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EPOCH-II High-Current Output Unit

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- 1000 VA of high current
- Rugged, portable test set
- Up to 187 Amperes maximum output

DESCRIPTION

The EPOCH-II[®] is a high-current output unit designed to be controlled by the PULSAR[®] in combination with the High-Current Interface Module to produce a rugged, portable high-current, high-volt/ampere test set.

The EPOCH-II also is designed to be controlled by the EPOCH-10[®] Relay Test Set.

PULSAR/EPOCH-II or EPOCH-10/EPOCH-II combination uses microprocessor-based, digitally synthesized sine wave generators and solid-state regulated power amplifiers to provide sinusoidal voltage and current outputs with precise control of the phase-angle relationships.

These combinations will produce accurate test results even with a fluctuating power source or when testing nonlinear or highly saturable relays.

An optional IEEE-488 GPIB interface transforms the EPOCH-10/EPOCH-II combination into a programmable automatic test system when used with an external controller or computer. Amplitude and/or phase angle can be set to desired values, step changed, ramped, or pulsed to new values.

APPLICATIONS

PULSAR/EPOCH-II or EPOCH-10/EPOCH-II combination is designed to test both complex protective relays which require phase-shifting capability and simpler relays, including all overcurrent relays.

Device No.	Relay Types	Specify	
50	Instantaneous Overcurrent up to 187 A at 1000 VA	One EPOCH-II and PULSAR	
51	Overcurrent up to 187 A at 1000 VA		
67	Directional Overcurrent up to 187 A at 1000 VA	with High-Current Interface Module or one EPOCH-10	
67N	Ground Directional Overcurrent up to 187 A at 1000 VA		
87	All of the above plus Differential	One EPOCH-II and PULSAR with Interface Module or two EPOCH-10s	
21	Distance (open-delta)		
21	Distance (wye)	One EPOCH-II and PULSAR with Interface Modules or three EPOCH-10s	

The table above lists the different types of relays by device numbers, and the different combinations of a PULSAR or EPOCH-10s and an EPOCH-II required to test them.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Output current source has a 5-minute duty cycle rating of 1000 volt-amperes.
- Four output ranges at 0.01 ampere and two output ranges at 0.1 ampere are provided.
- Tough steel, sealed enclosure provides a high shock and vibration resistance.
- Completely compatible with PULSAR via the High-Current Interface Module and the EPOCH-10 units.



SPECIFICATIONS

Input

Input Voltage (specify one)

115 V $\pm 10\%,$ 50/60 Hz, 30 A (at full rated output)

OR

230 V ±10%, 50/60 Hz, 20 A

Output

Output Current

To provide a variety of test circuit impedances, six output taps with two ranges are provided.

High Range

2.00 to 10.00 A at 100 V max 3.00 to 15.00 A at 66.6 V max 8.00 to 40.00 A at 25 V max 10.00 to 50.00 A at 20 V max 20.00 to 100.0 A at 10 V max 34.00 to 170.0 A at 5.9 V max **Output Power:** 1000 VA

Low Range

2.00 to 10.00 A at 50 V max 3.00 to 1 5.00 A at 33.3 V max 8.00 to 40.00 A at 12.5 V max 10.00 to 50.00 A at 10 V max 20.00 to 100.0 A at 5 V max 34.00 to 170.0 A at 2.95 V max **Output Power:** 500 VA

Accuracy

Typical: ±0.5% of setting **Maximum:** ±1.0% of setting Alarm will indicate when amplitude, phase angle, or waveform is in error.

Resolution

Four ranges: 0.01 A Two ranges: 0.1 A

Duty Cycle

Five minutes at full rated VA output. Fifteen minutes recovery time.

Overrange Capability

The EPOCH-II has an overrange capability of +10% for each tap with a maximum output current of 187 A on the 170 A tap.

Distortion

Less than 1% typical, 3% max. Output of EPOCH-10/EPOCH-II Combination

Frequency

- Synchronized to input power source
- 60 Hz crystal-controlled
- 50 Hz crystal-controlled

Accuracy

Synchronized, tracks input frequency

- ± 0.006 Hz for 60-Hz crystal control ($\pm 001\%$)
- ± 0.005 Hz for 50-Hz crystal control ($\pm 0.01\%$)

Output of PULSAR and Interface Module Connected to EPOCH-II The High-Current Interface Module provides a variable frequency signal to the Epoch-II High-Current Output Unit. Output frequency is continuously displayed for each channel with large, high-intensity LEDs with the following ranges: 5.000 to 99.999 Hz 100.01 to 999.99 Hz **Frequency Accuracy:** ±10 ppm at 23° C, ±2° C)

Current Phase Angle Control

Angle is adjusted on the EPOCH-10 control unit by 4-digit, pushbutton control with large LED display of setting. **Range:** 0.0 to 359.9° **Resolution:** 0.1° **Accuracy:** less than $\pm 0.3^{\circ}$ typical, $\pm 1.0^{\circ}$ max

Control Section

The control unit for the EPOCH-II high-current section is PULSAR (with the High-Current Interface Module), an EPOCH-I or EPOCH-10. Thus, the excellent operating and control features of PULSAR and the EPOCH-10 are used to control the EPOCH-II. **Note:** When the EPOCH-II is in use, the current output of the EPOCH-10 control unit is inoperative. All EPOCH-10s can control an EPOCH-II high-current section. When the high-current section of the EPOCH-II is not needed, the EPOCH-10 can be used independently or slaved together with other EPOCH units.

Protection

The input line circuit is breaker-protected. The dc power supply is overcurrent-protected. In addition, overvoltage protection is provided on the input line circuit.

The power amplifiers are forced-air cooled and are protected by thermal-overload sensors.

Audio and visual alarms on the PULSAR and EPOCH-10 control units indicate whenever the current or potential outputs are overloaded.

Temperature

Operating

32 to 122° F (0 to 50° C) Reduced duty cycle above 113° F (45° C)

Storage

–13 to $+158^\circ\,F~(-25^\circ$ to $+70^\circ\,C)$

Dimensions

7.6 H x 19.75 W x 21.6 D in. (193 H x 502 W x 549 D mm)

Weight

115 lb (52.3 kg)



EPOCH-II with EPOCH-10 control unit

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ORDERING INFORMATION			
ltem (Qty)	Cat. No.		
PULSAR - Refer to pages 17-18			
EPOCH-II	EPOCHII-STD		
EPOCH-II without enclosures, fits standard, 19-in. [483-mm] rack	EPOCHII-RK		
Included Accessories			
Carrying case	11437		
Fuses, 1.0 A, 250 V (5)	4139		
Ground lead (1)	11258		
High-current leads			
Black (1)	10708		
Red (1)	11245		
Power cord	11266		
Interconnect cables			
Control (1)	10574		
Signal (1)	11307		
Instruction manual (1)	10709		

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