



1.6 GHz Universal Counter HM 8021-4

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The HAMEG Instruments GmbH herewith declares conformity of the product

Product name Universal Counter

Type: HM8021-4
with: HM8001-2
Options: -

with applicable regulations
 EMC Directive 89/336/EEC amended by
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 amended by 93/68/EEC

Harmonized standards applied

Safety
 EN 61010-1: 2001 / IEC (CEI) 1010-1: 2001
Measuring category I
Degree of pollution: 2

Electromagnetic compatibility
 EN 61326-1/A1 :1997 + A1:1998 + A2 :2001/
 IEC 61326 :1997 + A1 :1998 + A2 :2001

Radiation: table 4; Class B
Immunity: table A1

EN 61000-3-2/A14
Harmonic current emissions: Class D

EN 61000-3-3
Voltage fluctuations and flicker

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General information regarding the CE marking

HAMEG instruments fulfill the regulations of the EMC directive. The conformity test made by HAMEG is based on the actual generic and product standards. In cases where different limit values are applicable, HAMEG applies the strictest standard. For emission the limits for residential, commercial and light industry are applied. Regarding the immunity (susceptibility) the limits for industrial environment have been used.

The measuring and data lines of the instrument have much influence on emission and immunity and therefore on meeting the acceptance limits. For different applications the lines and/or cables used may be different. For measurement operation the following hints and conditions regarding emission and immunity should be observed:

1. Data cables

For the connection between instruments resp. their interfaces and external devices, (computer, printer etc.) sufficiently screened cables must be used.

Maximum cable length of data lines must not exceed 3 m. The manual may specify shorter lengths. If several interface connectors are provided only one of them may be used at any time.

Basically interconnections must have a double screening. For IEEE-bus purposes the double screened cable HZ72 from HAMEG is suitable.

2. Signal cables

Basically test leads for signal interconnection between test point and instrument should be as short as possible. Without instruction in the manual for a shorter length, signal lines must be less than 3 meters long.

Signal lines must be screened (coaxial cable - RG58/U). A proper ground connection is required. In combination with signal generators double screened cables (RG223/U, RG214/U) must be used.

3. Influence on measuring instruments.

In the presence of strong high frequency electric or magnetic fields, even with careful setup of the measuring equipment an influence can not be excluded.

This will not cause damage or put the instrument out of operation. Small deviations of the measuring value (reading) exceeding the instrument's specifications may result from such conditions in some cases.

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1.6 GHz Universal Counter HM8021-4



Mainframe
HM8001-2



Option H085, a high stability oscillator with a stability of $\pm 5 \times 10^{-9}$ per day



Option H0801



Frequency range 0 Hz to 1.6 GHz

10 MHz time base with 0.5 ppm stability (TCXO)

Input A:
Input impedance 1 M Ω , maximum sensitivity 20 mV_{rms}

Input C:
Input impedance 50 Ω , maximum sensitivity 30 mV_{rms}

Time interval resolution up to 10 ps

Offset mode over the entire measurement range

Gate input (in combination with H0801)

Mainframe HM8001-2 required for operation

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Valid at 23 degrees C after a 30 minute warm-up

Measurement functions

Frequency A/C, Period A; Totalize A;
Pulse width $\overline{\text{L}}/\overline{\text{H}}$ (averaged); Totalize A during ext. gate

Input characteristics (Input A)

Frequency range:

0 – 150 MHz: DC-coupled
10 Hz – 150 MHz: AC-coupled

Sensitivity: (normal triggering)

DC – 80 MHz: 20 mV_{rms} (sine wave)
80 mV (pulse)
80 MHz – 150 MHz: 60 mV_{rms} (sine wave)
20 Hz-80MHz (auto trig.) 50 mV_{rms} (sine wave)

Minimum pulse width: 5ns

Input noise: 100 μ V [typ.]

Coupling: AC or DC (switchable)

Input impedance: 1 M Ω || 40 pF

Attenuator: x 1, x 20 (switchable)

Max. input voltage:

0 to 440 Hz: 400 V [DC + AC_{peak}]
1 MHz: decreasing to 8 V_{rms}

Input characteristics (Input C)

Frequency range: 100 MHz – 1.6 GHz

Sensitivity:

to 1.3 GHz: 30 mV (typ. 20 mV)
to 1.6 GHz: 100 mV (typ. 80 mV)

Input impedance: 50 Ω nominal

Coupling: AC

Max. input voltage: 5 V [DC + AC_{peak}]

Input characteristics (external gate)

Input impedance: 4.7 k Ω

Max. input voltage: \pm 30 V

High/low level: > 2 V/ 0.5 V

Min. pulse duration: 50 ns

Min. effective gate time: 150 μ s

Frequency measurement (Input A)

LSD: $[2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{s} \times \text{freq.}] / \text{measurement time}$

Resolution: \pm 1 or 2 LSD

Period duration measurement

Range: 10000 sec to 66.6 ns

LSD: $[2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{s} \times \text{period}] / \text{measurement time}$

Resolution: \pm 1 or 2 LSD

Totalize (manual / external gated)

Range: DC to 20 MHz

Min. pulse duration: 25 ns

LSD: \pm 1 count

Resolution: LSD

Ext. gate error: 100 ns (in manual mode only)

Time interval (averaged)

LSD: 100 ns to 10 ps

Resolution: 1 or 2 LSD

Offset

Range: covers the entire measurement range

Gate time

(Gate time cannot be less than 1 period.)

Range: 100 ms – 10 s in 3 steps

External gate time: min. 150 μ s

Timebase

Frequency: 10 MHz clock

10 MHz crystal

Accuracy (between 10°C and 40°C): $\pm 5 \times 10^{-7}$

Aging: ± 3 ppm/15 years

General information

Display: 8-digit 7-segment LED display with 7.65mm digit height, sign and exponent

Power consumption: approx. 7 Watt

Operating temperature: +10°C to +40°C

Max. relative humidity: 0% – 90% (without condensation), 5% – 95% RH

Dimensions (W x H x D): 135 x 68 x 228mm

Weight: approx. 0.6 kg

Values without tolerances are meant to be guidelines and represent characteristics of an average instrument.

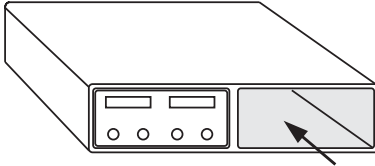
Included in delivery:

Universal Counter HM8021-4, Operator's Manual

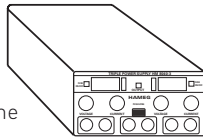
Optional accessories: HZ33/HZ34 BNC Test Cable, HZ24 Attenuators, HZ20 BNC banana adapter, HO85 OCXO, HZ10 Silicone test leads

Important hints

The operator is requested to carefully read the following instructions and those of the mainframe



me HM8001-2, to avoid any operating errors and mistakes and in order to become acquainted with the module.



After unpacking the module, check for any mechanical damage or loose parts inside. Should there be any transportation damage, inform the supplier immediately and do not put the module into operation. This plug-in module is primarily intended for use in conjunction with the Mainframe HM8001-2. When incorporating it into other systems, the module should only be operated with the specified supply voltages.

Safety

This instrument has been designed and tested in accordance with IEC Publication 1010-1, Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. It corresponds as well to the CENELEC regulations EN 61010-1. All case and chassis parts are connected to the safety earth conductor. Corresponding to Safety Class 1 regulations (three-conductor AC power cable). Without an isolating transformer, the instrument's power cable must be plugged into an approved three-contact electrical outlet, which meets International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) safety standards.

Warning!

Any interruption of the protective conductor inside or outside the instrument or disconnection of the protective earth terminal is likely to render the instrument dangerous. Intentional interruption is prohibited.

The instrument must be disconnected and secured against unintentional operation if there is any suggestion that safe operation is not possible.

This may occur:

- if the instrument shows visible damage,
- if the instrument has loose parts.
- if the instrument does not function,
- after long storage under unfavourable circumstances (e.g. outdoors or in moist environments),
- after excessive transportation stress (e.g. in poor packaging).

When removing or replacing the metal case, the instrument must be completely disconnected from the mains supply. If any measurement or calibration procedures are necessary on the opened-up instrument, these must only be carried out by qualified personnel acquainted with the danger involved.

Symbols marked on equipment



ATTENTION refer to manual.



DANGER High voltage.



Protective ground (earth) terminal.

Operating conditions

The ambient temperature range during operation should be between +10 °C and +40 °C and should not exceed -40 °C or +70 °C during transport or storage. The operational position is optional, however, the ventilation holes on the HM8001-2 and on the plug-in modules must not be obstructed.

Warranty and Repair

HAMEG instruments are subjected to a strict quality control. Prior to leaving the factory, each instrument is burnt-in for 10 hours. By intermittent operation during this period almost all defects are detected. Following the burn-in, each instrument is tested for function and quality, the specifications are checked in all operating modes; the test gear is calibrated to national standards.

The warranty standards applicable are those of the country in which the instrument was sold. Reclamations should be directed to the dealer.

Only valid in EU countries

In order to speed reclamations customers in EU countries may also contact HAMEG directly. Also, after the warranty expired, the HAMEG service will be at your disposal for any repairs.

Return material authorization (RMA):

Prior to returning an instrument to HAMEG ask for a RMA number either by internet (<http://www.hameg.com>) or fax. If you do not have an original shipping carton, you may obtain one by calling the HAMEG sales dept (+49-6182-800-300) or by sending an email to vertrieb@hameg.com.

Maintenance

The most important characteristics of the instruments should be periodically checked according to the instructions provided in the sections "Operational check and "Alignment procedure. To obtain the normal operating temperature, the mainframe with inserted module should be turned on at least 60 minutes before starting the test. The specified alignment procedure should be strictly observed. When removing the case detach mains/line cord and any other connected cables from case of the mainframe HM8001-2. Remove both screws on rear panel and, holding case firmly in place, pull chassis forward out of case. When later replacing the case, care should be taken to ensure that it properly fits under the edges of the front and rear frames. After removal of the two screws at the rear of the module, both chassis covers can be lifted. When reclosing the module, care should be taken that the guides engage correctly with the front chassis.

Operation of the module

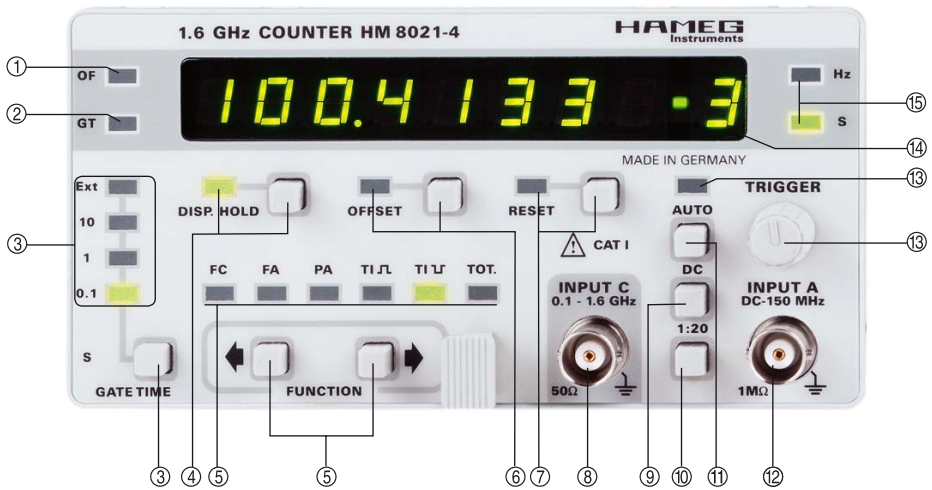
Provided that all hints given in the operating instructions of the HM8001-2 Mainframe were followed especially for the selection of the correct mains voltage start of operation consists practically of inserting the module into the right or left opening of the mainframe. The following pre-cautions should be observed:

Before exchanging the module, the mainframe must be switched off. A small circle (o) is now revealed on the red power button in the front centre of the mainframe.

If the BNC sockets at the rear panel of the HM8001-2 unit were in use before, the BNC cables should be disconnected from the basic unit for safety reasons. Slide in the new module until the end position is reached.

Before being locked in place, the cabinet of the instrument is not connected to the protective earth terminal (banana plug above the mainframe multipoint connector). In this case, no test signal must be applied to the input terminals of the module.

Generally, the HM8001-2 set must be turned on and in full operating condition, before applying any test signal. If a failure of the measuring equipment is detected, no further measurements should be performed. Before switching off the unit or exchanging a module, the instrument must be disconnected from the test circuit.



Control elements

① OF (LED)

This LED is lit when an overflow occurs. This depends on the selected gate time and on the frequency of the signal applied.

② GT (Gate Open; LED)

The gate indicator is lit when the gate is open for measurements. This time equals the pre-selected gate time and a synchronization time. The gate cannot be open for a time smaller than 1 period of a signal.

③ Gate Time (pushbuttons + LEDs)

The gate time is selectable in steps of 0.1s, 1s, 10s.

EXT. (LED)

In the GATE EXTERNAL position, the counter will expect an external control signal, and will not measure until such a signal is supplied.

④ Display Hold (pushbutton + LED)

Depressing the DISPLAY HOLD pushbutton sets the display time to infinity and freezes the last measurement result. A new measurement can be initiated using the reset pushbutton. Measuring will restart when Display Hold is switched off. Display Hold starts and stops counting in the TOTALIZE function mode.

⑤ Function indicators

LEDs (Refer to "Measuring functions")

Function (pushbuttons)

The "left" and "right" pushbuttons select the desired function. The appropriate LED is lit when a function is selected. The default value when switching power on is Frequency A.

⑥ OFFSET (pushbutton + LED)

The displayed value becomes the reference value. (Not available with the TOTALIZE function).

⑦ RESET (pushbutton + LED)

Stops a measurement and clears the display in normal measurement mode. When depressing the button in DISPLAY HOLD MODE the counter performs a single measurement (one shot) on release of the button. When the OFFSET MODE is activated, depressing RESET shows the reference value (which is the actual offset). Reset is active as long as the button is depressed.

⑧ INPUT C (BNC-connector)

Frequency range: 100 MHz to 1.6 GHz.
Input impedance 50Ω.

Attention! Do not apply more than 5V (DC+AC peak) to this input terminal.

⑨ DC (pushbutton)

Selection of AC or DC coupling of the signal

Triggering, measuring and counting

input A. The bandwidth for low frequencies is as low as 10 Hz (3 dB) when the input is AC coupled. (Input C has a fixed AC coupling).

- ⑩ **1:20 (pushbutton)**
Selection of input signal attenuation. Pressing this button attenuates the input signal by 26 dB before it is applied to the input amplifier.
- ⑪ **Auto Trigger (AC) (pushbutton)**
With Auto Trigger active the counter triggers in the middle of the input signal. Auto Trigger always uses AC-coupling. (AC = pushbutton depressed).
- ⑫ **INPUT A (BNC connector)**
Signal input with a sensitivity of 20 mV_{rms} up to 80 MHz and 60 mV_{rms} up to 150 MHz. The input is protected against overvoltage up to 400 V (DC + AC_{peak}).
Input impedance: 1 MΩ || 40 pF.

- ⑬ **TRIGGER LEVEL (adjusting knob)**
Continuously adjustment of trigger level.

TRIGGER (LED)

3 State trigger indicator. The LED flashes when triggering is correct. The LED lights when the trigger level is above the input signal level, it is not activated when the trigger level is below the input signal level.

- ⑭ **8 digit display (7 segment LEDs, 7.65 mm high)**
for the measuring result (8 digit max. + exponent).
- ⑮ **Hz (LED):** Indicates the measurement of a frequency.
Sec (LED): Indicates the measurement of time.

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External Gate Input (BNC connector)
Allows the measurement of the input signal, controlled by an external source.

Power-on test

A practical test of the correct operation of the HM8021-4 is run automatically at power on. As soon as power is applied, the display shows type and version of the actual instrument and the GATE indicator appears, LEDs are lit and the Eprom and all functions of the counter are tested. The test runs for about 2 seconds. If an error is detected it is indicated by an "I" at the leading digit and followed by the number of the test that failed.

I	1	microprocessor RAM error
I	2	program ROM error
I	3	counting chain error

When the tests are completed satisfactorily, the counter sets the display to zero and selects the default measuring function A.

Measuring functions

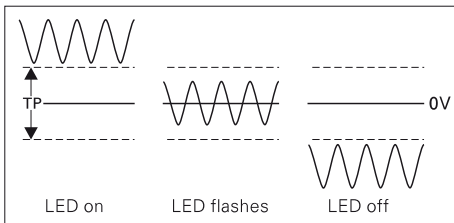
- FA/FC: Sets the instrument to measure the frequency of the signal connected to input A/C.
- TOT.: The counter will totalize events (pulses or cycles) on input A. Measurement stops and display freezes as soon as the input signal is removed or DISPLAY HOLD is depressed. Depressing RESETclearing totalizing clearsthe display and starts a new measurement when releasing the button. Reset is active as long as the switch ⑦ is depressed. Totalizing A during External Gate is performed applying a TTL signal to the Ext. Gate input.
- PA: Sets the counter to measure the period duration of the signal connected to input A.
- TI \lceil / \rfloor (AVG): Sets the counter to measure the average pulswidth between positive slope and the negative slope of an input signal at input A.

Input Triggering

As the input signal can have very different waveforms, it is necessary to shape the signals so that the counting circuits can handle the signals. The HM8021-4 offers a variety of signal shaping possibilities to improve triggering, such as AC/DC coupling and two trigger level ranges ($-2\dots 2\text{V}$, $-40\dots+40\text{V}$). The trigger level can be set in one of two ways: either by Autotrigger or with the trigger level potentiometer. In Autotrigger mode the counter automatically sets the triggering to the 50% level of the input signal. When this mode is selected AC coupling is necessary. When the trigger level control has been set in the manual trigger mode, the functioning of the trigger circuit can easily be checked on the trigger indicator. The LED shows the state of triggering.

LED on: the signal is above the trigger level
 LED off: the signal is below the trigger level
 LED
 blinking: the signal is crossing the hysteresis band, correct triggering.

For reliable triggering the trigger level should, in always most cases, be at 50% of the signal's peak-to-peak voltage.



Selecting the correct attenuation is important to obtain the best results from your instrument. If the attenuation is too high, the measurement will be affected by the noise of the input comparator. This results in an unstable display. With an input signal too great, the input stage may saturate and thus producing overshoots which result in a display which is twice too high e.g. at frequency measurements. Always try to set the control to AC-coupling and use as much attenuation as possible for frequency measurements and DC-coupling with no attenuation for time measurements. In many cases it is vital to have a good impedance matching to avoid reflections which might make the trigger level setting very difficult. Always use a $50\ \Omega$ termination in $50\ \Omega$ systems. The C-input

facilitates no input conditioning controls and needs no trigger level setting. The input signal is triggered from 50mV up to the maximum input voltage of 5V. The input frequency for the C-input must always be in the range from 100MHz to 1000MHz. For frequencies lower than 100MHz the measurement result may be incorrect.

Measuring time and resolution

The measuring time can be varied in 3 steps between 100ms and 10sec. The gate time may be modified during a measurement. In the reciprocal mode (at all frequencies with HM8021-4), the counter totalizes the input cycles until the set measuring time has elapsed and the synchronization conditions are met. Hence, the effective measuring time (also called gate time) is longer than the set measurement time. The measurement in the HM8021-4 is always synchronized to the input signal. This is called the input synchronized or reciprocal method.

In this mode, both the opening and closing of the main gate are synchronized with the input signal, so that only completed input cycles are counted. This means that a ± 1 input cycle error is avoided. During the gate time, the counter totalizes the number of clock cycles. When the preselected gate time is over, the counter waits for the next active transition of the input signal to stop counting. If the recurrence of this signal is low, e.g. with long period times, the stop synchronization time may be long compared to the preset gate time. In that case the effective gate time may be very different from the preset value (if the signal was removed during measurement, this time becomes infinite and the measurement finishes never). The resolution in the input synchronized mode is caused by truncation of the clock pulses, which results in ± 1 clock pulse error (100ns). The resolution of the measurement thus only depends on the measurement time. For example, the resolution for 1s measuring time is 10^{-7} , independent of input frequency. In conventional counters the gate time is synchronized with the clock signal. The first and last input cycle can therefore be truncated, causing a ± 1 cycle error. This results in a good resolution for high frequency measurements, but a poor resolution for low frequency measurements (± 1 : frequency, for 1sec. measuring time).

Signal inputs

The front panel of the HM8021-4 has two BNC input sockets. One (Input A) with an impedance of $1M\Omega$ || 40pF. As the frequency measuring range of the HM8021-4 unit reaches up to 1GHz, this module offers also an input (C) for frequency measurements from 100MHz up to 1GHz. It is also provided as a BNC socket and has an impedance of 50Ω .

Caution!

Particular care should be taken, when applying signal voltages to the 1 GHz input of the HM8021-4 unit. A maximum voltage of 5V [DC+AC_{peak}] may be applied to the input C (see "Specifications"). Any input voltage exceeding this value will destroy the input stage of the frequency counter!

Frequency measurement

Counters are used for both, frequency and time interval measurements. However, frequency and time interval measurements have contradictory requirements in respect of correct triggering. For frequency measurements, too high a sensitivity means that the counter is too sensitive to noise. Therefore do not use higher sensitivity than needed for correct triggering. Signals which are superimposed on a DC voltage, must be separated via an input coupling capacitor (i.e. AC-coupling, DC pushbutton released). The advantages of AC coupling are: no DC-drift and good protection against DC overload. AC-coupling however, gives a drop in sensitivity for very low frequencies. The signal frequency to be measured is applied to one of the inputs, and the corresponding function is selected. The trigger point is adjusted by use of the TRIGGER knob ③, so that a stable value is displayed. This stability is obtained, when the trigger signal display LED flashes (see "Input triggering"). Now the test frequency can be read on the 8-digit display. The obtained resolution depends on the gate time and can be selected in 3 steps with the GATE TIME pushbutton switch ③. When the measurement range is exceeded, the OVERFLOW LED ① is light up. A reliable indication is no longer ensured under these circumstances. The maximum resolution of 0.1 Hz is obtained with a gate time of 10 sec.

Period measurement

For measurement of the period duration, the reciprocal value of the frequency $T=1/f$ is measured

in seconds. The signal is applied as for frequency measurement.

Time interval measurement (Pulsewidth)

In TI \downarrow mode, the time (e.g. number of 100ns clock pulses) is measured between the positive slope and the negative slope of an event at channel A. (Corresponding for negative pulses in TI \uparrow mode). In single source time measurements (e.g. Pulse width) the resolution of the measurement is one clock pulse (100ns). By using the time interval average technique, which means multiple measurements of a repetitive signal, the measuring accuracy and resolution are greatly improved. Compared to single time interval measurements, the basic 100ns resolution is improved by a factor of \sqrt{N} , where N is the number of time intervals being averaged during the measuring time. Note that the input signal must be repetitive and must not have a phase relation with the reference frequency. For time interval measurements, too low a sensitivity means that different signal slopes at the positive and negative edge cause different delays between the trigger level crossing and the trigger point, resulting in incorrect measurements. The highest possible sensitivity which does not overload the input stage, is the ideal. DC-coupling, attenuation and a continuously variable setting of the trigger level is necessary for setting the trigger level at any required point of the input signal, independent of waveform and duty factor. Autotriggering requiring AC-coupling is also possible. The display resolution changes with the number of measurements taken from the signal. At single pulse measurements the resolution is 100ns, whereas the resolution may be as small as 10ps, depending directly on the measurement time set with the gate switch ③ and the repetition rate of the input signal.

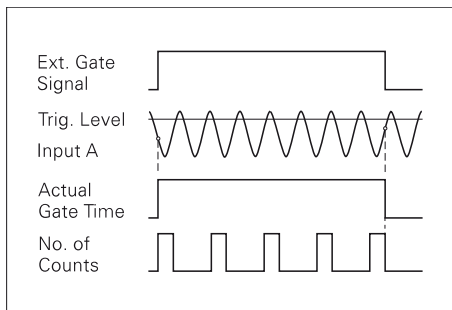
Totalizing (Event counting)

The kind of signal input is similar as for frequency measurement. The counting starts at once. Reset and restart counting is activating by pushing the knob RESET.

External gate (back of mainframe)

The external gate function allows full control of the start and stop of the measurement. When Ext. (gate) is selected ③ and the control input signal

is low, the counter makes all necessary preparations for a measurement. With the high level of the gate signal, measurement starts when the input signal triggers after a synchronization delay. Measurement stops on the first trigger after the gate signal changes from high to low. The external gate overrides the set measurement time. The external gate signal must be in the range 100ns ... 10sec. but the effective gate time will never be smaller than 150µs.



External gate is selected by means of the pushbutton ③ and indicated by means of LED. External gate can be used in all functions. Example applications are multiple burst frequencies and masked time intervals. Note that if RF bursts are to be measured using frequency C, the burst should contain at least 128 cycles of the frequency to be measured. External gating is active according to the level applied to the input (rear side of mainframe).

Calibration

Crystal oscillators are subject to natural aging during operation, which leads to deviations from their basic accuracy. Therefore they should be re-aligned at least twice per year to ensure the accuracy indicated in the specification.

Caution!

The time base of the HM8021-4 unit should only be realigned, if a high-precision frequency standard is available.

If recalibration is necessary it is carried out as follows:

- 1) Select function FA (Frequ.A), OFFSET and DISPLAY HOLD should be in OFF position.
- 2) Apply a frequency standard of 1, 5 or 10MHz to input A and adjust channel A trigger setting for a stable reading.
- 3) Depress RESET ⑦ and then GATE TIME ③ for approx. 5secs.
- 4) The display shows "A...0" during the push buttons are depressed.
- 5) When the switches are released the display shows the date of the last recalibration [DD-MM-YY or 00-00-00].
- 6) You may leave calibration mode by depressing RESET T. In this case no changes are made and the unit is working in normal mode.
- 7) If you want to change the date of the last calibration you should proceed from step 5: Using the key ◀ or ▶ (left or right function shift keys) you can choose the digit that has to be changed (not flashing). The different digits are changed by pushing down the GATE TIME ③ key several times. When the last digit is corrected (now the last digit should light brightly e.g. 20-02-89) you can leave the calibration procedure (continue with step 7a) or frequency calibration can be performed (continue with step 7b).
- 7a) If you only want to store the date of the last calibration without changing the timebase calibration, there should not be any signal at the input A during the following steps. After depressing the right function key ▶ "A..." will be indicated in the display after a few seconds. If you now depress the reset button you are again in the normal mode.
- 7b) If there is a standard frequency of 1, 5 or 10MHz at the input A, depress the right function key ▶. A few seconds later the display shows following informations:
A...if the standard frequency applied is not accepted
A... 1 6 if the counter has recognized a 1 MHz standard

A... 5 6 if the counter has recognized a
5MHz standard

A...10 6 if the counter has recognized a
10MHz standard

During the following 45 seconds the signal is
measured and the HM8021-4 is recalibrated.
Finally the new calibrated unit automatically
switches back to normal mode.