Function Generator

MODEL FG-500

Instruction Manual

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SPECIFICATIONS

OUTPUT:
- **Waveforms**: Sine, triangle, square
- **Impedance**: 600Ω ±10%
- **Frequency**: 1Hz - 1MHz in 6 decade steps with variable ranges.

SINE WAVE:
- **Amplitude**: 0 - 3Vpp
- **Distortion**: Less than 1% (at 1kHz)
- **Flatness**: ±0.05dB 1Hz - 100kHz

SQUARE WAVE:
- **Amplitude**: 8V (no load)
- **Rise Time**: Less than 50ns (at 1kHz)
- **Fall Time**: Less than 30ns (at 1kHz)
- **Symmetry**: Less than 5% (at 1kHz)

TRIANGLE WAVE:
- **Amplitude**: 0 - 3Vpp
- **Linearity**: Less than 1% (up to 100kHz)

POWER REQUIREMENTS:
- Standard 9V battery

OPERATING TEMPERATURE:
- 32°F (0°C) to 122°F (50°C)
INTRODUCTION
Your FG-500 Function Generator contains a complete function generator capable of producing sine, square and triangle wave forms. The frequency of this generator can be continuously varied from 1Hz to 1MHz in 6 steps. A fine frequency control makes selection of any frequency in between easy. The amplitude of the sine and triangle waveforms are adjustable from 0 to 3Vpp. This complete function generator system is suitable for experimentation and applications by the student. The entire function generator is comprised of a single XR-2206 monolithic IC and a limited number of passive circuit components. The unit is powered with a 9V battery.

THEORY OF OPERATION
The heart of the FG-500 Function Generator is the XR-2206 monolithic function generator integrated circuit. The XR-2206 is comprised of four main functional blocks as shown in the functional block diagram (Figure 1). They are:

- A Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO)
- An Analog Multiplier and Sine-shaper
- Unity Gain Buffer Amplifier
- A set of current switches

The VCO actually produces an output frequency proportional to an input current, which is produced by a resistor from the timing terminals to ground. The current switches route one of the currents to the VCO to produce an output frequency. Which timing pin current is used, is controlled by the FSK input (pin 9). In the FG-500, the FSK input is left open, thus only the resistor on pin 7 is used. The frequency is determined by this formula:

\[ f_o = \frac{1}{RC} \text{Hz} \]

where \( f_o \) is the frequency in Hertz
R is the resistance at pin 7 in Ohms
C is the capacitance across pin 5 and 6 in Farads

Note that frequency is inversely proportional to the value of RC. That is, the higher the value of RC, the smaller the frequency.

The resistance between pins 13 and 14 determine the shape of the output wave on pin 2. No resistor produces a triangle wave. A 200Ω resistor produces a sine wave.
FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The FG-500 is a function generator integrated circuit capable of producing high quality sine, triangle, and square waves of high stability and accuracy. A picture of each waveform is shown below:

![Waveforms](image)

- Sine Wave
- Triangle Wave
- Square Wave

CONTROL PANEL FUNCTIONS

- Frequency Control
- Fine Adjustment Control
- Amplitude Control
- Sine/Triangle Switch
- Squarewave Output
- Ground
- On/Off Switch
- Sine/Triangle Output
CONTROLS

RANGE SWITCHES
Six ranges of frequency are provided by the range switch as shown in Table 1.

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SINE/TRIANGLE SWITCH
This SINE/TRIANGLE Switch selects the waveform, sine wave or triangle wave, sent to the SINE/TRIANGLE output terminal.

FREQUENCY MULTIPLIER
The multiplier is a variable control allowing frequency settings between fixed ranges. The ranges are as shown in Table 1.

AMPLITUDE CONTROL
The Amplitude Control provides amplitude adjustment from near 0 to 3V or greater for both sine and triangle waveforms.

ON/OFF SWITCH
The ON/OFF Switch turns the power to the FG-500 on or off.

OUTPUT TERMINAL
The output marked SINE/TRIANGLE provides the sine and triangle waveforms. The output marked SQUARE WAVE provides the square wave. The output marked GND provides the ground for all output waveforms.
TWO YEAR WARRANTY

All Elenco® models are guaranteed for two full years on all parts and service. For the first 3 months, your function generator is covered at absolutely no charge. For the remaining 21 months, a nominal service charge is required to cover shipping and handling.

When returning merchandise for repair, please include proof of purchase, a brief letter of explanation of problem, and sufficient packing material. Before returning any merchandise please call our service department at (847) 541-3800 to obtain a return authorization number (RMA).

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