Connect the output on TF 2015 to CW IN on TF 2169. Using 50  $\Omega$  coaxial cable connect the output of the pulse generator to PULSE IN on TF 2169. Connect a 50  $\Omega$  coaxial cable (as short as practical) between RF OUT on TF 2169 and the input of the oscilloscope terminated with 50  $\Omega$ .

(2) Set TF 2015 for an output of 100 mV (r.f. output controls fully clockwise). Set the pulse generator for an output of 4 V at a p.r.f. of 100 kHz, and for an approximate mark/space ratio of 1:1. Set the attenuator on TF 2169 fully clockwise.

(3) Measure and note the peak-to-peak c.w. output from TF 2169 and call this A.

(4) Set the CARRIER switch on TF 2015 at OFF. Then measure and note the peak-to-peak output from TF 2169 and call this B.

 $\frac{B}{A}$  x 100 should not be greater than 10.

(5) Repeat the test at various frequencies to the measurement limit of the oscilloscope used.

#### 4.9 RISE TIME

Test equipment : items b, c, f, g.

With the equipment as in 4.8 (1) and (2) but with the pulse generator output at a p.r.f. of 1 MHz and pulse width at 0.5  $\mu$ s, check that the pulse rise times are less than 25 ns (measured between the 10% and 90% levels).

#### 4.10 ATTENUATOR

Test equipment : item c.

It is only necessary to prove correct operation of the micro-switches and this can be satisfied by making a series of resistance measurements as follows : (2) Set the attenuator at 10 dB and check that the multimeter indicates between 35 and 55  $\Omega_{\star}$ 

(3) Repeat the test for each additional switch position and check that the measured resistance at each setting is 50  $\Omega \pm 4\%$ .

If the attenuator unit is proved faulty it is recommended that it be returned to Marconi Instruments Ltd., for repair:

The complete unit can be lifted free of the instrument as follows :

(1) Remove the control knob and the nut holding the unit to the front panel.

(2) Remove the four screws holding the RF OUTPUT connector to the front panel.

(3) Remove the two screws holding the unit to the rear brass bracket and the attenuator connector terminating the semi-rigid coaxial cable.

(4) Lift the unit free of the instrument.

#### 4.11 MODULATOR DIODES

These are specially selected to form a matched quad set. If a diode is proved to be faulty it will be necessary, if the performance of the instrument is not to be impaired, to replace the matched set.

#### 4.12 REPLACING TRANSFORMERS

If modulator transformer, T1, T2, T3 and T4 are required to be replaced it is important that the replacement be connected in the same way as the removed component. The required connections for modulators A1 and A2 are shown in Fig. 4.1.



Fig. 4.1 Transformer connections

#### 4.13 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If further information is required please write to or telephone Marconi Instruments Limited, Service Division - see address on back cover - or contact nearest representative, quoting the type and serial number on the data plate on rear of instrument.

If the instrument is being returned for repair please indicate clearly the nature of the fault or the work you require to be done.

### **Replaceable parts**

#### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

Each sub-assembly or printed circuit board in this instrument has been allocated a unit identification in the sequence A1, A2 and A3.

The complete component reference carries its unit number as a prefix e.g. A1C1 but for convenience in the text and on circuit diagrams the prefix is not used.

However, when ordering replacements or in correspondence the complete component reference must be quoted.

One or more of the components fitted in this instrument may differ from those listed in this chapter for any of the following reasons :

- Components indicated by *†* have their value (a) selected during test to achieve particular performance limits.
- (b)Owing to supply difficulties, components of different value or type may be substituted provided the overall performance of the instrument is maintained.
- (c) As part of a policy of continuous development, components may be changed in value or type to obtain detail improvements in performance.

When there is a difference between the component fitted and the one listed, always use as a replacement the same type and value as found in the instrument.

#### 6.2 ORDERING

When ordering replacements, address the order to our Service Division (address on rear cover) or nearest agent and specify the following for each component required.

- Type\* and serial number of instrument (1)
- Complete circuit reference (2)
- Description (3)
- (4)MI code
- as given on the serial number label at the rear of the instrument; if this is superseded by a model number label, quote the model number instead of the type number.

#### 6.3 COMPONENT REFERENCES

The components are listed in alpha-numerical order and the following abbreviations are used :

С	: capacitor
Cer	: ceramic
D	: semiconductor diode
$\mathbf{L}$	: inductor
Met	: metal
Ox	: oxide
$\mathbf{PL}$	: plug
R	: resistor
S	: switch
SK	: socket
Т	: transformer
+	: value selected during test; nominal value listed
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- Ø : feed-through component
- W : watts at 70°C

#### Replaceable parts

Circuit referenc		M.I. code	Circuit referenc		on	M.I. code
Unit A	0		R1	Met film $36\Omega 2\% \frac{1}{4}W$		24773-238A
	3a		R2	Met film $16\Omega 2\% \frac{1}{4}W$		24773-230T
with A	When ordering prefix circuit r 0.	eference	R3	Met film $33\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}W$		24773-237K
			R4	Met film $150\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$		24773-253F
Low-p	ass filter		R5	Met film $150\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$		24773-253F
C1	Cer Ø 50pF 10% 300V	26333-229U	100	1100 11111 2001 270 4		
C2	Cer Ø 50pF 10% 300V	26333-229U	T1	Transformer		43590-007J
C3	Cer Ø 50pF 10% 300V	26333-229U	T2	Transformer		43590-006L
C4	Cer Ø 50pF 10% 300V	26333-229U	T3	Transformer		43590-006L
C5	Cer Ø 50pF 10% 300V	26333-229U	T4	Transformer		43590-007J
C6	Cer 330pF 20% 500V	26383-136T		11010101100		
C7	Cer 330pF 20% 500V	26383-136T				
			Unit A	12		
L1	$1\mu \mathrm{H}$	23642 - 549L		When ordering prefix	circuit 1	reference
L2	$1 \mu { m H}$	23642-549L	with A			
L3	$1 \mu \mathrm{H}$	23642-549L		Complete board		44827-289N
L4	$1\mu H$	23642-549L	C1	Cer 4.7pF 20% 500	v	26343-113X
			C2	Cer 0.001 $\mu$ F -20+80		26383-242P
R1	Met film $22\Omega \ 2\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24573-033 J	C3	Cer 4.7pF 20% 500		26343-113X
			C4 †	Cer 10pF 20% 500V		26343-120B
SKA	BNC 50 $\Omega$ socket	23443-443K				
SKB	BNC 50 $\Omega$ socket	23443-443K	D1 \			2
SKC	BNC 50 $\Omega$ socket	23444-382T	D2	•		
			D3	Selected diodes matched set		44529-004X
IT.:: A	1		$_{\rm D4}$	matched bot		
Unit A			51 /			
	When ordering prefix circuit r	eference				
with A			L1	RF choke $0.22\mu H$		23642-482L
	Complete board	44827-288Y				
C1	Cer 4.7pF 20% 500V	26343-113X	R1	Met film $330\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$	W	24773-261D
C2	Cer 0.001 $\mu$ F -20+80% 500V	26383-242P	R2	Met film $150\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$	W	24773-253F
C3	Cer 47pF 20% 500V	26343-113X	R3	Met film $36\Omega \ 2\% \ \frac{1}{4}V$	v	24773-238A
			R4	Met film $16\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}V$	V	24773-230T
D1 )			R5	Met film $33\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}V$	V	24773-237K
D2 /	Selected diodes	44600 00437	R6	Met film $150\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$	W	24773-253F
(		44529-004X		35 . 61 1500 00 1	337	94779 9597
D3	matched set		R7	Met film $150\Omega \ 2\% \frac{1}{4}$	W	24773-253F

For symbols and abbreviations see introduction to this chapter

#### Replaceable parts

Circuit			Circui	t		
referenc	ce Description	M.I. code	referen	ce	Description	M.I. code
T1	Transformer	43590-007J	R7	Met film	$53.3\Omega \ 1\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-557C
T2	Transformer	43590-006L	<b>R</b> 8	Met film	$53.3\Omega 1\% \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-557C
Т3	Transformer	43590-006L	R9	Met film	53.3 $\Omega$ 1% $\frac{1}{4}$ W	24762-557C
T4	Transformer	43590-007J	R10	Met film	$61.1\Omega \ 1\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-571U
			R11	Met film	$61.1\Omega \ 1\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-571U
			R12	Met film	$61.1\Omega \ 1\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-571U
Unit A	3		R13	Met film	$61.1\Omega \ 1\% \ \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-571U
When ordering prefix circuit reference			R14	Met film	96.3 $\Omega$ 1% $\frac{1}{4}$ W	24762-5828
with A	.3.		R15	Met film	96.3 $\Omega$ 1% $\frac{1}{4}W^{*}$	24762-582S
	Complete unit	44429-010W				
Cam	(Pad 1) 30dB	31359-001K	SA			
Cam	(Pad 2) 30dB	31359-006U	to	Microswi	tch UHF	23483-131A
Cam	(Pad 3) 20dB	31359-003Z	SK			
Cam	(Pad 4) 20dB	31359-002A				
Cam	(Pad 5) 10dB	31359-004H	Misce	ellaneous ite	ems	
		•				
R1	Met film $790\Omega \ 1\% \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-646F	Coaxi	and the second	ternal) SKB to	
R2	Met film $790\Omega \ 1\% \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-646F		modulato		43129-074X
R3	Met film $247\Omega \ 1\% \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-631R	Coaxi		ternal) SKC or A2) to A3	43129-073P
R4	Met film $247\Omega \ 1\% \frac{1}{4}W$	24762-631R	Conta		enuator 1 inch	
R5	Met film 71.2 $\Omega$ 1% $\frac{1}{4}$ W	24762-572Y		bar type)		41145-407B
R6	Met film 53.3 $\Omega$ 1% $\frac{1}{4}$ W	24762-557C	Knob	surround		41590-014F

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For symbols and abbreviations see introduction to this chapter

## **Circuit diagrams**

#### Circuit notes

#### 1. COMPONENT VALUES

Resistors : No suffix = ohms, k = kilohms, M = megohms. Capacitors : No suffix = microfarads, p = picofarads. Inductors : No suffix = henrys, m = millihenrys,  $\mu$  = microhenrys. + value selected during test, nominal value shown.

#### 2. COMPONENT NOTES

Note 1. Cable shown 'a' is MI code 15650-904H.

Note 2. Diodes D1 to D4 are matched set MI code 44529-004X.

#### 3. SYMBOLS

Symbols are based on the provisions of B.S. 3939.



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unit identification number.

tag on printed board.

#### 4. CIRCUIT REFERENCES

These are, in general, given in abbreviated form. See also introduction to Chap. 6.





EQUIPMENT ... TF 2169 TITLE ..... Pulse Modulator CODE No..... 52169-900J SER. NOS PREFIXED .... All ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS ... None

### MANUAL CHANGE

As part of the policy of continuous development and to give further clarification to the Data Summary, amend the Instruction Manual as follows:-

- Chap.1 1.2 DATA SUMMARY
- Page 4 RF output

Amend to read : Input pulse present at output : Less than 10% of peak carrier with a signal input of -7 dBm.

1.3 OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Amend; Mounting kit (to be fitted to TF 2015) Code no. 46883-214N. Code no. to read, 54127-291S.

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Amend Mounting Kit 46883-214N. Code no. to read 54127-291S.

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Amend T1 & T4 transformers 43590-007J. Code nos. to read 43590-094K.

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