PCM-7140 1A Pulsed Current Source — Datasheet





Precision Pulse Control

The PCM-7140 is a compact pulsed current source designed to drive laser diodes, bars, arrays, or any low-impedance load. The key specifications are output current from 0.1 A to 1 A, rise and fall times below 1 μ s at 1 A, pulse widths from 1 μ s to 100% duty cycle, pulse repetition rates from single shot to 100 KHz, and forward voltage from 0 V to 60 V.

System Operation

The PCM-7140 output current may be set with an internal potentiometer or an external analog voltage. The pulse width and frequency is controlled with an external trigger source.

The system requires two DC power supplies for operation: 12 VDC for housekeeping and a high voltage power supply with voltage ≤ 10 VDC above the laser diode's forward voltage.

Input / Output Cable

The laser or load is connected to the PCM-7140 with a 100 cm length of 18 AWG twisted pair cable (included). This same cable has the DC input connection from the high voltage power supply.

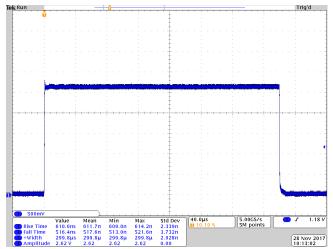
Liquid Cooling

The PCM-7140 module is liquid cooled with a liquid temperature of 11 °C to 22 °C with a flow rate of 6 liters per minute. The connection type is 3/8" tubing.

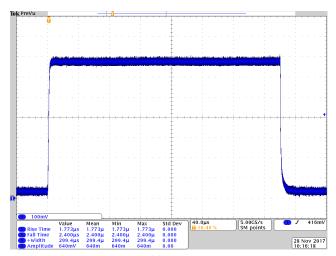
Ordering Information

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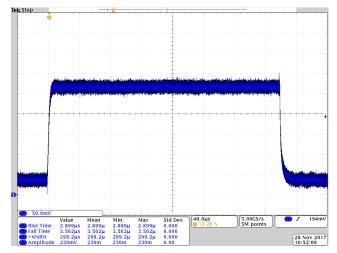
PCM-7140 Pulser DC Input / Output Cable Load Board Control Board Control Signal Cable



1000 mA, 300 µs pulse width



250 mA, 300 µs pulse width



100 mA, 300 µs pulse width

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Pulse Amplitude

Output current range 0.1 A to 1.0 A

Setpoint accuracy ± 1 % of full-scale current ≤ 1 % : 0.100 A to 0.499 A ≤ 5 % : 0.500 A to 1.0 A

Current rise/fall time $\leq 5 \mu s$: 0.1 A to 0.499 A

 $\leq 2 \,\mu s : 0.500 \,A \text{ to } 1.0 \,A$

Trigger (J3-Pin 6)

Frequency range ≤ 100 kHz

100% Duty Cycle ≤ 1.0 A * High Voltage = VForward + 5 V

Input voltage levels 0 V, output off 5 V, output on

Termination impedance 50 Ω

Trigger pulse width 1 µs to 100% duty cycle

Delay (external to output) ≤ 1µs (typical)

Current Setpoint Control (J3-Pin 4)

Input voltage levels 5 V or open: internal potentiometer control

0 V: external control

Termination impedance $9,000 \Omega$ Response time on change $\leq 0.5 \mu s$

Analog Current Setpoint (J3-Pin 5)

Input voltage levels 0 V to 2.048 V

0.000 V: 0 A output 2.000 V: 1.0 A output

Termination impedance >19 k Ω Response time on change $\leq 0.5 \ \mu s$

Current Monitor (J2)

Current monitor 0 V to 0.200 V

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{1.0 A output current: 0.165 V (typical)} \\ \text{Current monitor termination} \end{array}$

Current monitorconnector SMB

Control Signal Connector (J3)

Connector Molex #70553-0110

Pin 1: 12 V DC Pin 2: Return Pin 3: Return

Pin 4: Current setpoint control Pin 5: Analog current setpoint

Pin 6: Trigger

Liquid Cooling

Input Temperature 11 °C to 22 °C Flow Rate 6 liters/minute

Connection 3/8" tubing, McMaster-Carr # 9336T2

12 V Power Specifications (J3-Pin 1)

Voltage requirements 12 V DC ± 5% Current requirements 0.100 A

DC Input / Output Connector (J1)

Connector TE AMP Connector 1-770974-0

Output + Pins 1, 2, 3, 4 Output - Pins 9, 10, 11, 12

DC Input + Pins 13, 14, 15, 16 DC Return Pins 5, 6, 7, 8

DC Input Power Specifications

High voltage range 0 V DC to 75 V DC (Max) (load +10 V)

Current requirements 1.2 A

Output CurrentHigh Voltage requirements0 A to 1.0 AForward voltage + 10 V DC ± 5%*10 A to 1.0 A100% Duty Cycle VForward +5 V DC

*¹ Operation of instrument outside of this voltage can cause permanent damage to the instrument and/or load. Do not exceed 75 V DC.

General

Size (HxWxD) 8.3 cm x 11.0 cm x 13.75 cm

Weight 0.635 kg

Mounting screw size 6-32

Mounting hole placement See Manual
Operating temperature 10°C to 40°C
Cooling Liquid cooled

Notes

The PCM-7140 current source meets or exceeds these specifications.

All specifications are measured with 100 cm of 18 AWG twisted pair wire connecting the PCM-7140 to a low impedance/inductance load (HPL-2400-2.653).

Specifications subject to change without notice.

Control Board



Load Board



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BNC DEI High Voltage

Safe Operating Area Graphs

