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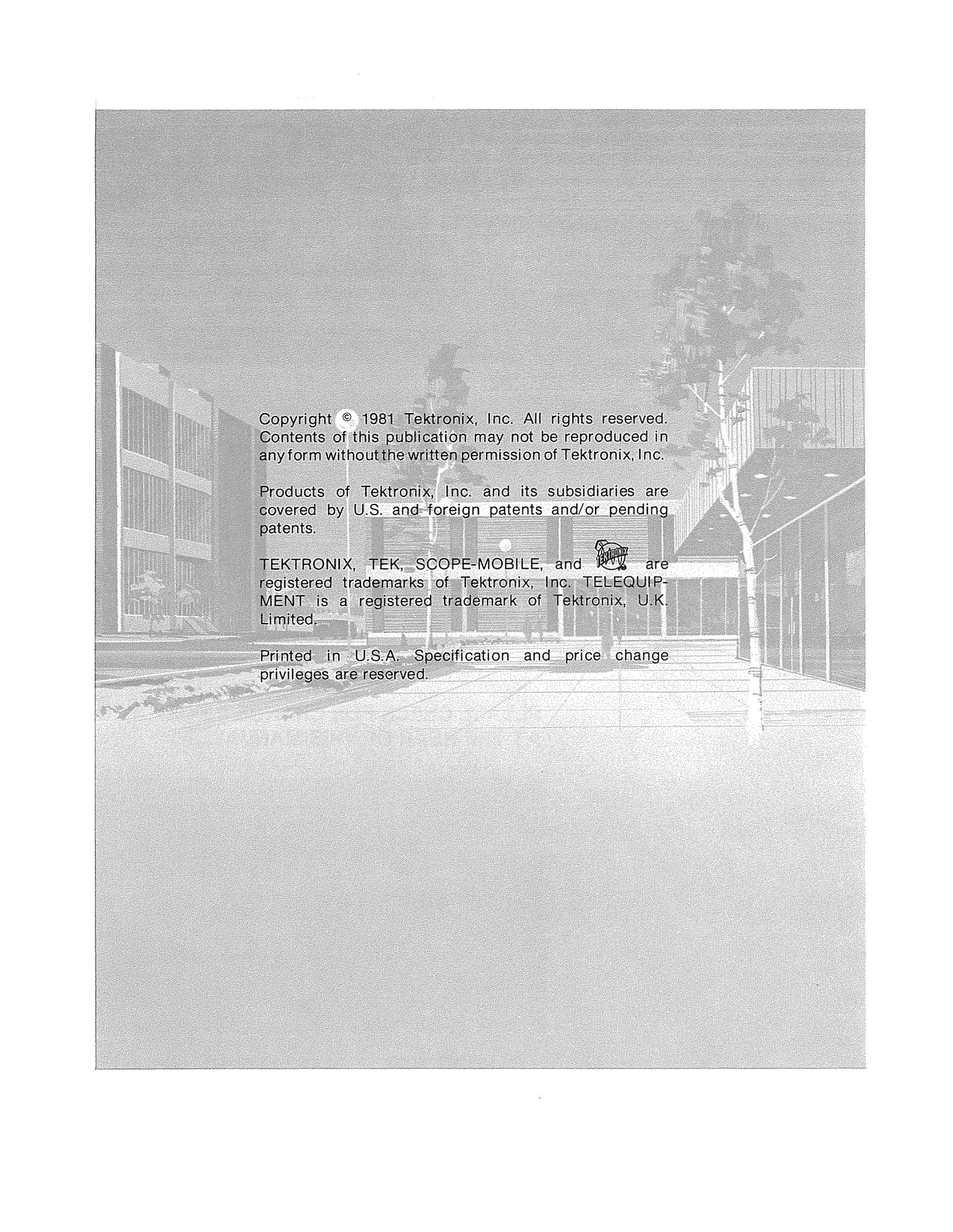
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# OPERATORS SAFETY SUMMARY

*The general safety information in this part of the summary is for both operating and servicing personnel. Specific warnings and cautions will be found throughout the manual where they apply and do not appear in this summary.*

## Terms in This Manual

**CAUTION** statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to the equipment or other property.

**WARNING** statements identify conditions or practices that could result in personal injury or loss of life.

## Terms as Marked on Equipment

**CAUTION** indicates a personal injury hazard not immediately accessible as one reads the markings, or a hazard to property, including the equipment itself.

**DANGER** indicates a personal injury hazard immediately accessible as one reads the marking.

## Symbols in This Manual



This symbol indicates where applicable cautionary or other information is to be found. For maximum input voltages, see Table 2.

## Symbols as Marked on Equipment



**DANGER** – High voltage.



Protective ground (earth) terminal.



**ATTENTION** – Refer to manual.

## Power Source

This product is intended to operate from a power source that does not apply more than 250 volts rms between the supply conductors or between either supply conductor and ground. A protective ground connection by way of the grounding conductor in the power cord is essential for safe operation.

## Grounding the Product

This product is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cord. To avoid electrical shock, plug the power cord into a properly wired receptacle before connecting to the product input or output terminals. A protective ground connection by way of the grounding conductor in the power cord is essential for safe operation.

## Danger Arising From Loss of Ground

Upon loss of the protective-ground connection, all accessible conductive parts (including knobs and controls that may appear to be insulating) can render an electric shock.

## Use the Proper Power Cord

Use only the power cord and connector specified for your product.

Use only a power cord that is in good condition.

For detailed information on power cords and connectors see Figure 1.

## Use the Proper Fuse

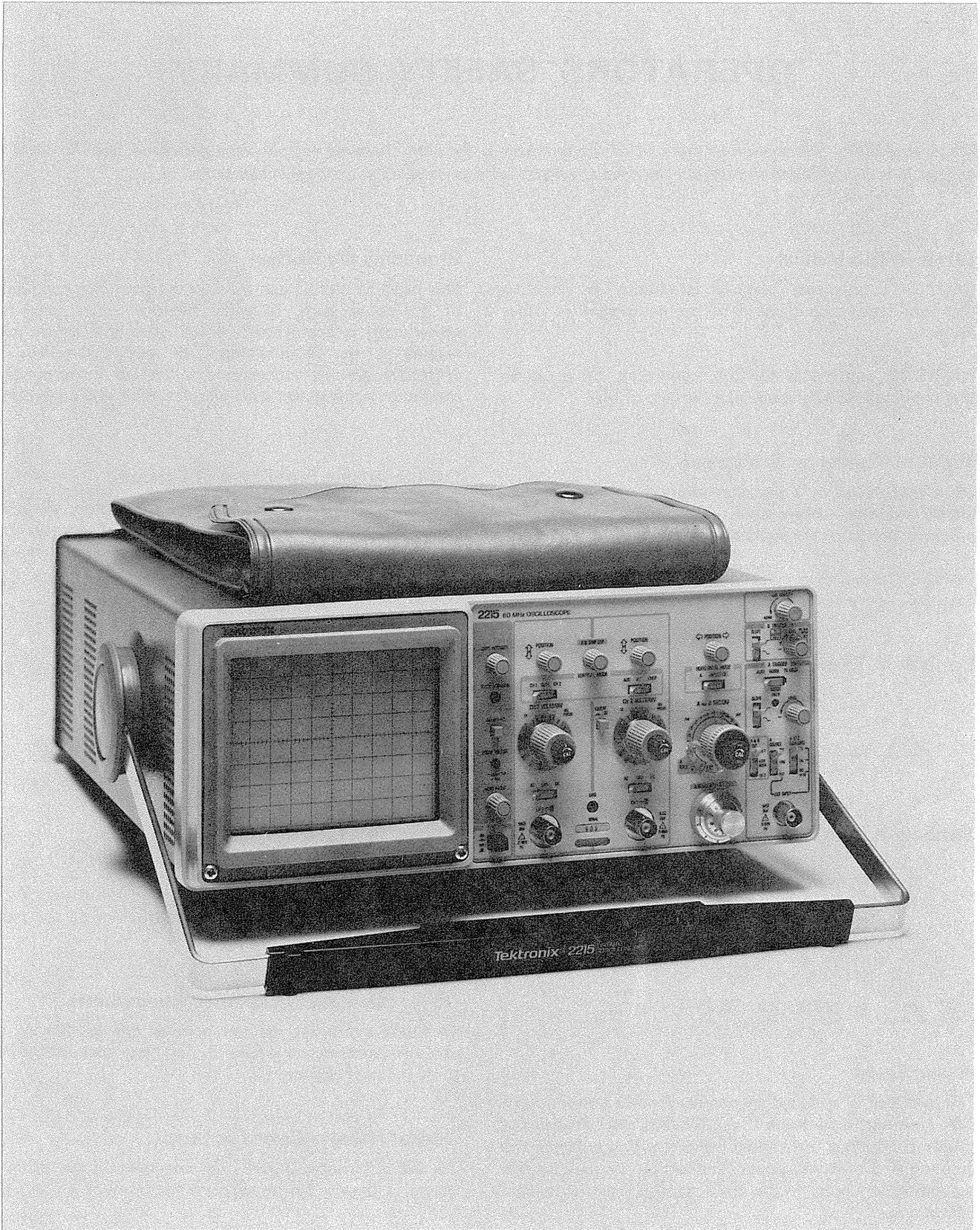
To avoid fire hazard, use only a fuse of the correct type, voltage rating and current rating as specified in the parts list for your product.

## Do Not Operate in Explosive Atmospheres

To avoid explosion, do not operate this product in an explosive atmosphere unless it has been specifically certified for such operation.

## Do Not Remove Covers or Panels

To avoid personal injury, do not remove the product covers or panels. Do not operate the product without the covers and panels properly installed.



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The 2215 Oscilloscope.

# INTRODUCTION

The TEKTRONIX 2215 Oscilloscope is a rugged, light-weight, dual-channel, 60-MHz instrument that features a bright, sharply defined trace on an 80- by 100-mm cathode-ray tube (crt). Its vertical system provides calibrated deflection factors from 2 mV per division to 10 V per division. Trigger circuits enable stable triggering over the full bandwidth of the vertical system. The horizontal system provides calibrated sweep speeds from 0.5 s per division to 50 ns per division along with delayed-sweep features for accurate relative-time measurements. A X10 magnifier extends the maximum sweep speed to 5 ns per division.

The instrument is shipped with the following standard accessories:

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Operators manual | 2 Probe packages     |
| 1 Service manual   | 2 Probe grabber tips |

For part numbers and further information about both standard and optional accessories, refer to the "Accessories" page at the back of this manual. Your Tektronix representative, your local Tektronix Field Office, or the Tektronix product catalog can also provide accessories information.

## PREPARATION FOR USE

### SAFETY

Refer to the "Operators Safety Summary" at the front of this manual for power source, grounding, and other safety considerations pertaining to the use of the 2215. Before connecting the instrument to a power source, carefully read the following information about line voltages, power cords, and fuses; then verify that the proper power-input fuse is installed.

### LINE VOLTAGE

The instrument is capable of continuous operation using ac-power-input voltages that range from 90 V to 250 V nominal at frequencies from 48 Hz to 62 Hz.

### POWER CORD

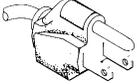
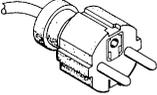
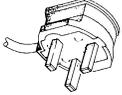
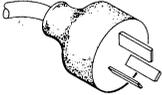
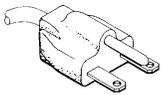
For the 110-V North American customer, the 2215 is delivered with a three-wire power cord permanently attached. At the end of the cord is a three-contact plug for connection to the power source and to protective ground. The plug's protective-ground contact connects (through the protective-ground conductor) to the accessible metal parts of the instrument. For electrical-shock protection, insert this plug only into a power-source outlet that has a securely grounded protective-ground contact.

For the non-North American customer (and for the 220-V North American user), the appropriate power cord is supplied by an option that is specified when the instrument is ordered. The optional power cords available are illustrated in Figure 1.

### LINE FUSE

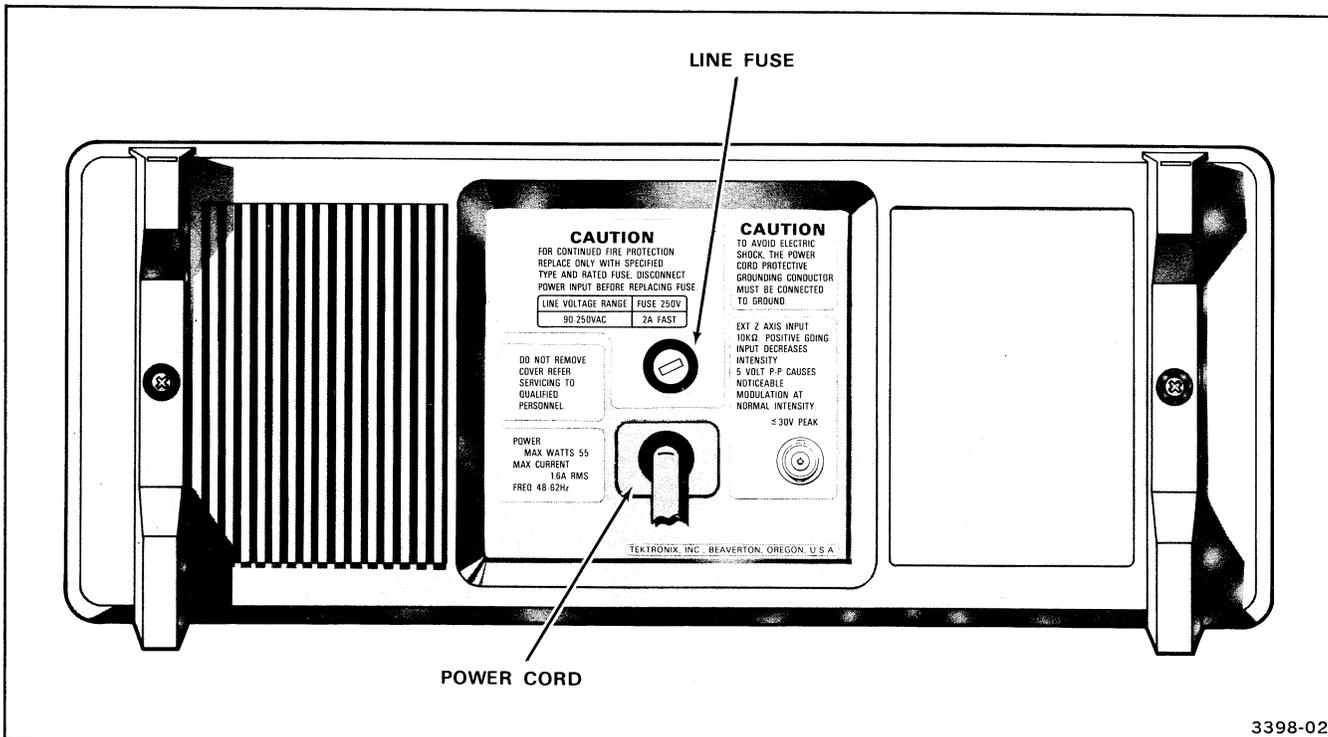
The instrument fuse holder is located on the rear panel (see Figure 2) and contains the line fuse. Verify that the proper fuse is installed by performing the following procedure:

1. Unplug the power cord from the power-input source (if applicable).
2. Press in and slightly rotate the fuse-holder cap counterclockwise to release it.
3. Pull out the cap from the fuse holder, with the fuse attached to the inside of the cap.
4. Note fuse values and verify proper size (2 A, 250 V, fast-blow).
5. Reinstall the fuse and fuse-holder cap.

Plug Configuration	Category	Power Cord and Plug Type	Factory Installed Instrument Fuse	Fuse Holder Cap	Line Cord Plug Fuse
	U.S. Domestic Standard	US 115V	2 A, 250 V Fast-blow AGC/3AG	AGC/3AG	None
	Option A1	Euro 240V 10-16A	2 A, 250 V Fast-blow 5x20 mm	5x20 mm	None
	Option A2	UK 240V 13A	2 A, 250 V Fast-blow 5x20 mm	5x20 mm	13A Type C
	Option A3	Australian 240V 10A	2 A, 250 V Fast-blow 5x20 mm	5x20 mm	None
	Option A4	North America 240V 15A	2 A, 250 V Fast-blow AGC/3AG	AGC/3AG	None

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Figure 1. Power-input-voltage configurations.



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Figure 2. Line fuse and power cord.

# CONTROLS, CONNECTORS, AND INDICATORS

The following descriptions are intended to familiarize the operator with the location, operation, and function of the instrument's controls, connectors, and indicators.

## POWER, DISPLAY, AND PROBE ADJUST

Refer to Figure 3 for location of items 1 through 7.

- ① **Internal Graticule**—Eliminates parallax viewing error between the trace and graticule lines. Rise-time amplitude and measurement points are indicated at the left edge of the graticule.
- ② **POWER Switch**—Turns instrument power on and off. Press in for ON; press again for OFF.
- ③ **AUTO FOCUS Control**—Adjusts display for optimum definition. Once set, the focus of the crt display will

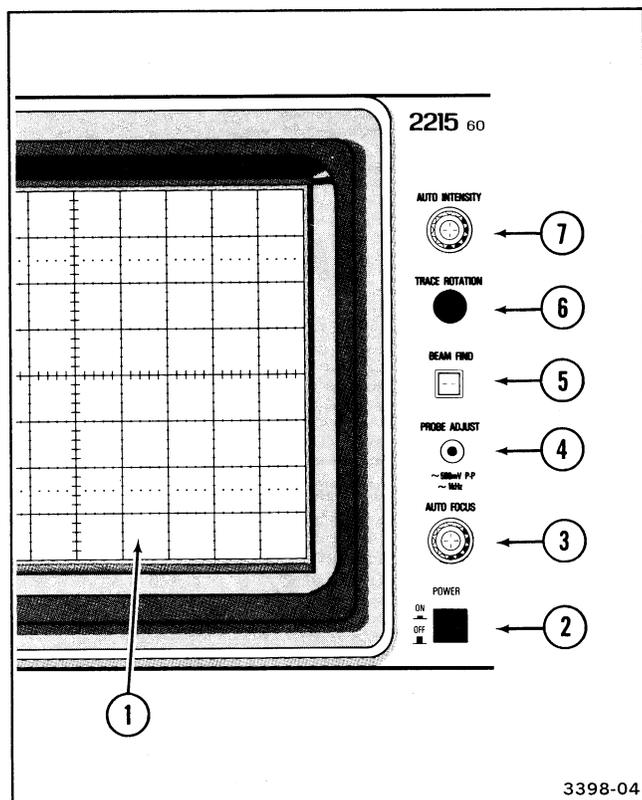


Figure 3. Power, display, and probe adjust controls, connector, and indicator.

be maintained as changes occur in the intensity level of the trace.

- ④ **PROBE ADJ Connector**—Provides an approximately 0.5-V, positive-going, square-wave voltage (at approximately 1 kHz) that permits the operator to compensate voltage probes and to check operation of the oscilloscope vertical system. It is not intended to verify the accuracy of the vertical gain or time-base calibration.
- ⑤ **BEAM FND Switch**—When held in, compresses the display to within the graticule area and provides a visible viewing intensity to aid in locating off-screen displays.
- ⑥ **TRACE ROTATION Control**—Screwdriver control used to align the crt trace with the horizontal graticule lines.
- ⑦ **AUTO INTENSITY Control**—Adjusts brightness of the crt display. This control has no effect when the BEAM FND switch is pressed in. Once the control is set, intensity is automatically maintained at approximately the same level between SEC/DIV switch settings from 0.5 ms per division to 0.05  $\mu$ s per division.

## VERTICAL

Refer to Figure 4 for location of items 8 through 16.

- ⑧ **SERIAL and Mod Slots**—The SERIAL slot is imprinted with the instrument's serial number. The Mod slot contains the option number that has been installed in the instrument.
- ⑨ **CH 1 OR X and CH 2 OR Y Connectors**—Provide for application of external signals to the inputs of the vertical deflection system or for an X-Y display. In the X-Y mode, the signal connected to the CH 1 OR X connector provides horizontal deflection, and the signal connected to the CH 2 OR Y connector provides vertical deflection.
- ⑩ **GND Connector**—Provides direct connection to instrument chassis ground.

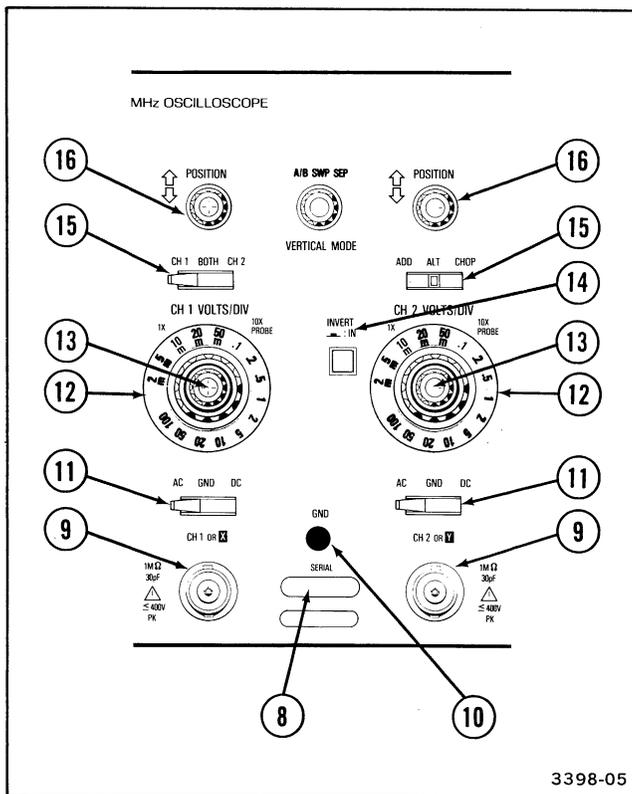


Figure 4. Vertical controls and connectors.

- ⑪ **Input Coupling (AC-GND-DC) Switches**—Used to select the method of coupling input signals to the vertical deflection system.

**AC**—Input signal is capacitively coupled to the vertical amplifier. The dc component of the input signal is blocked. Low-frequency limit (−3 dB point) is approximately 10 Hz.

**GND**—The input of the vertical amplifier is grounded to provide a zero (ground) reference-voltage display (does not ground the input signal). This switch position allows precharging the input coupling capacitor.

**DC**—All frequency components of the input signal are coupled to the vertical deflection system.

- ⑫ **CH 1 VOLTS/DIV and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV Switches**—Used to select the vertical deflection factor in a 1-2-5 sequence. To obtain a calibrated deflection factor, the VOLTS/DIV variable control must be in detent.

**1X PROBE**—Indicates the deflection factor selected when using either a 1X probe or a coaxial cable.

**10X PROBE**—Indicates the deflection factor selected when using a 10X probe.

- ⑬ **VOLTS/DIV Variable Controls**—When rotated counterclockwise out of their detent positions, these controls provide continuously variable, uncalibrated deflection factors between the calibrated settings of the VOLTS/DIV switches.

- ⑭ **INVERT Switch**—Inverts the Channel 2 display when button is pressed in. Push button must be pressed in a second time to release it and regain a noninverted display.

- ⑮ **VERTICAL MODE Switches**—Two three-position switches are used to select the mode of operation for the vertical amplifier system.

**CH 1**—Selects only the Channel 1 input signal for display.

**BOTH**—Selects both Channel 1 and Channel 2 input signals for display. The BOTH position must be selected for either ADD, ALT, or CHOP operation.

**CH 2**—Selects only the Channel 2 input signal for display.

**ADD**—Displays the algebraic sum of the Channel 1 and Channel 2 input signals.

**ALT**—Alternately displays Channel 1 and Channel 2 input signals. The alternation occurs during retrace at the end of each sweep. This mode is useful for viewing both input signals at sweep speeds from 0.05  $\mu$ s per division to 0.2 ms per division.

**CHOP**—The display switches between the Channel 1 and Channel 2 input signals during the sweep. The switching rate is approximately 250 kHz. This mode is useful for viewing both Channel 1 and Channel 2 input signals at sweep speeds from 0.5 ms per division to 0.5 s per division.

- ⑯ **POSITION Controls**—Used to vertically position the display on the crt. When the SEC/DIV switch is set to X-Y, the Channel 2 POSITION control moves the display vertically (Y-axis), and the Horizontal POSITION control moves the display horizontally (X-axis).

# HORIZONTAL

Refer to Figure 5 for location of items 17 through 23.

- 17 **B DELAY TIME POSITION Control**—Selects the amount of delay time between the start of the A Sweep and the start of the B Sweep. Delay time is variable from 0.5 times to 10 times the A SEC/DIV switch setting.
- 18 **A and B SEC/DIV Switches**—Used to select the sweep speeds for the A and B Sweep generators in a 1-2-5 sequence. For calibrated sweep speeds, the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control must be in the calibrated detent (fully clockwise).

**A SEC/DIV**—The A Sweep speed is shown between the two black lines on the clear plastic skirt. This switch also selects the delay time for delayed-sweep operation (used in conjunction with the B DELAY TIME POSITION control).

**B SEC/DIV**—The B Sweep speed is set by pulling out the DLY'D SWEEP knob and rotating it clockwise to a setting shown by the white line scribed on the knob. The B Sweep circuit is used only for delayed-sweep operation.

- 19 **A and B SEC/DIV Variable Control**—Provides continuously variable, uncalibrated A Sweep speeds to at least 2.5 times the calibrated setting. It extends the slowest sweep speed to at least 1.25 s per division.

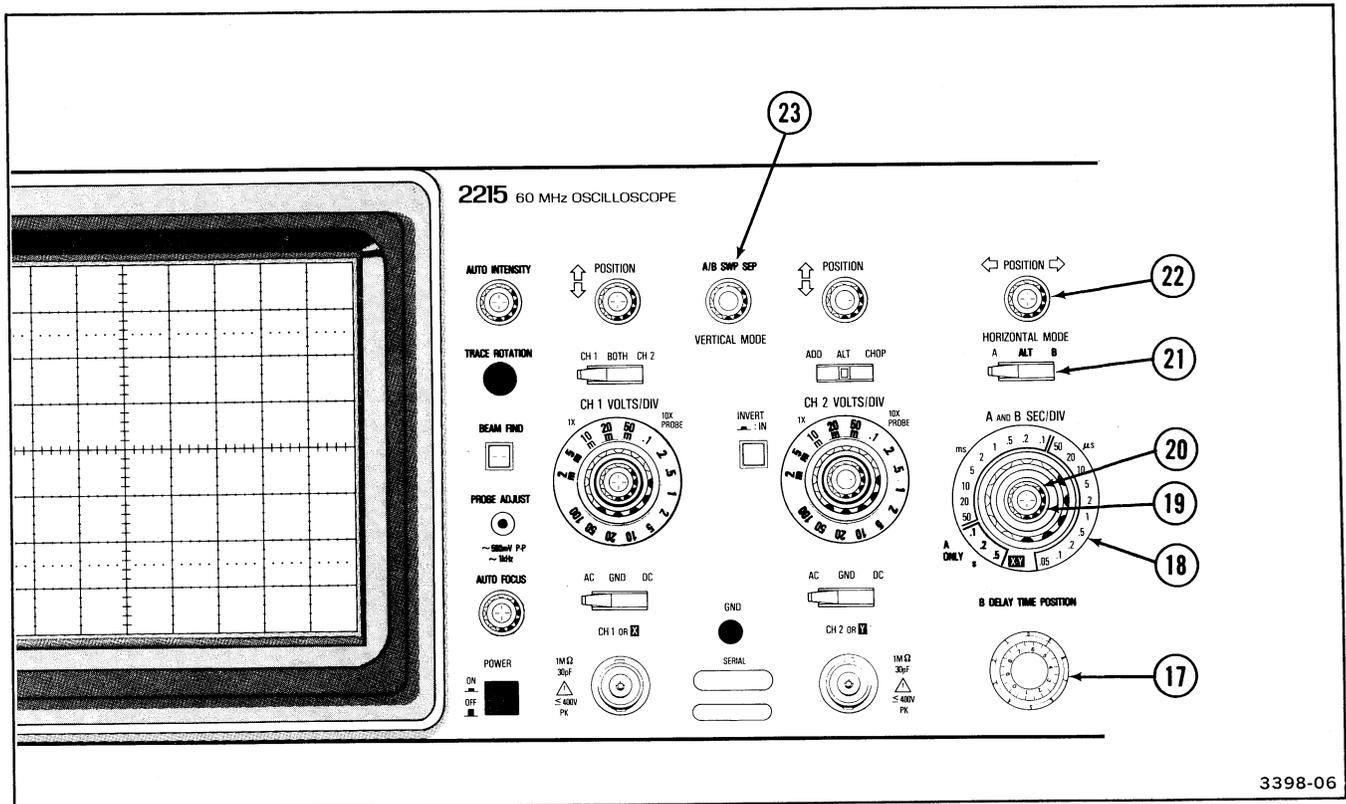


Figure 5. Horizontal controls.

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- 20 **X10 Magnifier Switch**—To increase displayed sweep speed by a factor of 10, pull out the A and B SEC/DIV Variable knob. The fastest sweep speed can be extended to 5 ns per division. Push in the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control knob to regain the X1 sweep speed.

- 21 **HORIZONTAL MODE Switch**—This three-position switch determines the mode of operation for the horizontal deflection system.

**A**—Horizontal deflection is provided by the A Sweep generator at a sweep speed determined by the A SEC/DIV switch setting.

**B**—Horizontal deflection is provided by the B Sweep generator at a sweep speed determined by the setting of the B SEC/DIV switch. The start of the B Sweep is delayed from the start of the A Sweep by a time determined by the settings of both the A SEC/DIV switch and the B DELAY TIME POSITION control.

**ALT**—Alternates the horizontal displays between the A Sweep (with an intensified zone) and the B Delayed Sweep. The A Sweep speed is determined by the setting of the A SEC/DIV switch. The length of the intensified zone on the A Sweep (the B Sweep speed) is determined by the setting of the B SEC/DIV switch.

- 22 **POSITION Control**—Positions the display horizontally for the A Sweep and the B Sweep. In the X-Y mode, horizontally positions the X-axis.

- 23 **A/B SWP SEP Control**—Vertically positions the B Sweep trace with respect to the A Sweep trace when ALT HORIZONTAL MODE is selected.

## TRIGGER

Refer to Figure 6 for locations of items 24 through 33.

- 24 **EXT INPUT Connector**—Provides a means of introducing external signals into the A Trigger generator.

- 25 **A EXT COUPLING Switch**—Determines the method used to couple external signals to the A Trigger circuit.

**AC**—Signals above 60 Hz are capacitively coupled to the input of the A Trigger circuit. Any dc components are blocked, and signals below 60 Hz are attenuated.

**DC**—All components of the signal are coupled to the A Trigger circuitry. This position is useful for displaying low-frequency or low-repetition-rate signals.

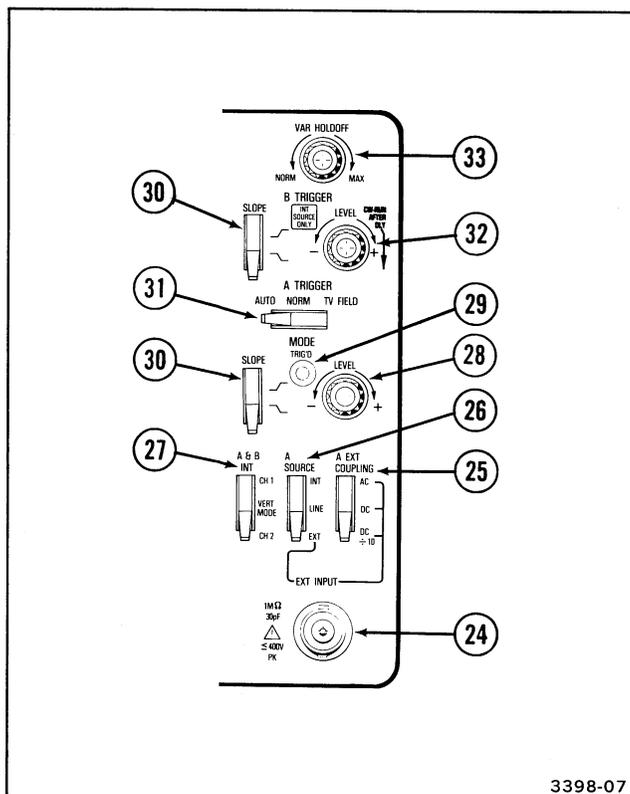


Figure 6. Trigger controls, connector, and indicator.

**DC÷10**—External trigger signals are attenuated by a factor of 10.

- ②6 **A SOURCE Switch**—Determines the source of the trigger signal that is coupled to the input of the A Trigger circuit.

**INT**—Permits triggering on signals that are applied to the CH 1 OR X and CH 2 OR Y input connectors. The source of the internal signal is selected by the A & B INT switch.

**LINE**—Provides a triggering signal from a sample of the ac-power-source waveform. This trigger source is useful when channel-input signals are time related (multiple or submultiple) to the frequency on the power-source-input voltage.

**EXT**—Permits triggering on signals applied to the EXT INPUT connector.

- ②7 **A & B INT Switch**—Selects the source of the triggering signal when the A SOURCE switch is set to INT.

**CH 1**—The signal applied to the CH 1 OR X input connector is the source of the trigger signal.

**VERT MODE**—The internal trigger source is determined by the signals selected for display by the VERTICAL MODE switches.

**CH 2**—The signal applied to the CH 2 OR Y input connector is the source of the trigger signal.

- ②8 **A TRIGGER LEVEL Control**—Selects the amplitude point on the trigger signal at which the sweep is triggered.

- ②9 **TRIG'D Indicator**—The light-emitting diode (LED) illuminates to indicate that the A Sweep is triggered.

- ③0 **SLOPE Switches**—Used to select the slope of the signal that triggers the sweep.

—Sweep is triggered on the positive-going portion of the trigger signal.

—Sweep is triggered on the negative-going portion of the trigger signal.

- ③1 **A TRIGGER MODE Switch**—Determines the trigger mode for the A Sweep.

**AUTO**—Permits triggering on waveforms having repetition rates of at least 20 Hz. Sweep free-runs in the absence of an adequate trigger signal or when the repetition rate is below 20 Hz. The range of the A TRIGGER LEVEL control is automatically set to the peak-to-peak range of the trigger level.

**NORM**—Sweep is initiated when an adequate trigger signal is applied. In the absence of a trigger signal, no baseline trace will be present. Triggering on television lines is accomplished in this mode.

**TV FIELD**—Permits triggering on television field signals.

- ③2 **B TRIGGER LEVEL Control**—Selects the amplitude point on the trigger signal at which the sweep is triggered. When fully clockwise (CW-RUN AFTER DLY), the B Sweep circuit runs immediately following the delay time selected by the A SEC/DIV switch and the B DELAY TIME POSITION control.

- ③3 **VAR HOLDOFF Control**—Provides continuous control of holdoff time between sweeps. Increases the holdoff time by at least a factor of four. This control improves the ability to trigger on aperiodic signals (such as complex digital waveforms).

## REAR PANEL

Refer to Figure 7 for location of item 34.

**34** EXT Z AXIS Connector—Provides a means of connecting external signals to the Z-axis amplifier to

intensity modulate the crt display. Applied signals do not affect display waveshape. Signals with fast rise times and fall times provide the most abrupt intensity change, and a 5-V p-p signal will produce noticeable modulation. The Z-axis signals must be time-related to the display to obtain a stable presentation on the crt.

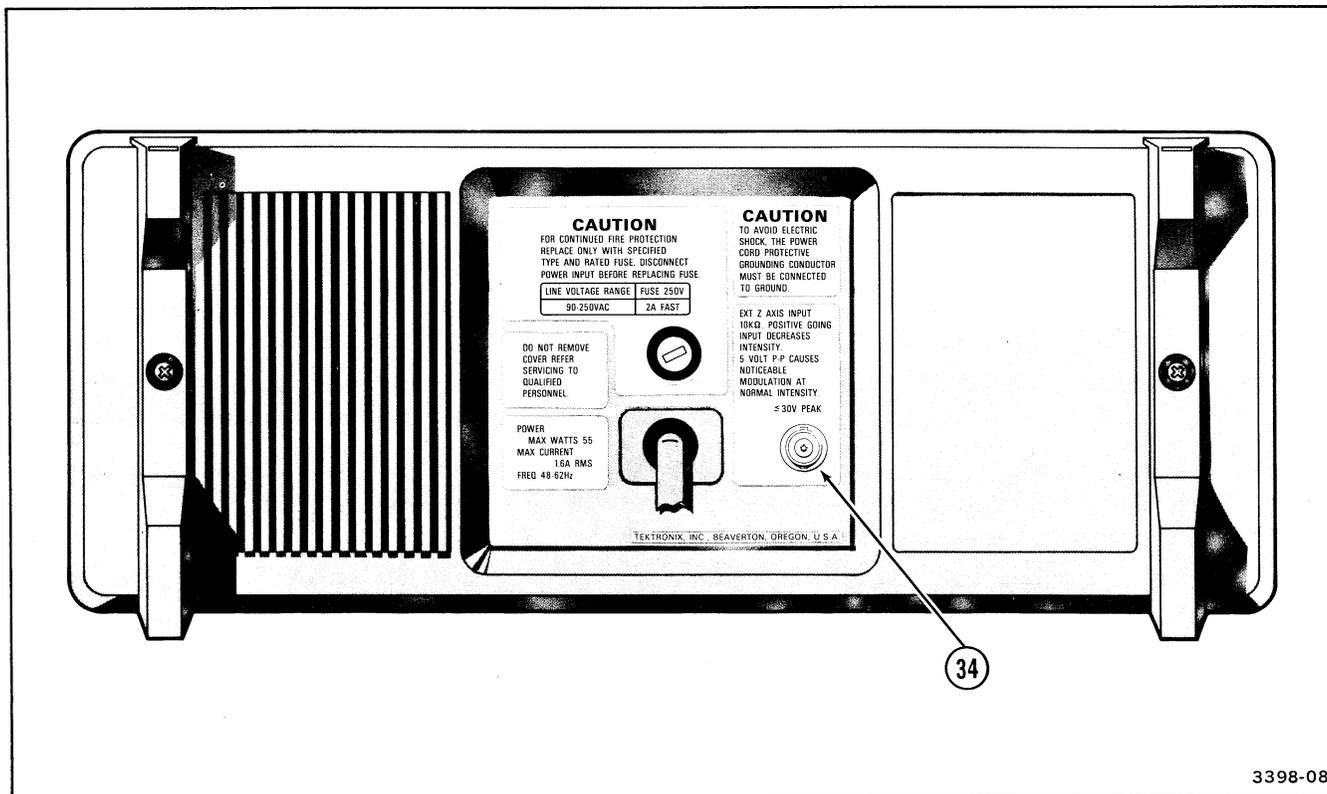


Figure 7. Rear-panel connector.

# OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

This section contains basic operating information and techniques that should be considered before attempting any measurements.

## GRATICULE

The graticule is internally marked on the faceplate of the crt to enable accurate measurements without parallax error (see Figure 8). It is marked with eight vertical and ten horizontal major divisions. Each major division is divided into five subdivisions. The vertical deflection factors and horizontal timing are calibrated to the graticule so that accurate measurements can be made directly from the crt. Also, percentage markers for the measurement of rise and fall times are located on the left side of the graticule.

## GROUNDING

The most reliable signal measurements are made when the 2215 and the unit under test are connected by a common reference (ground lead), in addition to the signal lead

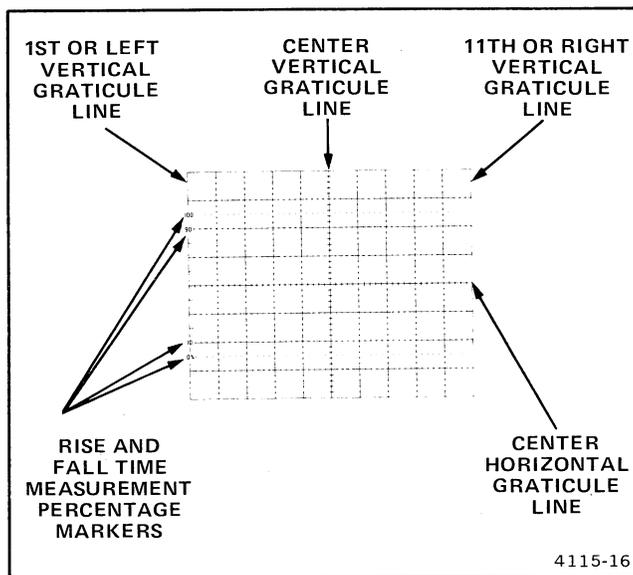


Figure 8. Graticule measurement markings.

or probe. The probe's ground lead provides the best grounding method for signal interconnection and ensures the maximum amount of signal-lead shielding in the probe cable. A separate ground lead can also be connected from the unit under test to the oscilloscope GND connector located on the front panel.

## SIGNAL CONNECTIONS

Generally, probes offer the most convenient means of connecting an input signal to the instrument. They are shielded to prevent pickup of electromagnetic interference, and the supplied 10X probe offers a high input impedance that minimizes circuit loading. This allows the circuit under test to operate with a minimum of change from its normal condition as measurements are being made.

Coaxial cables may also be used to connect signals to the input connectors, but they may have considerable effect on the accuracy of a displayed waveform. To maintain the original frequency characteristics of an applied signal, only high-quality, low-loss coaxial cables should be used. Coaxial cables should be terminated at both ends in their characteristic impedance. If this is not possible, use suitable impedance-matching devices.

## INPUT COUPLING CAPACITOR PRECHARGING

When the input coupling switch is set to GND, the input signal is connected to ground through the input coupling capacitor in series with a 1-M $\Omega$  resistor to form a precharging network. This network allows the input coupling capacitor to charge to the average dc-voltage level of the signal applied to the probe. Thus, any large voltage transients that may accidentally be generated will not be applied to the amplifier input when the input coupling switch is moved from GND to AC. The precharging network also provides a measure of protection to the external circuitry by reducing the current levels that can be drawn from the external circuitry during capacitor charging.

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The following procedure should be used whenever the probe tip is connected to a signal source having a different dc level than that previously applied, especially if the dc-level difference is more than 10 times the VOLTS/DIV switch setting:

1. Set the AC-GND-DC switch to GND before connecting the probe tip to a signal source.
2. Insert the probe tip into the oscilloscope GND connector.
3. Wait several seconds for the input coupling capacitor to discharge.
4. Connect the probe tip to the signal source.

5. Wait several seconds for the input coupling capacitor to charge.

6. Set the AC-GND-DC switch to AC. The display will remain on the screen, and the ac component of the signal can be measured in the normal manner.

## INSTRUMENT COOLING

To maintain adequate instrument cooling, the ventilation holes on both sides and rear panel of the equipment cabinet must remain free of obstructions.

# INSTRUMENT FAMILIARIZATION

## INTRODUCTION

The procedures in this section are designed to assist you in quickly becoming familiar with the 2215. They provide information which demonstrates the use of all the controls, connectors, and indicators and will enable you to efficiently operate the instrument.

Before proceeding with these instructions, verify that the POWER switch is OFF (push button out), then plug the power cord into the ac-power-input-source outlet.

If during the performance of these procedures an improper indication or instrument malfunction is noted, first verify correct operation of associated equipment. Should the malfunction persist, refer the instrument to qualified service personnel for repair or adjustment.

The equipment listed in Table 1, or equivalent equipment, is required to complete these familiarization procedures.

Table 1  
Equipment Required for Instrument  
Familiarization Procedure

Description	Minimum Specification
Calibration Generator	Standard-amplitude accuracy: $\pm 0.25\%$ . Signal amplitude: 2 mV to 50 V. Output signal: 1-kHz square wave. Fast-rise repetition rate: 1 to 100 kHz. Rise time: 1 ns or less. Signal amplitude: 100 mV to 1 V. Aberrations: $\pm 2\%$ .
Dual-Input Coupler	Connectors: bnc-female-to-dual-bnc-male.
Cable (2 required)	Impedance: 50 $\Omega$ . Length: 42 in. Connectors: bnc.
Adapter	Connectors: bnc-female-to-bnc female.
Termination	Impedance: 50 $\Omega$ . Connectors: bnc.

## BASELINE TRACE

First obtain a baseline trace, using the following procedure.

1. Preset the instrument front-panel controls as follows:

### Display

AUTO INTENSITY	Fully counterclockwise (minimum)
AUTO FOCUS	Midrange

### Vertical (Both Channels)

AC-GND-DC	AC
VOLTS/DIV	50 m (1X)
VOLTS/DIV Variable	CAL detent (fully clockwise)
VERTICAL MODE	CH 1
INVERT	Off (button out)
POSITION	Midrange

### Horizontal

A and B SEC/DIV	Locked together at 0.5 ms
A and B SEC/DIV Variable	Calibrated detent (fully clockwise)
HORIZONTAL MODE	A
X10 Magnifier	Off (variable knob in)
POSITION	Midrange
B DELAY TIME POSITION	Fully counterclockwise
A/B SWP SEP	Midrange

### A Trigger

VAR HOLDOFF	NORM (fully counter- clockwise)
SLOPE	⌋ (lever up)
LEVEL	Midrange
MODE	AUTO
A EXT COUPLING	AC
A SOURCE	INT
A & B INT	VERT MODE

### B Trigger

SLOPE	⌋ (lever up)
LEVEL	Fully clockwise

2. Press in the POWER switch button (ON) and allow the instrument to warm up for 20 minutes.

3. Adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control for desired display brightness.

4. Adjust the Vertical and Horizontal POSITION controls to center the trace on the screen.

### NOTE

*Normally, the resulting trace will be parallel with the center horizontal graticule line and should not require adjustment. If trace alignment is required, see the "Trace Rotation" adjustment procedure under "Operator's Adjustments."*

## DISPLAYING A SIGNAL

After obtaining a baseline trace, you are now ready to connect an input signal and display it on the crt screen.

1. Connect the calibration generator standard-amplitude output to both the CH 1 and CH 2 inputs as shown in Figure 9.

2. Set the calibration generator for a standard-amplitude 1-kHz square-wave signal and adjust its output to obtain a vertical display of 4 divisions.

3. Adjust the Channel 1 POSITION control to center the display vertically on the screen.

4. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control, if necessary, to obtain a stable triggered display.

### NOTE

*The TRIG'D indicator should illuminate to indicate that the A Sweep is triggered.*

5. Rotate the AUTO FOCUS control between its maximum clockwise and counterclockwise positions. The display should become blurred on either side of the optimum control setting.

6. Set the AUTO FOCUS control for a sharp, well-defined display over the entire trace length.

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7. Move the display off the screen using the Channel 1 POSITION control.

8. Press in and hold the BEAM FIND push button; the display should reappear on the screen. Adjust the Channel 1 and Horizontal POSITION controls to center the trace both vertically and horizontally. Release the BEAM FIND button; the display should remain within the viewing area.

9. Adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control counterclockwise until the display disappears.

10. Press in and hold the BEAM FIND push button; the display should reappear. Release the BEAM FIND button and adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control to desired display brightness.

### Using the Vertical Section

1. Set the Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to GND.
2. Adjust the trace to the center horizontal graticule line.

3. Set the Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to DC.

4. Observe that the bottom of the display remains at the center horizontal graticule line (ground reference).

5. Set the Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to AC.

6. Observe that the display is centered approximately at the center horizontal line.

7. Set the CH 1 VOLTS/DIV switch to 0.1 (1X) and observe that a 2-division vertical display appears.

8. Rotate the CH 1 VOLTS/DIV Variable control fully counterclockwise.

9. Observe that minimum vertical deflection occurs when the VOLTS/DIV Variable control is fully counterclockwise.

10. Rotate the CH 1 VOLTS/DIV Variable control fully clockwise to the CAL detent.

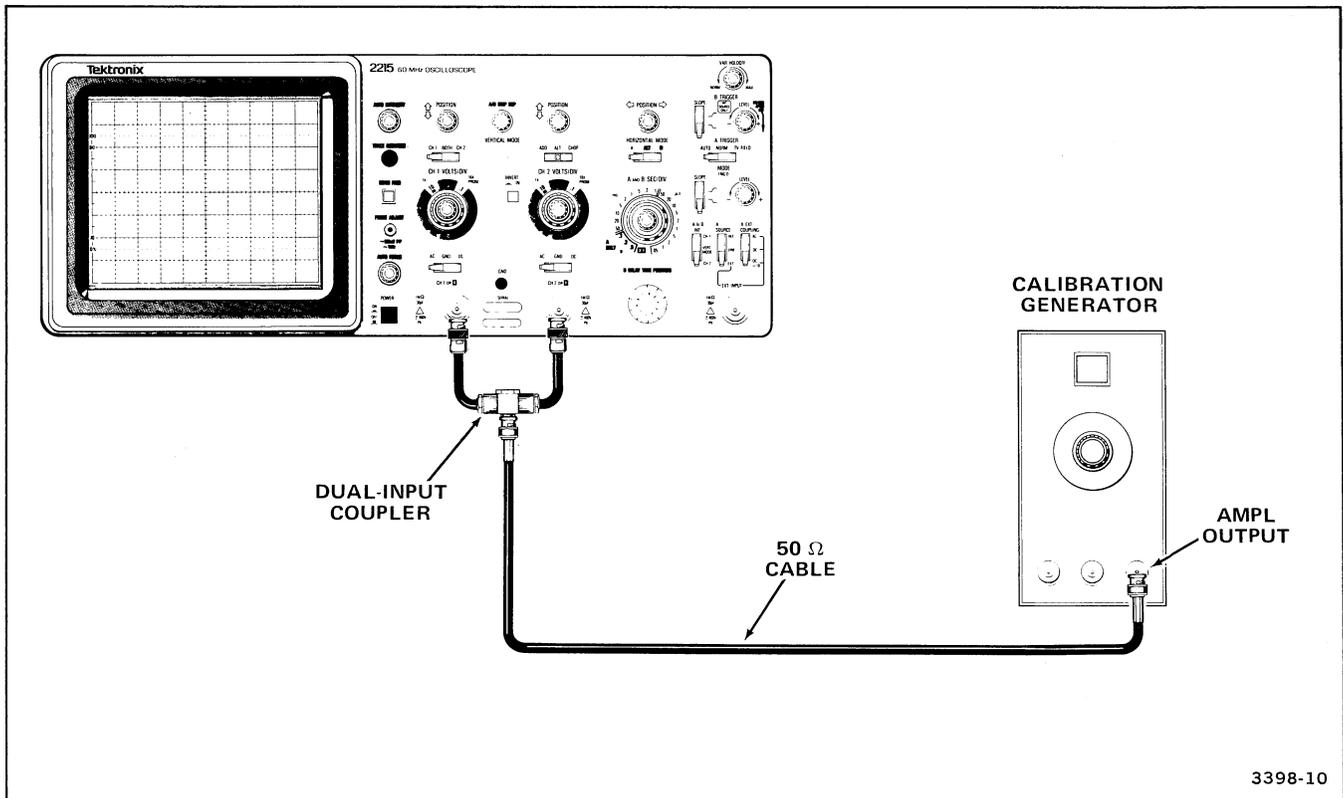


Figure 9. Initial setup for instrument familiarization procedure.

11. Select CH 2 VERTICAL MODE and again perform preceding steps 1 through 10 using Channel 2 controls. Performance should be similar to Channel 1.

12. Set both Channel 1 and Channel 2 AC-GND-DC switches to DC. Ensure that both CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV switches are set to 0.1 (1X) for 2-division displays.

13. Select BOTH and ADD VERTICAL MODE and observe that the resulting display is 4 divisions in amplitude. Both Channel 1 and Channel 2 POSITION controls should move the display. Recenter the display on the screen.

14. Press in the Channel 2 INVERT push button to invert the Channel 2 signal.

15. Observe that the display is a straight line, indicating that the algebraic sum of the two signals is zero.

16. Set the CH 2 VOLTS/DIV switch to 50 m (1X).

17. Observe the 2-division display, indicating that the algebraic sum of the two signals is no longer zero.

18. Press in the Channel 2 INVERT push button again to release it. Observe a noninverting display having a 6-division signal amplitude.

19. Set both Channel 1 and Channel 2 AC-GND-DC switches to GND.

20. Set the CH 1 VOLTS/DIV switch to 50 m (1X).

21. Select ALT VERTICAL MODE. Position the Channel 1 trace two divisions above the center graticule line and position the Channel 2 trace two divisions below the center graticule line.

22. Rotate the A SEC/DIV switch throughout its range (except X-Y). The display will alternate between channels at all sweep speeds. This mode is most useful for sweep speeds from 0.05  $\mu$ s to 0.2 ms per division.

23. Select CHOP VERTICAL MODE and rotate the A SEC/DIV switch throughout its range (except X-Y). A dual-trace display will be presented at all sweep speeds, but unlike the ALT mode, both Channel 1 and Channel 2 signals are displayed for each sweep speed on a time-shared basis. This mode is most useful for sweep speeds from 0.5 ms to 0.5 s per division.

24. Select CH 1 VERTICAL MODE and set Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to DC. Recenter the display on the screen.

### Using the Horizontal Section

1. Return the A SEC/DIV switch to 0.5 ms and note the display for future comparison in step 3.

2. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to 5 ms and pull the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control knob out to obtain X10 sweep magnification.

3. Observe that the display is similar to that obtained in step 1.

4. Rotate the Horizontal POSITION control throughout its range. Observe that the display can be positioned to either side of the center vertical graticule line.

5. Push in the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control knob to obtain a X1 sweep.

6. Return the A and B SEC/DIV switches to 0.5 ms.

7. Rotate the VAR HOLDOFF control to its maximum clockwise position.

8. Observe that the crt trace starts to flicker as the holdoff between sweeps is increased.

9. Return the VAR HOLDOFF control to its NORM position (fully counterclockwise). Note the display for future comparison in step 11.

10. Rotate the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control out of the CAL detent to its maximum counterclockwise position.

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11. Observe that the sweep speed is approximately 2.5 times slower than in step 9, as indicated by more cycles displayed on the screen.

12. Return the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control to the CAL detent (fully clockwise).

### Using the A Trigger Section

1. Rotate the A TRIGGER LEVEL control between its maximum clockwise and counterclockwise positions. The display will remain triggered over the full range of the A TRIGGER LEVEL control.

2. Return the A TRIGGER LEVEL control to the mid-range position.

3. Set the A TRIGGER SLOPE switch to  $\searrow$  (lever down). Observe that the display starts on the negative-going slope of the applied signal.

4. Return the A TRIGGER SLOPE switch to  $\nearrow$  (lever up). Observe that the display starts on the positive-going slope of the applied signal.

5. Set the A & B INT switch to CH 1, the VERTICAL MODE switch to CH 2, and the Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to GND. Observe that the display free-runs.

6. Return the Channel 1 AC-GND-DC switch to AC.

7. Set the A & B INT switch to CH 2, the VERTICAL MODE switch to CH 1, and the Channel 2 AC-GND-DC switch to GND. Observe that the display free-runs.

8. Return the Channel 2 AC-GND-DC switch to AC and set the A & B INT switch to VERT MODE.

9. Set the A TRIGGER MODE switch to NORM.

10. Rotate the A TRIGGER LEVEL control between its maximum clockwise and counterclockwise positions. Observe that the TRIG'D light illuminates only when the display is correctly triggered.

11. Set the A TRIGGER SOURCE switch to EXT. Move the calibration signal from the CH 2 OR Y input connector to the EXT INPUT connector.

12. Set the CH 1 VOLTS/DIV switch to 0.5 (1X) and adjust the output of the calibration generator to provide a 4-division display. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control for a stable display and note the range over which a stable display can be obtained (for comparison in step 14).

13. Set the A TRIGGER SOURCE switch to EXT÷10.

14. Observe that adjustment of the A TRIGGER LEVEL control provides a triggered display over a narrower range than in preceding step 12, indicating trigger-signal attenuation.

15. Set the A TRIGGER MODE switch to AUTO.

16. Move the calibration signal from the EXT INPUT connector to the CH 2 OR Y input connector. Set the A SOURCE switch to INT and adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control to the midrange position.

### Using the Delayed-Sweep Controls

1. Set the B SEC/DIV switch to 50  $\mu$ s.

2. Select ALT HORIZONTAL MODE. Ensure that the B TRIGGER LEVEL control is fully clockwise (CW-RUN AFTER DLY) and that the B DELAY TIME POSITION control is fully counterclockwise.

3. Adjust the Channel 1 POSITION and the A/B SWP SEP controls as required to display the A Sweep (with the intensified zone) above the B Delayed Sweep. The displays alternate between the A Sweep (upper) and the B Delayed Sweep (lower). Adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control as necessary to view the two displays.

4. Observe that the intensified zone is approximately 1 division in length at the start of the A Sweep and that the B Delayed Sweep displays the intensified portion of the A Sweep.

5. Rotate the B DELAY TIME POSITION control; both the intensified zone of the A Sweep and the B Delayed Sweep display will move continuously across the screen.

6. Select the B HORIZONTAL MODE and observe that only the B Delayed Sweep is now displayed on the crt screen.

7. Observe that the display moves continuously across the screen as you rotate the B DELAY TIME POSITION control. Return the B DELAY TIME POSITION control to the fully counterclockwise position.

8. Select the B HORIZONTAL MODE and set the B SEC/DIV switch to 0.5 ms.

### Using the B Trigger Section

1. Rotate the B TRIGGER LEVEL control counterclockwise to the midrange position and adjust it for a stable display.

2. Observe that both the intensified zone and the B Delayed Sweep display disappear and reappear as the B TRIGGER LEVEL control approaches midrange. Adjust the B TRIGGER LEVEL control for a stable display at the midrange position.

3. Rotate the B DELAY TIME POSITION control throughout its range. Observe that the intensified zone of the A Sweep appears to jump between the positive slopes of the display.

4. Set the B TRIGGER SLOPE switch to  $\searrow$  (lever down) and observe that the intensified portion begins on the negative slope.

5. Observe that the B Delayed Sweep length decreases when the B DELAY TIME POSITION control is rotated clockwise and increases when the control is rotated counterclockwise.

6. Select the A HORIZONTAL MODE.

### Using the X-Y Mode

1. Set both the CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV switches to 1 (1X) and adjust the generator output to provide a 5-division display.

2. Select X-Y mode by switching the A SEC/DIV switch to its fully counterclockwise position.

3. Adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control for desired display brightness. Observe that two dots are displayed diagonally. This display can then be positioned horizontally with the Horizontal POSITION control and vertically with the Channel 2 POSITION control. Note that the dots are separated by 5 horizontal divisions and 5 vertical divisions.

4. Set both the CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV switches to 2 (1X). Note that the dots are now separated by 2.5 horizontal divisions and 2.5 vertical divisions.

5. Return the A SEC/DIV switch to 0.5 ms and adjust the AUTO INTENSITY control for desired display brightness.

### Using the Z-Axis Input

1. Disconnect the dual-input coupler from the CH 2 input connector and connect a bnc-female-to-bnc-female adapter to the disconnected end of the coupler.

2. Connect a 42-inch, 50- $\Omega$  bnc cable from the Z-AXIS INPUT connector (located on the rear panel) to the dual-input coupler via the bnc-female-to-bnc-female adapter.

3. Set the Channel 1 VOLTS/DIV switch to 1 (1X) and adjust the output of the calibration generator to provide a 5-division display.

4. Observe that the positive peaks of the waveform are blanked, indicating intensity modulation (adjust AUTO INTENSITY control as necessary).

5. Disconnect the 50- $\Omega$  cable from the Z-AXIS INPUT connector and disconnect the dual-input coupler from the CH 1 input connector.

# OPERATOR'S ADJUSTMENTS

## INTRODUCTION

Two adjustments should be performed before making measurements with your oscilloscope: Trace Rotation and Probe Compensation. Before proceeding with the following adjustment instructions, verify that the correct line fuse is installed (refer to the "Preparation for Use" information). Verify that the POWER switch is OFF (button out), then plug the power cord into the ac-power-input source. Push in the POWER switch (ON) and allow a 20-minute warm-up time before starting these adjustments.

## TRACE ROTATION

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace (refer to "Instrument Familiarization").

2. Use the Channel 1 POSITION control to move the baseline trace to the center horizontal graticule line.

### NOTE

*Normally, the resulting trace will be parallel to the center horizontal graticule line, and the Trace Rotation adjustment should not be required.*

3. If the resulting trace is not parallel to the center horizontal graticule line, use a small flat-bit screwdriver to adjust the TRACE ROTATION control and align the trace with the center horizontal graticule line.

## PROBE COMPENSATION

Misadjustment of probe compensation is one of the sources of measurement error. Most attenuator probes are equipped with a compensation adjustment. To ensure optimum measurement accuracy, always compensate the oscilloscope probes before making measurements. Probe compensation is accomplished as follows:

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace (refer to "Instrument Familiarization").

2. Connect the two 10X probes (supplied with the instrument) to the CH 1 and CH 2 input connectors.

3. Set both VOLTS/DIV switches to 0.1 (10X PROBE) and set both AC-GND-DC switches to DC.

4. Select CH 1 VERTICAL MODE and insert the tip of the Channel 1 probe into the PROBE ADJUST output jack.

5. Using the approximately 1-kHz PROBE ADJUST square-wave signal as the input, obtain a display of the signal (refer to "Instrument Familiarization").

6. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to display several cycles of the PROBE ADJUST signal. Use the Channel 1 POSITION control to vertically center the display.

7. Check the waveform presentation for overshoot and rolloff (see Figure 10). If necessary, adjust the probe compensation for flat tops on the waveforms. Refer to the instructions supplied with the probe for details of compensation adjustment.

8. Select CH 2 VERTICAL MODE and connect the Channel 2 probe tip to the PROBE ADJUST output jack.

9. Use the Channel 2 POSITION control to vertically center the display and repeat step 7 for the Channel 2 probe.

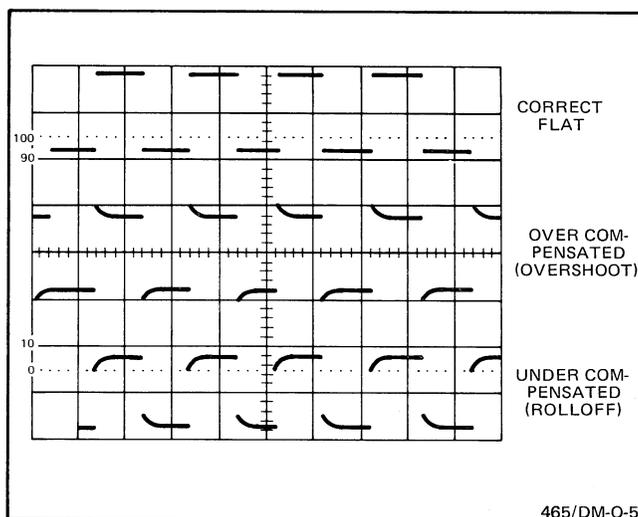


Figure 10. Probe compensation.

# BASIC APPLICATIONS

## NONDELAYED MEASUREMENTS

After becoming familiar with all the capabilities of the 2215 Oscilloscope, the operator can then adopt a convenient method for making a particular measurement. The following information describes the recommended procedures and techniques for making basic measurements with your instrument. When a procedure first calls for presetting instrument controls and obtaining a baseline trace, refer to the "Instrument Familiarization" section and perform steps 1 through 4 under "Baseline Trace."

### AC Peak-to-Peak Voltage

To perform a peak-to-peak voltage measurement, use the following procedure:

#### NOTE

*This procedure may also be used to make voltage measurements between any two points on the waveform.*

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Apply the ac signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.
3. Set the appropriate VOLTS/DIV switch to display about five divisions of the waveform, ensuring that the VOLTS/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent.
4. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control to obtain a stable display.
5. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to a position that displays several cycles of the waveform.
6. Vertically position the display so that the negative peak of the waveform coincides with one of the horizontal graticule lines (see Figure 11, Point A).

7. Horizontally position the display so that one of the positive peaks coincides with the center vertical graticule line (see Figure 11, Point B).

8. Measure the vertical deflection from peak to peak (see Figure 11, Point A to Point B).

#### NOTE

*If the amplitude measurement is critical or if the trace is thick (as a result of hum or noise on the signal), a more accurate value can be obtained by measuring from the top of a peak to the top of a valley. This will eliminate trace thickness from the measurement.*

9. Calculate the peak-to-peak voltage, using the following formula:

$$\text{Volts (p-p)} = \text{vertical deflection (divisions)} \times \text{VOLTS/DIV switch setting} \times \text{probe attenuation factor}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The measured peak-to-peak vertical deflection is 4.6 divisions (see Figure 11) with a VOLTS/DIV switch setting of 0.5, using a 10X probe.

Substituting the given values:

$$\text{Volts (p-p)} = 4.6 \text{ div} \times 0.5 \text{ V/div} \times 10 = 23 \text{ V.}$$

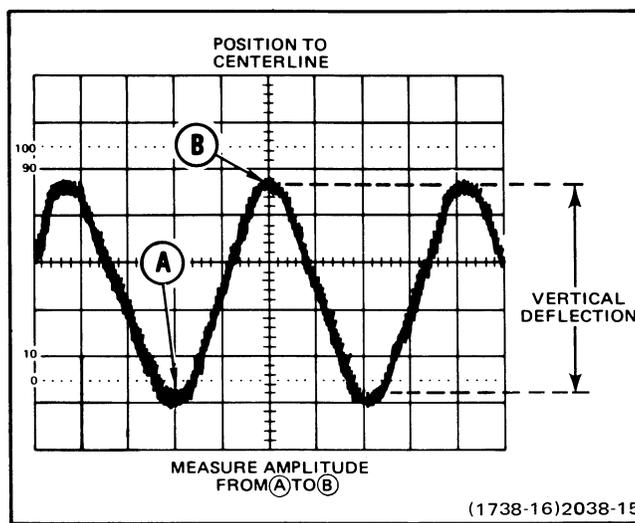


Figure 11. Peak-to-peak waveform voltage.

### Instantaneous DC Voltage

To measure the dc level at a given point on a waveform, use the following procedure:

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Apply the signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.
3. Verify that the VOLTS/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent and set the AC-GND-DC switch to GND.
4. Vertically position the baseline trace to the center horizontal graticule line.
5. Set the AC-GND-DC switch to DC. If the waveform moves above the centerline of the crt, the voltage is positive. If the waveform moves below the centerline of the crt, the voltage is negative.

**NOTE**

*If using Channel 2, ensure that the Channel 2 INVERT switch is in its noninverting mode (push button out).*

6. Set the AC-GND-DC switch to GND and position the baseline trace to a convenient reference line, using the Vertical POSITION control. For example, if the voltage to be measured is positive, position the baseline trace to the bottom graticule line. If a negative voltage is to be measured, position the baseline trace to the top graticule line. Do not move the Vertical POSITION control after this reference line has been established. The ground reference line can be checked at any later time by switching the AC-GND-DC switch to GND.

7. Set the AC-GND-DC switch to DC.

8. If the voltage-level measurement is to be made with respect to a voltage level other than ground, apply the reference voltage to the unused vertical-channel input connector. Then position its trace to the reference line.

9. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control to obtain a stable display.

10. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to a position that displays several cycles of the signal.

11. Measure the divisions of vertical deflection between the reference line and the desired point on the waveform at which the dc level is to be determined (see Figure 12).

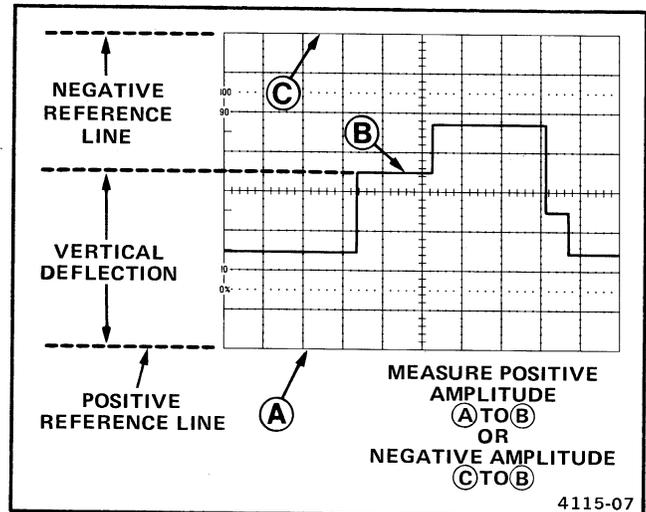


Figure 12. Instantaneous voltage measurement.

12. Calculate the instantaneous voltage, using the following formula:

$$\text{Instantaneous Voltage} = \frac{\text{vertical deflection (divisions)}}{\text{VOLTS/DIV switch setting}} \times \frac{\text{polarity (+ or -)}}{\text{probe attenuation factor}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The measured vertical deflection from the reference line is 4.6 divisions (see Figure 12), the waveform is above the reference line, the VOLTS/DIV switch is set to 2, a 10X attenuator probe is being used, and the A TRIGGER SLOPE switch is set to  $\nearrow$  (plus).

Substituting the given values:

$$\text{Instantaneous Voltage} = 4.6 \text{ div} \times (+1) \times 2 \text{ V/div} \times 10 = 92 \text{ V.}$$

### Algebraic Addition

With the VERTICAL MODE switches set to BOTH and ADD, the waveform displayed is the algebraic sum of the signals applied to the Channel 1 and Channel 2 inputs (CH 1 + CH 2). If the Channel 2 INVERT push button is pressed in, the waveform displayed is the difference between the signals applied to the Channel 1 and Channel 2 inputs (CH 1 - CH 2). The total deflection factor in the ADD mode is equal to the deflection factor indicated by either VOLTS/DIV switch (when both VOLTS/DIV switches are set to the same deflection factor). A common use for the ADD mode is to provide a dc offset for a signal riding on top of a high dc level.

The following general precautions should be observed when using the ADD mode.

- Do not exceed the input voltage rating of the oscilloscope.
- Do not apply signals that exceed the equivalent of about eight times the VOLTS/DIV switch settings, since large voltages may distort the display. For example, with a VOLTS/DIV switch setting of 0.5, the voltage applied to that channel should not exceed approximately 4 volts.

- Use Channel 1 and Channel 2 POSITION control settings which most nearly position the signal on each channel to midscreen, when viewed in either CH 1 or CH 2 VERTICAL MODE. This ensures the greatest dynamic range for ADD mode operation.
- To attain similar response from each channel, set both the Channel 1 and Channel 2 AC-GND-DC switches to the same position.

**EXAMPLE:** Using the graticule center line as 0 V, the Channel 1 signal is at a 3-division, positive dc level (see Figure 13A).

- Multiply 3 divisions by the VOLTS/DIV switch setting to determine the dc-level value.
- To the Channel 2 input connector, apply a negative dc level (or positive level, using the Channel 2 INVERT switch) whose value was determined in step 1 (see Figure 13B).
- Select ADD and BOTH VERTICAL MODE to place the resultant display within the operating range of the vertical POSITION controls (see Figure 13C).

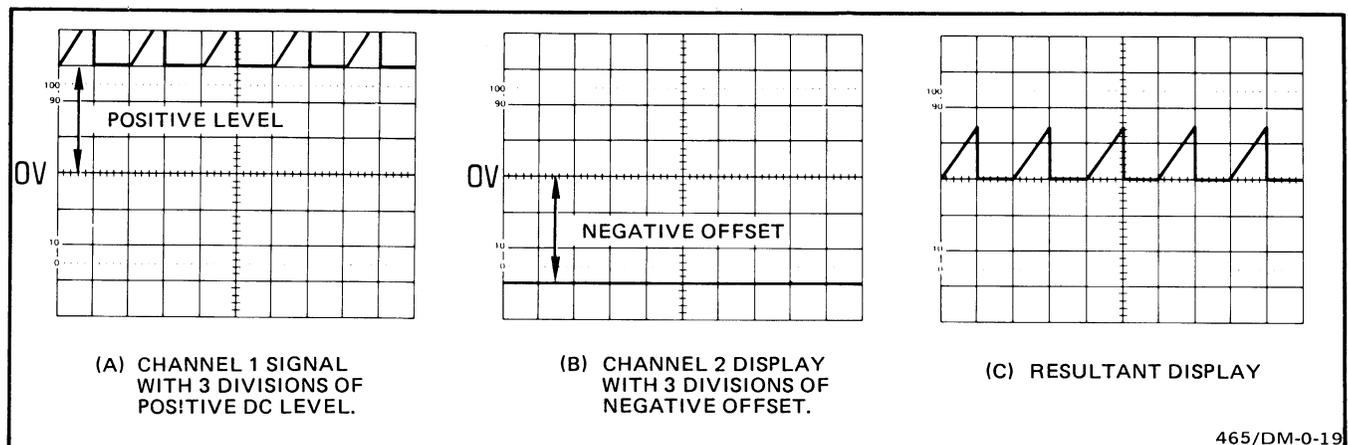


Figure 13. Algebraic addition.

**Common-Mode Rejection**

The ADD mode can also be used to display signals that contain undesirable frequency components. The undesirable components can be eliminated through common-mode rejection. The precautions given under the preceding "Algebraic Addition" procedure should be observed.

**EXAMPLE:** The signal applied to the Channel 1 input connector contains unwanted ac-input-power-source frequency components (see Figure 14A). To remove the undesired components, use the following procedure:

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Apply the signal containing the unwanted line-frequency components to the Channel 1 input.
3. Apply a line-frequency signal to the Channel 2 input.
4. Select BOTH and ALT VERTICAL MODE and press in the Channel 2 INVERT push button.
5. Adjust the Channel 2 VOLTS/DIV switch and Variable control so that the Channel 2 display is approximately the same amplitude as the undesired portion of the Channel 1 display (see Figure 14A).
6. Select ADD VERTICAL MODE and slightly readjust the Channel 2 VOLTS/DIV Variable control for maximum cancellation of the undesired signal component (see Figure 14B).

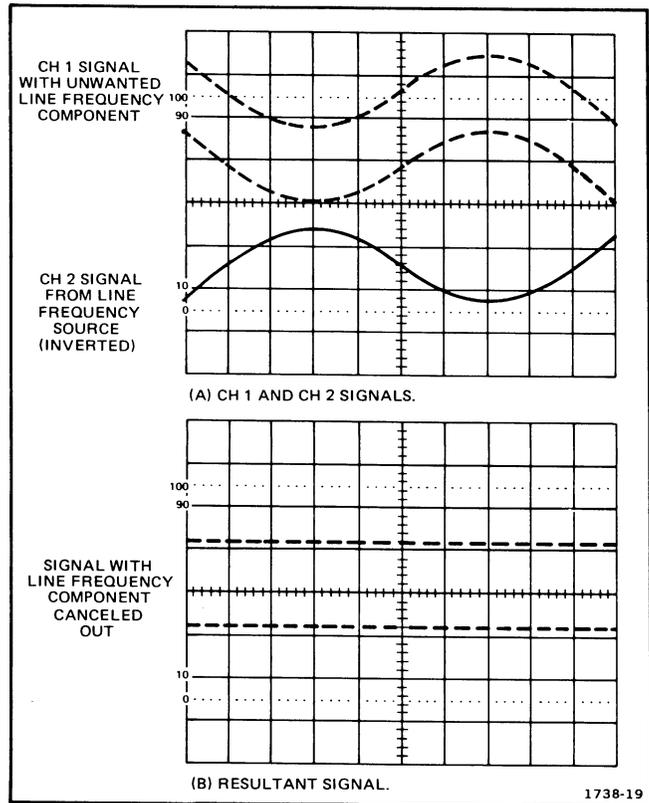


Figure 14. Common-mode rejection.

4. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to display one complete period of the waveform. Ensure that the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent.
5. Position the display to place the time-measurement points on the center horizontal graticule line (see Figure 15).

**Time Duration**

To measure time between two points on a waveform, use the following procedure:

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Apply the signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.
3. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control to obtain a stable display.

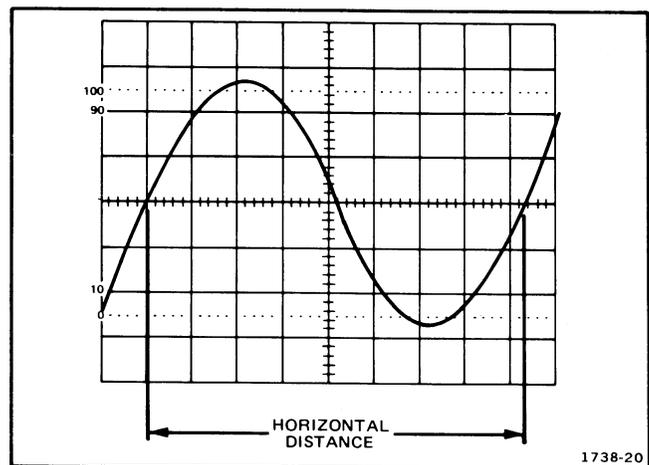


Figure 15. Time duration.

6. Measure the horizontal distance between the time-measurement points.

7. Calculate time duration, using the following formula:

$$\text{Time Duration} = \frac{\text{horizontal distance (divisions)} \times \text{A SEC/DIV switch setting}}{\text{magnification factor}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The distance between the time-measurement points is 8.3 divisions (see Figure 15), and the A SEC/DIV switch is set to 2 ms. The X10 Magnifier switch is pushed in (1X magnification).

Substituting the given values:

$$\text{Time Duration} = 8.3 \text{ div} \times 2 \text{ ms/div} = 16.6 \text{ ms}$$

## Frequency

The frequency of a recurrent signal can be determined from its time-duration measurement as follows:

1. Measure the time duration of one waveform cycle using the preceding "Time Duration" measurement procedure.

2. Calculate the reciprocal of the time-duration value to determine the frequency of the waveform.

**EXAMPLE:** The signal in Figure 15 has a time duration of 16.6 ms.

Calculating the reciprocal of time duration:

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{\text{time duration}} = \frac{1}{16.6 \text{ ms}} = 60 \text{ Hz}$$

## Rise Time

Rise-time measurements use the same methods as time duration, except that the measurements are made between the 10% and 90% points on the leading edge of the waveform (see Figure 16). Fall time is measured between the 90% and 10% points on the trailing edge of the waveform.

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.

2. Apply an exact 5-division signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used. Ensure that the VOLTS/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent.

### NOTE

*For rise time greater than 0.2  $\mu\text{s}$ , the VOLTS/DIV Variable control may be used to obtain an exact 5-division display.*

3. Set the A TRIGGER SLOPE switch to  $\nearrow$  (plus). Use a sweep-speed setting that displays several complete cycles or events (if possible).

4. Adjust vertical positioning so that the zero reference of the waveform touches the 0% graticule line and the top of the waveform touches the 100% graticule line (see Figure 16).

5. Set the A SEC/DIV switch for a single-waveform display, with the rise time spread horizontally as much as possible.

6. Horizontally position the display so the 10% point on the waveform intersects the second vertical graticule line (see Figure 16, Point A).

7. Measure the horizontal distance between the 10% and 90% points and calculate the time duration using the following formula:

$$\text{Rise Time} = \frac{\text{horizontal distance (divisions)} \times \text{A SEC/DIV switch setting}}{\text{magnification factor}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The horizontal distance between the 10% and 90% points is 5 divisions (see Figure 16), and the A SEC/DIV switch is set to 1  $\mu\text{s}$ . The X10 magnifier knob is pushed in (1X magnification).

Substituting the given values in the formula:

$$\text{Rise Time} = \frac{5 \text{ div} \times 1 \mu\text{s/div}}{1} = 5 \mu\text{s}$$

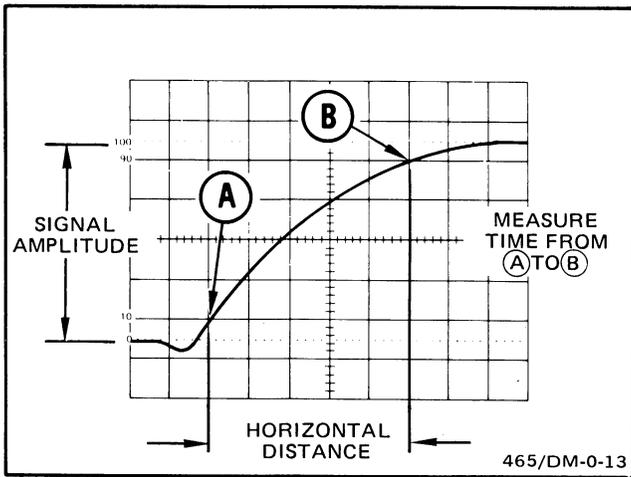


Figure 16. Rise time.

### Time Difference Between Two Time-Related Pulses

The calibrated sweep speed and dual-trace features of the 2215 allow measurement of the time difference between two separate events. To measure time difference, use the following procedure:

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Set the A TRIGGER SOURCE switch to CH 1.
3. Set both AC-GND-DC switches to the same position, depending on the type of input coupling desired.
4. Using either probes or cables with equal time delays, connect a known reference signal to the Channel 1 input and the comparison signal to the Channel 2 input.
5. Set both VOLTS/DIV switches for 4- or 5-division displays.
6. Select BOTH VERTICAL MODE; then select either ALT or CHOP, depending on the frequency of input signals.
7. If the two signals are of opposite polarity, press in the Channel 2 INVERT push button to invert the Channel 2 display (signals may be of opposite polarity due to 180° phase difference; if so, note this for use later in the final calculation).

8. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control for a stable display.

9. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to a sweep speed which provides three or more divisions of horizontal separation between the reference points on the two displays. Center each of the displays vertically (see Figure 17).

10. Measure the horizontal difference between the two signal reference points and calculate the time difference using the following formula:

$$\text{Time Difference} = \frac{\text{A SEC/DIV switch setting} \times \text{horizontal difference (divisions)}}{\text{magnification factor}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The A SEC/DIV switch is set to 50 μs, the X10 magnifier knob is pulled out, and the horizontal difference between waveform measurement points is 4.5 divisions.

Substituting the given values in the formula:

$$\text{Time Difference} = \frac{50 \mu\text{s/div} \times 4.5 \text{ div}}{10} = 22.5 \mu\text{s}$$

### Phase Difference

In a similar manner to "Time Difference," phase comparison between two signals of the same frequency can be made using the dual-trace feature of the 2215. This method of phase difference measurement can be used up to the frequency limit of the vertical system. To make a phase comparison, use the following procedure:

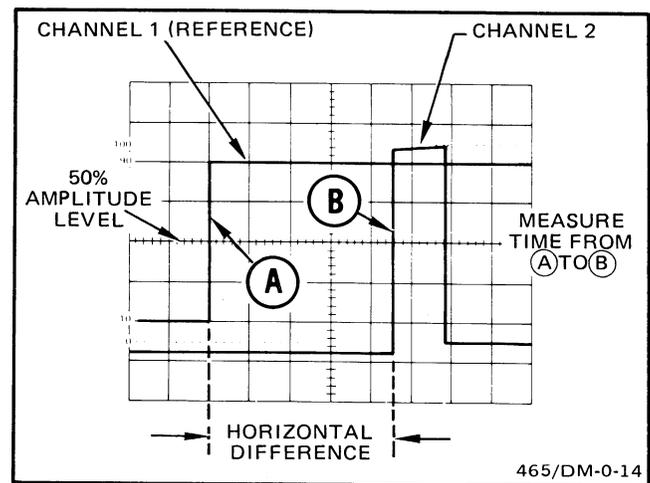


Figure 17. Time difference between two time-related pulses.

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace, then set the A TRIGGER SOURCE switch to CH 1.

2. Set both AC-GND-DC switches to the same position, depending on the type of input coupling desired.

3. Using either probes or coaxial cables with equal time delays, connect a known reference signal to the Channel 1 input and the unknown signal to the Channel 2 input.

4. Select BOTH VERTICAL MODE; then select either ALT or CHOP, depending on the frequency of the input signals. The reference signal should precede the comparison signal in time.

5. If the two signals are of opposite polarity, press in the Channel 2 INVERT push button to invert the Channel 2 display.

6. Set both VOLTS/DIV switches and both Variable controls so the displays are equal in amplitude.

7. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVEL control for a stable display.

8. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to a sweep speed which displays about one full cycle of the waveforms.

9. Position the displays and adjust the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control so that one reference-signal cycle occupies exactly 8 horizontal graticule divisions at the 50% rise-time points (see Figure 18). Each division of the graticule now represents 45° of the cycle (360° ÷ 8 divisions), and the horizontal graticule calibration can be stated as 45° per division.

10. Measure the horizontal difference between corresponding points on the waveforms at a common horizontal graticule line (50% of rise time) and calculate the phase difference using the following formula:

$$\text{Phase Difference} = \text{horizontal difference (divisions)} \times \text{horizontal graticule calibration (deg/div)}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The horizontal difference is 0.6 division with a graticule calibration of 45° per division as shown in Figure 18.

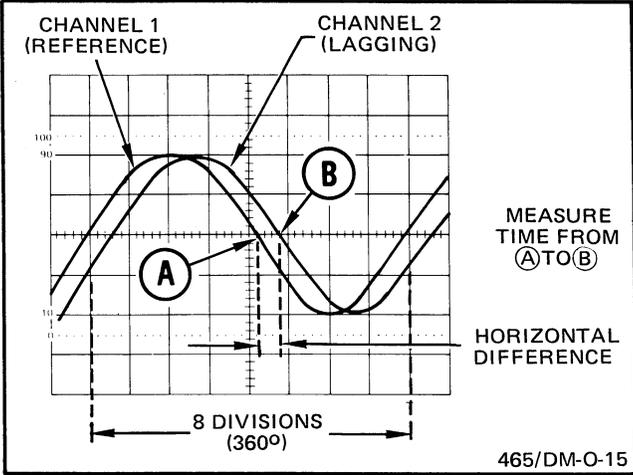


Figure 18. Phase difference.

Substituting the given values into the phase difference formula:

$$\text{Phase Difference} = 0.6 \text{ div} \times 45^\circ/\text{div} = 27^\circ$$

More accurate phase measurements can be made by using the X10 Magnifier function to increase the sweep speed without changing the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control setting.

**EXAMPLE:** If the sweep speed were increased 10 times with the magnifier (X10 Magnifier out), the magnified horizontal graticule calibration would be 45°/division divided by 10 (or 4.5°/division). Figure 19 shows the same signals illustrated in Figure 18, but magnifying the displays results in a horizontal difference of 6 divisions between the two signals.

Substituting the given values in the phase difference formula:

$$\text{Phase Difference} = 6 \text{ div} \times 4.5^\circ/\text{div} = 27^\circ$$

**Amplitude Comparison**

In some applications it may be necessary to establish a set of deflection factors other than those indicated by the VOLTS/DIV switch settings. This is useful for comparing unknown signals to a reference signal of known amplitude. To accomplish this, a reference signal of known amplitude is first set to an exact number of vertical divisions by adjusting the VOLTS/DIV switch and Variable control. Unknown signals can then be quickly and accurately compared with the reference signal without disturbing the setting of the VOLTS/DIV Variable control. The procedure is as follows.

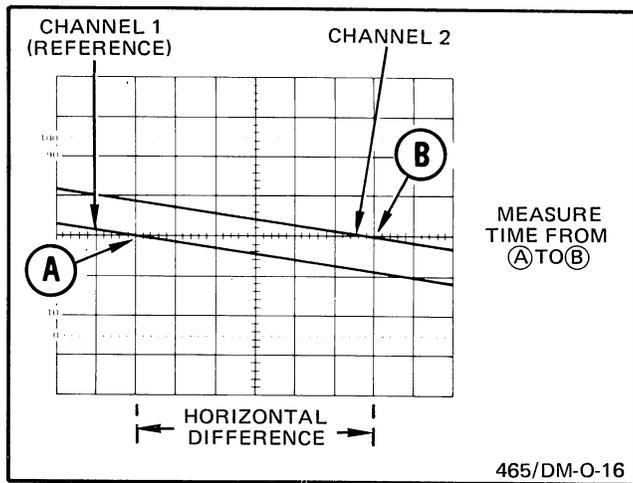


Figure 19. High-resolution phase difference.

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.

2. Apply the reference signal to either vertical channel input and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.

3. Set the amplitude of the reference signal to an exact number of vertical divisions by adjusting the VOLTS/DIV switch and VOLTS/DIV Variable control.

4. Establish a vertical conversion factor, using the following formula (reference signal amplitude must be known):

$$\text{Vertical Conversion Factor} = \frac{\text{reference signal amplitude (volts)}}{\text{vertical deflection (divisions)} \times \text{VOLTS/DIV switch setting}}$$

5. Disconnect the reference signal and apply the unknown signal to be measured to the same channel input. Adjust the VOLTS/DIV switch to a setting that provides sufficient vertical deflection to make an accurate measurement. Do not readjust the VOLTS/DIV Variable control.

6. Establish an arbitrary deflection factor, using the following formula:

$$\text{Arbitrary Deflection Factor} = \text{vertical conversion factor} \times \text{VOLTS/DIV switch setting}$$

7. Measure the vertical deflection of the unknown signal in divisions and calculate its amplitude using the following formula:

$$\text{Unknown Signal Amplitude} = \frac{\text{arbitrary deflection factor} \times \text{vertical deflection (divisions)}}{\text{factor}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** The reference signal amplitude is 30 V, with a VOLTS/DIV switch setting of 5 and the VOLTS/DIV Variable control adjusted to provide a vertical deflection of exactly 4 divisions.

Substituting these values in the vertical conversion factor formula:

$$\text{Vertical Conversion Factor} = \frac{30 \text{ V}}{4 \text{ div} \times 5 \text{ V/div}} = 1.5$$

Continuing, for the unknown signal the VOLTS/DIV switch setting is 1, and the peak-to-peak amplitude spans five vertical divisions. The arbitrary deflection factor is then determined by substituting values in the formula:

$$\text{Arbitrary Deflection Factor} = 1.5 \times 1 \text{ V/div} = 1.5 \text{ V/div}$$

The amplitude of the unknown signal can then be determined by substituting values in the unknown signal amplitude formula:

$$\text{Amplitude} = 1.5 \text{ V/div} \times 5 \text{ div} = 7.5 \text{ V}$$

### Time Comparison

In a similar manner to "Amplitude Comparison," repeated time comparisons between unknown signals and a reference signal (e.g., on assembly line test) may be easily and accurately measured with the 2215. To accomplish this, a reference signal of known time duration is first set to an exact number of horizontal divisions by adjusting the A SEC/DIV switch and the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control. Unknown signals can then be compared with the reference signal without disturbing the setting of the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control. The procedure is as follows:

1. Set the time duration of the reference signal to an exact number of horizontal divisions by adjusting the A SEC/DIV switch and the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control.

2. Establish a horizontal conversion factor, using the following formula (reference signal time duration must be known):

$$\text{Horizontal Conversion Factor} = \frac{\text{reference signal time duration (seconds)}}{\text{horizontal distance (divisions)} \times \text{A SEC/DIV switch setting}}$$

3. For the unknown signal, adjust the A SEC/DIV switch to a setting that provides sufficient horizontal deflection to make an accurate measurement. Do not readjust the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control.

4. Establish an arbitrary deflection factor, using the following formula:

$$\text{Arbitrary Deflection Factor} = \text{horizontal conversion factor} \times \text{A SEC/DIV switch setting}$$

5. Measure the horizontal distance of the unknown signal in divisions and calculate its time duration using the following formula:

$$\text{Time Duration} = \text{arbitrary deflection factor} \times \text{horizontal distance (divisions)}$$

6. Frequency of the unknown signal can then be determined by calculating the reciprocal of its time duration.

**EXAMPLE:** The reference signal time duration is 2.19 ms, the A SEC/DIV switch setting is 0.2 ms, and the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control is adjusted to provide a horizontal distance of exactly 8 divisions.

Substituting the given values in the horizontal conversion factor formula:

$$\text{Horizontal Conversion Factor} = \frac{2.19 \text{ ms}}{8 \text{ div} \times 0.2 \text{ ms/div}} = 1.37$$

Continuing, for the unknown signal the A SEC/DIV switch setting is 50  $\mu\text{s}$ , and one complete cycle spans 7 horizontal divisions. The arbitrary deflection factor is then determined by substituting values in the formula:

$$\text{Arbitrary Deflection Factor} = 1.37 \times 50 \mu\text{s/div} = 68.5 \mu\text{s/div}$$

The time duration of the unknown signal can then be computed by substituting values in the formula:

$$\text{Time Duration} = 68.5 \mu\text{s/div} \times 7 \text{ div} = 480 \mu\text{s}$$

The frequency of the unknown signal is then calculated:

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{480 \mu\text{s}} = 2.083 \text{ kHz}$$

## DELAYED-SWEEP MAGNIFICATION

The delayed-sweep feature of the 2215 can be used to provide higher apparent magnification than is provided by the X10 Magnifier switch. Apparent magnification occurs as a result of displaying a selected portion of the A trace at a faster sweep speed (B Sweep speed). The A SEC/DIV switch setting determines how often the B trace will be displayed. Since the B Sweep can occur only once for each A Sweep, the A Sweep time duration sets the amount of time elapse between succeeding B Sweeps.

The intensified zone is an indication of both the location and length of the B Sweep interval within the A Sweep interval. Positioning of the intensified zone (i.e., setting the amount of time between start of the A Sweep and start of the B Sweep) is accomplished with the B DELAY TIME POSITION control. With either ALT or B HORIZONTAL MODE selected, the B DELAY TIME POSITION control provides continuously variable positioning of the start of the B Sweep. The range of this control is sufficient to place the B Sweep interval at any location within the A Sweep interval. When ALT HORIZONTAL MODE is selected, the B SEC/DIV switch setting determines the B Sweep speed and concurrently sets the length of the intensified zone on the A trace.

Using delayed-sweep magnification may produce a display with some slight horizontal movement (pulse jitter). Pulse jitter includes not only the inherent uncertainty of triggering the delayed sweep at exactly the same trigger point each time, but also jitter that may be present in the input signal. If pulse jitter needs to be measured, use the "Pulse Jitter Time Measurement" procedure which follows the discussion of "Magnified Sweep Runs After Delay."

### Magnified Sweep Runs After Delay

The following procedure explains how to operate the B Sweep in a nontriggered mode and to determine the resulting apparent magnification factor.

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.
2. Apply the signal to either vertical channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.
3. Set the appropriate VOLTS/DIV switch to produce a display of approximately 2 or 3 divisions in amplitude and center the display.
4. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to a sweep speed which displays at least one complete waveform cycle.
5. Select ALT HORIZONTAL MODE. Adjust both the appropriate channel POSITION control and the A/B SWP SEP control to display the A trace above the B trace.
6. Adjust the B DELAY TIME POSITION control to position the start of the intensified zone to the portion of the display to be magnified (see Figure 20).
7. Set the B SEC/DIV switch to a setting which intensifies the full portion of the A trace to be magnified. The intensified zone will be displayed as the B trace (see Figure 20). The B HORIZONTAL MODE may also be used to magnify the intensified portion of the A Sweep.

8. The apparent sweep magnification can be calculated from the following formula:

$$\text{Apparent Delayed Sweep Magnification} = \frac{\text{A SEC/DIV switch setting}}{\text{B SEC/DIV switch setting}}$$

**EXAMPLE:** Determine the apparent magnification of a display with an A SEC/DIV switch setting of 0.1 ms and a B SEC/DIV switch setting of 1  $\mu$ s.

Substituting the given values:

$$\text{Apparent Magnification} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}}{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}} = 10^2 = 100$$

### Pulse Jitter Time Measurement

To measure pulse jitter time:

1. Perform steps 1 through 7 of the preceding "Magnified Sweep Runs After Delay" procedure.
2. Referring to Figure 21, measure the difference between Point A and Point B in divisions and calculate the pulse jitter time using the following formula:

$$\text{Pulse Jitter Time} = \text{horizontal difference (divisions)} \times \text{B SEC/DIV switch setting}$$

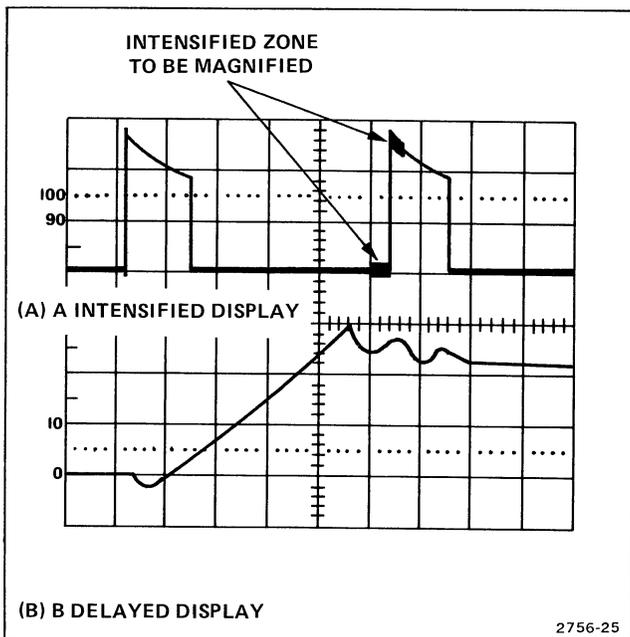


Figure 20. Delayed-sweep magnification.

### Triggered Magnified Sweep

The following procedure explains how to operate the B Sweep in a triggered mode and to determine the resulting apparent magnification factor. Operating the B Sweep in a triggered mode provides a more stable display, since the delayed display is triggered at the same point each time.

1. Perform steps 1 through 7 of the preceding "Magnified Sweep Runs After Delay" procedure.

#### NOTE

*The intensified zone seen in the ALT HORIZONTAL MODE display will move from trigger point to trigger point as the B DELAY TIME POSITION control is rotated.*

2. Adjust the B TRIGGER LEVEL control so the intensified zone on the A trace is stable.

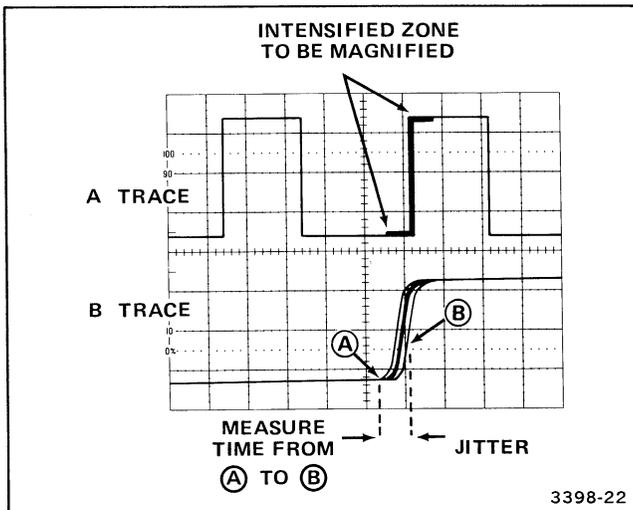


Figure 21. Pulse jitter.

3. The apparent magnification factor can be calculated from the formula shown in step 8 of the "Magnified Sweep Runs After Delay" procedure.

## DELAYED-SWEEP TIME MEASUREMENTS

Operating the 2215 Oscilloscope with HORIZONTAL MODE set to either ALT or B will permit time measurements to be made with a greater degree of accuracy than attained with HORIZONTAL MODE set to A. The following procedures describe how these measurements are accomplished.

### Time Difference Between Repetitive Pulses

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.

2. Apply the signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used.

3. Set the appropriate VOLTS/DIV switch to produce a display of approximately 2 or 3 divisions in amplitude.

4. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to display the measurement points of interest within the graticule area.

5. Select ALT HORIZONTAL MODE and adjust both the appropriate channel POSITION control and A/B SWP SEP control to display the A trace above the B trace.

6. For the most accurate measurement, set the B SEC/DIV switch to the fastest sweep speed that provides a useable (visible) intensified zone.

7. Adjust the B DELAY TIME POSITION control to move the intensified zone to the leading edge of the first pulse (on the A trace); then fine adjust until the rising portion (on the B trace) is centered at any convenient vertical graticule line (see Figure 22).

8. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

9. Adjust the B DELAY TIME POSITION control clockwise to move the intensified zone to the leading edge of the second pulse (on the A trace); then fine adjust until the rising portion (on the B trace) is centered at the same convenient vertical graticule used in preceding step 7.

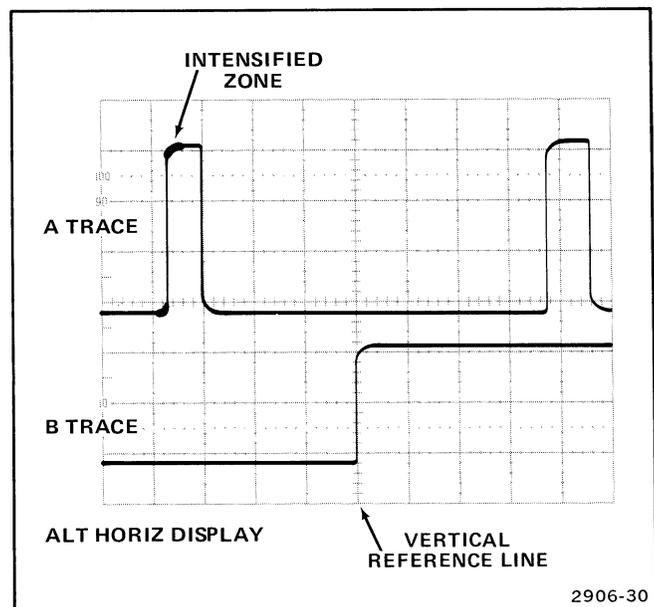


Figure 22. Time difference between repetitive pulses.

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10. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

11. Calculate the time difference between repetitive pulses using the following formula.

$$\text{Time Difference (Duration)} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{second} \\ \text{dial} \\ \text{setting} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \text{first} \\ \text{dial} \\ \text{setting} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{A SEC/DIV} \\ \text{switch} \\ \text{setting} \end{array} \right)$$

**EXAMPLE:** With the A SEC/DIV switch set to 0.2 ms, the first B DELAY TIME POSITION dial setting is 1.20 and the second B DELAY TIME POSITION dial setting is 9.53 (see Figure 23).

Substituting the given values in the time difference formula:

$$\text{Time Difference} = (9.53 - 1.20) (0.2 \text{ ms}) = 1.666 \text{ ms}$$

### Rise Time

The measurement method for rise time is the same as for time difference between repetitive pulses, except that the measurements are made between the 10% and 90% points on the leading edge of the waveform. Fall time is measured between the 90% and 10% points on the trailing edge of the waveform.

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.

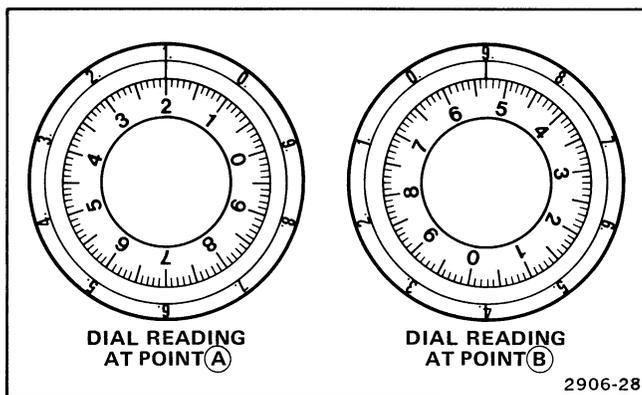


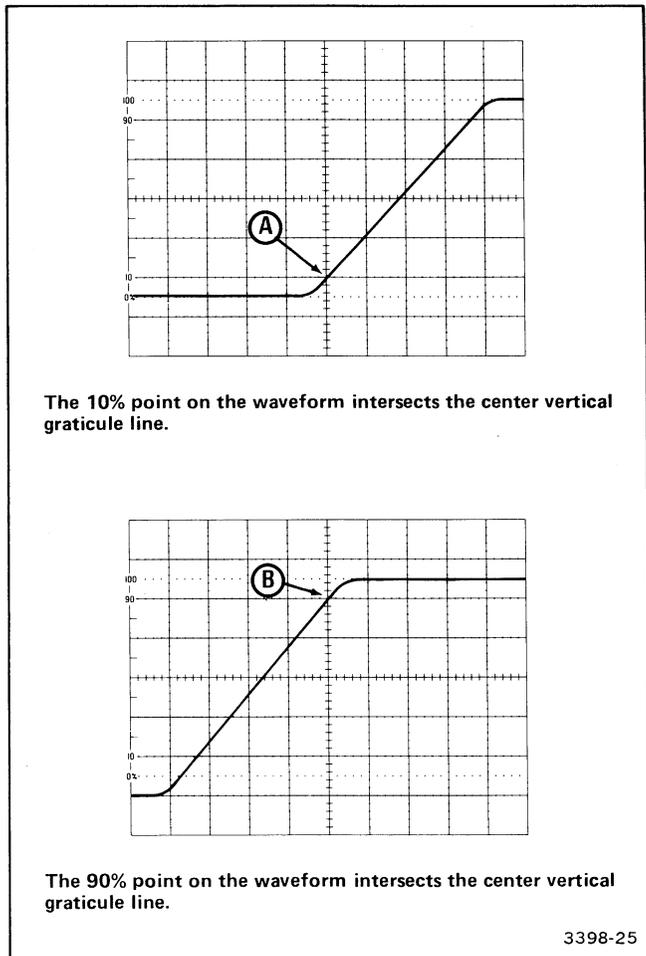
Figure 23. B DELAY TIME POSITION control settings.

2. Apply a 5-division signal to either vertical-channel input connector and set the VERTICAL MODE switch to display the channel used. Ensure that the VOLTS/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent.

### NOTE

*For rise time less than 0.2  $\mu$ s per division, the VOLTS/DIV Variable control may be used to obtain an exact 5-division display.*

3. Vertically position the trace so that the zero reference of the waveform touches the 0% graticule line and the top of the waveform touches the 100% graticule line (see Figure 24).



The 10% point on the waveform intersects the center vertical graticule line.

The 90% point on the waveform intersects the center vertical graticule line.

Figure 24. Rise time, differential time method.

4. Set the A SEC/DIV switch for a single-waveform display. Ensure that the A and B SEC/DIV Variable control is in the CAL detent.

5. Select ALT HORIZONTAL MODE and set the B SEC/DIV switch to spread the rise-time-measurement portion of the display as much as possible.

6. Select the B HORIZONTAL MODE. Adjust the B DELAY TIME POSITION control until the display intersects the 10% point at the center vertical graticule line (see Figure 24, Point A).

7. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

8. Adjust the B DELAY TIME POSITION control until the display intersects the 90% point at the center vertical graticule line (see Figure 24, Point B).

9. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

10. Calculate rise time using the same formula listed in the "Time Difference Between Repetitive Pulses" measurement procedure.

**EXAMPLE:** With the A SEC/DIV switch set to  $1 \mu\text{s}$ , the first B DELAY TIME POSITION dial setting (Point A) is 2.50 and the second B DELAY TIME POSITION dial setting (Point B) is 7.50.

Substituting the given values in the time difference formula:

$$\text{Rise Time} = (7.50 - 2.50) (1 \mu\text{s}) = 5 \mu\text{s}$$

### Time Difference Between Two Time-Related Pulses

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a baseline trace.

2. Using probes or cables having equal time delays, apply the reference signal to the Channel 1 input and apply the comparison signal to the Channel 2 input.

3. Set both VOLTS/DIV switches to produce a display of either 2 or 3 divisions in amplitude.

4. Select BOTH VERTICAL MODE and either ALT or CHOP, depending on the frequency of the input signals.

5. Set the A SEC/DIV switch to display the measurement points of interest within the graticule area.

6. Select ALT HORIZONTAL MODE and CH 1 VERTICAL MODE. Adjust both the Channel 1 POSITION control and the A/B SWP SEP control so that the A trace is displayed above the B trace.

7. Rotate the B DELAY TIME POSITION control to move the intensified zone to the rising edge of the reference pulse (on the A trace); then fine adjust until the rising portion (on the B trace) is centered at any convenient vertical graticule line (see Figure 25, point A).

8. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

9. Select CH 2 VERTICAL MODE and adjust both the Channel 2 POSITION control and the A/B SWP SEP control as necessary to display the A trace above the B trace.

10. Rotate the B DELAY TIME POSITION control to set the rising portion of the Channel 2 pulse (on the B trace) to the same vertical reference point as used in preceding step 7 (see Figure 25, Point B). Observe the A trace to position the intensified zone to the correct pulse (if more than one pulse is displayed). Do not change the setting of the Horizontal POSITION control.

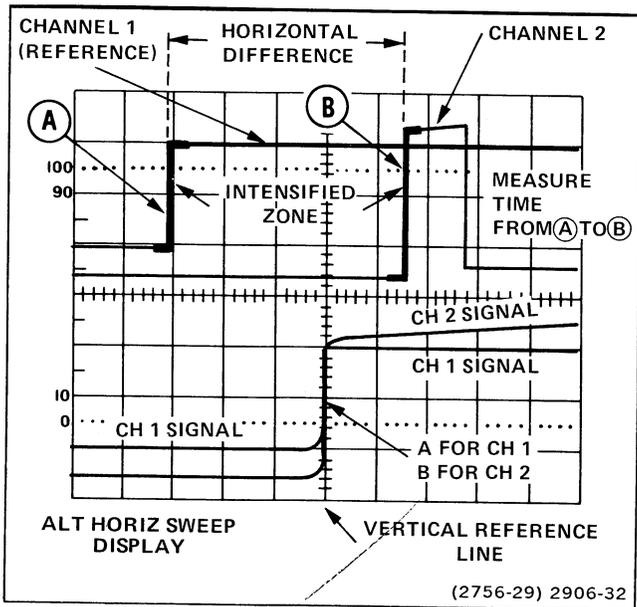


Figure 25. Time difference between two time-related pulses, differential time method.

11. Record the B DELAY TIME POSITION control dial setting.

12. Calculate the time difference between the Channel 1 and Channel 2 pulses as in the preceding "Time Difference Between Repetitive Pulses" measurement procedure.

**EXAMPLE:** With the A SEC/DIV switch set to  $50 \mu s$ , the dial reading for the reference pulse (Channel 1) is 2.60 and the dial reading for the comparison pulse (Channel 2) is 7.10.

Substituting the given values into the time difference (or duration) formula:

$$\text{Time Difference} = (7.10 - 2.60) (50 \mu s) = 225 \mu s$$

## SPECIFICATION

The following electrical characteristics (Table 2) are valid for the 2215 when it has been adjusted at an ambient temperature between  $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , has had a warm-up period of at least 20 minutes, and is operating at an ambient temperature between  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $+50^{\circ}\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted).

Item listed in the "Performance Requirements" column are verifiable qualitative or quantitative limits, while items listed in the "Supplemental Information" column are either explanatory notes, calibration setup descriptions,

performance characteristics for which no absolute limits are specified, or characteristics that are impractical to check.

Environmental characteristics are given in Table 3. The 2215 meets the requirements of MIL-T-28800B, Class 5 equipment, except where otherwise noted.

Physical characteristics of the instrument are listed in Table 4.

Table 2  
Electrical Characteristics

Characteristics	Performance Requirements	Supplemental Information
<b>VERTICAL DEFLECTION SYSTEM</b>		
Deflection Factor		1X gain adjusted with VOLTS/DIV switch set to 20 mV per division.  10X gain adjusted with VOLTS/DIV switch set to 2 mV per division.
Range	2 mV per division to 10 V per division in a 1-2-5 sequence.	
Accuracy +20°C to +30°C	±3%.	
0°C to +50°C	±4%. <sup>a</sup>	
Range of VOLTS/DIV Variable Control.	Continuously variable between settings. Increases deflection factor by at least 2.5 to 1.	
Step Response		Measured with a vertically centered 5-division reference signal from a 50-Ω source driving a 50-Ω coaxial cable that is terminated in 50 Ω at the input connector, with the VOLTS/DIV Variable control in its CAL detent.
Rise Time		5.8 ns or less.  Rise time is calculated from the formula:  Rise Time = $\frac{0.35}{\text{BW (in MHz)}}$
Bandwidth		Measured with a vertically centered 6-division reference signal from a 50-Ω source driving a 50-Ω coaxial cable that is terminated in 50 Ω, both at the input connector and at the P6120 probe input, with the VOLTS/DIV Variable control in its CAL detent.
0°C to +40°C 20 mV to 10 V per Division	Dc to at least 60 MHz.	
2 mV to 10 mV per Division	Dc to at least 50 MHz.	
+40°C to +50°C 2 mV to 10 V per Division	Dc to at least 50 MHz. <sup>a</sup>	
Chop Mode Repetition Rate		250 kHz ±30%.

<sup>a</sup>Performance Requirement not checked in Service Manual.

Table 2 (cont)

Characteristics	Performance Requirements	Supplemental Information
<b>VERTICAL DEFLECTION SYSTEM (cont)</b>		
Input Characteristics		
Resistance	1 M $\Omega$ $\pm$ 2%. <sup>a</sup>	
Capacitance	30 pF $\pm$ 3 pF. <sup>a</sup>	
Maximum Safe Input Voltage 		
DC Coupled	400 V (dc + peak ac) or 800 V p-p ac to 1 kHz or less. <sup>a</sup>	
AC Coupled	400 V (dc + peak ac) or 800 V p-p ac to 1 kHz or less. <sup>a</sup>	
Common-Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR)	At least 10 to 1 at 10 MHz.	Checked at 20 mV per division for common-mode signals of 8 divisions or less, with VOLTS/DIV Variable control adjusted for best CMRR at 50 kHz.
<b>TRIGGER SYSTEM</b>		
A Trigger Sensitivity		
AUTO and NORM	0.4 division internal or 50 mV external to 2 MHz, increasing to 1.5 divisions internal or 250 mV external at 60 MHz.	External trigger signal from a 50- $\Omega$ source driving a 50- $\Omega$ coaxial cable that is terminated in 50 $\Omega$ at the input connector.  Will trigger on tv line sync components in NORM only: $\geq$ 0.4 division internal or 50 mV p-p external.
AUTO Lowest Usable Frequency	20 Hz. <sup>a</sup>	
TV FIELD	2.0 divisions of composite video or composite sync. <sup>a</sup>	
B Trigger Sensitivity		
Internal	0.4 division to 2 MHz, increasing to 2.0 divisions at 60 MHz.	
External Input		
Maximum Input Voltage 	400 V (dc + peak ac) or 800 V p-p ac at 1 kHz or less. <sup>a</sup>	
Input Resistance	1 M $\Omega$ $\pm$ 2%. <sup>a</sup>	
Input Capacitance	30 pF $\pm$ 3 pF. <sup>a</sup>	
AC Coupled	10 Hz or less at lower $-3$ dB point. <sup>a</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>Performance Requirement not checked in Service Manual.

Table 2 (cont)

Characteristics	Performance Requirements		Supplemental Information
<b>TRIGGER SYSTEM (cont)</b>			
LEVEL Control Range			
A Trigger (NORM)			
INT	On screen limits. <sup>a</sup>		
EXT and DC	At least $\pm 2$ V (4 V p-p). <sup>a</sup>		
EXT and DC $\div 10$	At least $\pm 20$ V (40 V p-p). <sup>a</sup>		
B Trigger			
Internal	On screen limits. <sup>a</sup>		
VAR HOLDOFF Control Range	Increases the A Sweep holdoff time by at least a factor of four. <sup>a</sup>		
<b>HORIZONTAL DEFLECTION SYSTEM</b>			
Sweep Rate			
Calibrated Range			
A Sweep	0.5 s per division to 0.05 $\mu$ s per division in a 1-2-5 sequence. X10 Magnifier extends maximum sweep speed to 5 ns per division.		
B Sweep	50 ms per division to 0.05 $\mu$ s per division in a 1-2-5 sequence. X10 Magnifier extends maximum sweep speed to 5 ns per division.		
Accuracy	<b>Unmagnified</b>	<b>Magnified</b>	Sweep accuracy applies over the center 8 divisions. Exclude the first 50 ns of the sweep for both magnified and un-magnified sweep speeds and exclude anything beyond the 100th magnified division.
$+20^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 3\%$	$\pm 5\%$	
$0^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+50^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 4\%$ <sup>a</sup>	$\pm 6\%$ <sup>a</sup>	
POSITION Control Range	Start of sweep to 100th division will position past the center vertical graticule line with X10 Magnifier.		
Variable Control Range	Continuously variable between calibrated settings. Extends both the A and B sweep speeds by at least a factor of 2.5.		
Delay Time	Applies to sweep-speed settings of 0.5 $\mu$ s per division and slower.		Delay time is functional but is not calibrated at sweep-speed settings above 0.5 $\mu$ s per division.
B DELAY TIME POSITION Control Range	Less than 0.5 division to more than 10 divisions.		

<sup>a</sup>Performance Requirement not checked in Service Manual.

Table 2 (cont)

Characteristics	Performance Requirements	Supplemental Information
<b>HORIZONTAL DEFLECTION SYSTEM (cont)</b>		
Delay Time (cont)		
Jitter	One part, or less, in 10,000 (0.01%) of the maximum available delay time.	
Dial Accuracy	±1.5% of full scale.	
<b>X-Y OPERATION (X1 MAGNIFICATION)</b>		
Deflection Factors		
Range	Same as Vertical Deflection System, with both VOLTS/DIV Variable controls in CAL detent.	
Accuracy		Measured with a dc-coupled, 5-division reference signal.
+20°C to +30°C	X-Axis ±5% Y-Axis ±3%	
0°C to +50°C	X-Axis ±6% <sup>a</sup> Y-Axis ±4% <sup>a</sup>	
Bandwidth		Measured with a 5-division reference signal.
X-Axis	Dc to at least 2 MHz.	
Y-Axis	Same as Vertical Deflection System.	
Phase Difference Between X- and Y-Axis Amplifiers	±3° from dc to 50 kHz. <sup>a</sup>	With dc-coupled inputs.
<b>PROBE ADJUST</b>		
Signal at PROBE ADJUST Jack		
Voltage	0.5 V ±20%.	
Repetition Rate	1 kHz ±20%. <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Z-AXIS INPUT</b>		
Sensitivity	5 V causes noticeable modulation. Positive-going input signal decreases intensity.	
Usable Frequency Range	Dc to 5 MHz. <sup>a</sup>	
Maximum Safe Input Voltage	30 V (dc + peak ac) or 30 V p-p ac at 1 kHz or less. <sup>a</sup>	
Input Impedance	10 kΩ ±10%. <sup>a</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>Performance Requirement not checked in Service Manual.

Table 2 (cont)

Characteristics	Performance Requirements	Supplemental Information
<b>POWER SOURCE</b>		
Line Voltage Range	90 V to 250 V. <sup>a</sup>	
Line Frequency Range	48 Hz to 62 Hz. <sup>a</sup>	
Maximum Power Consumption	50 W. <sup>a</sup>	
Line Fuse	2 A, 250 V, fast.	
<b>CATHODE-RAY TUBE</b>		
Display Area	80 by 100 mm. <sup>a</sup>	
Standard Phosphor	P31. <sup>a</sup>	
Nominal Accelerating Voltage	10,000 V. <sup>a</sup>	

<sup>a</sup>Performance Requirement not checked in Service Manual.

**Table 3**  
**Environmental Characteristics**

Characteristics	Description
	<b>NOTE</b> <i>The instrument meets all of the following MIL-T-28800B requirements for Class 5 equipment.</i>
Temperature	
Operating	0°C to +50°C (+32°F to +122°F).
Nonoperating	-55°C to +75°C (-67°F to +167°F).
Altitude	
Operating	To 4,500 m (15,000 ft). Maximum operating temperature decreased 1°C per 300 m (1,000 ft) above 1,500 m (5,000 ft).
Nonoperating	To 15,000 m (50,000 ft).
Humidity (Operating and Nonoperating)	5 cycles (120 hours) referenced to MIL-T-28800B, Class 5 instruments.
Vibration (Operating)	15 minutes along each of 3 major axes at a total displacement of 0.015 inch p-p (2.4 g at 55 Hz), with frequency varied from 10 Hz to 55 Hz to 10 Hz in 1-minute sweeps. Hold for 10 minutes at 55 Hz. All major resonances must be above 55 Hz.
Shock (Operating and Nonoperating)	30 g, half-sine, 11-ms duration; 3 shocks per axis each direction, for a total of 18 shocks.

**Table 4**  
**Physical Characteristics**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Weight</b>	
With Front-Panel Cover, Accessories, and Pouch	7.6 kg (16.8 lb).
Without Front-Panel Cover, Accessories, and Pouch	6.1 kg (13.5 lb).
Domestic Shipping	8.2 kg (18.0 lb).
<b>Height With Feet and Handle</b>	137 mm (5.4 in).
<b>Width</b>	
With Handle	361 mm (14.2 in).
Without Handle	328 mm (12.9 in).
<b>Depth</b>	
With Front-Panel Cover	445 mm (17.5 in).
Without Front-Panel Cover	439 mm (17.3 in).
With Handle Extended	511 mm (20.1 in).

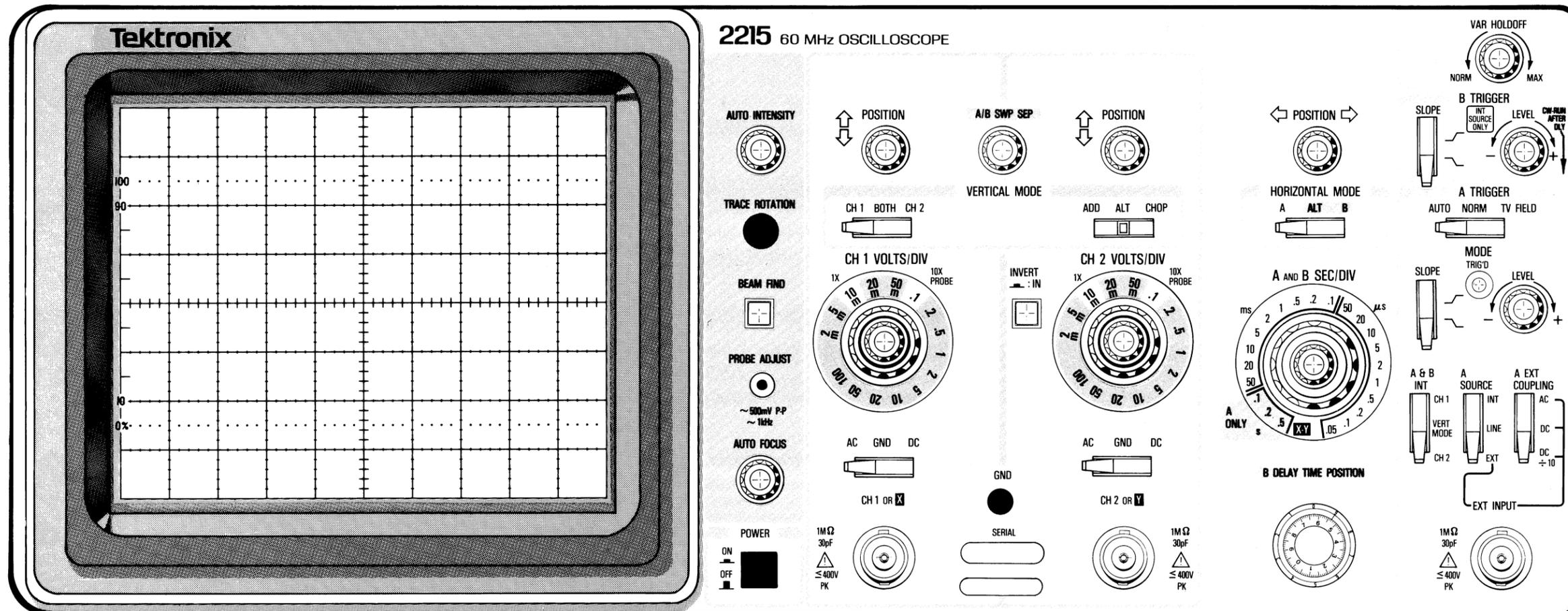
## ACCESSORIES

### STANDARD ACCESSORIES INCLUDED

- 2 Probes, 10X, 1.5-m length with accessories. . . . . 010-6120-01
- 2 Probe accessories, Grabber Tips . . . . . 013-0191-00
- 1 Operators Manual . . . . . 070-3398-00
- 1 Service Manual . . . . . 070-3826-00

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Protective Front-Panel Cover . . . . . 200-2520-00
- Cord Wrap and Storage Pouch . . . . . 016-0677-00
- Protective Front-Panel Cover, Cord Wrap, and Storage Pouch. . . . . 020-0672-00
- Low-Cost, General-Purpose Camera. . . . . Order C-5C  
Option 04
- SCOPE-MOBILE Cart—Occupies less than 18 inches of aisle space, with storage area in base . . . . . Order 200C
- Rack-Mount Adapter Kit . . . . . 016-0466-00



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## **MANUAL CHANGE INFORMATION**

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Sometimes, due to printing and shipping requirements, we can't get these changes immediately into printed manuals. Hence, your manual may contain new change information on following pages.

A single change may affect several sections. Since the change information sheets are carried in the manual until all changes are permanently entered, some duplication may occur. If no such change pages appear following this page, your manual is correct as printed.

## **SERVICE NOTE**

Because of the universal parts procurement problem, some electrical parts in your instrument may be different from those described in the Replaceable Electrical Parts List. The parts used will in no way alter or compromise the performance or reliability of this instrument. They are installed when necessary to ensure prompt delivery to the customer. Order replacement parts from the Replaceable Electrical Parts List.

# CALIBRATION TEST EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

## Calibration Test Equipment Chart

This chart compares TM 500 product performance to that of older Tektronix equipment. Only those characteristics where significant specification differences occur, are listed. In some cases the new instrument may not be a total functional replacement. Additional support instrumentation may be needed or a change in calibration procedure may be necessary.

Comparison of Main Characteristics

DM 501 replaces 7D13		
PG 501 replaces 107 108	PG 501 - Risetime less than 3.5 ns into 50 Ω. PG 501 - 5 V output pulse; 3.5 ns Risetime	107 - Risetime less than 3.0 ns into 50 Ω. 108 - 10 V output pulse 1 ns Risetime
PG 502 replaces 107 108 111	PG 502 - 5 V output PG 502 - Risetime less than 1 ns; 10 ns Pretrigger pulse delay	108 - 10 V output 111 - Risetime 0.5 ns; 30 to 250 ns Pretrigger pulse delay
PG 508 replaces 114 115 2101	Performance of replacement equipment is the same or better than equipment being replaced.	
PG 506 replaces 106 067-0502-01	PG 506 - Positive-going trigger output signal at least 1 V; High Amplitude output, 60 V. PG 506 - Does not have chopped feature.	106 - Positive and Negative-going trigger output signal, 50 ns and 1 V; High Amplitude output, 100 V. 0502-01 - Comparator output can be alternately chopped to a reference voltage.
SG 503 replaces 190, 190A, 190B 191 067-0532-01	SG 503 - Amplitude range 5 mV to 5.5 V p-p. SG 503 - Frequency range 250 kHz to 250 MHz.	190B - Amplitude range 40 mV to 10 V p-p. 0532-01 - Frequency range 65 MHz to 500 MHz.
SG 504 replaces 067-0532-01 067-0650-00	SG 504 - Frequency range 245 MHz to 1050 MHz.	0532-01 - Frequency range 65 MHz to 500 MHz.
TG 501 replaces 180, 180A 181 184 2901	TG 501 - Trigger output-slaved to marker output from 5 sec through 100 ns. One time-mark can be generated at a time. TG 501 - Trigger output-slaved to market output from 5 sec through 100 ns. One time-mark can be generated at a time. TG 501 - Trigger output-slaved to marker output from 5 sec through 100 ns. One time-mark can be generated at a time.	180A - Trigger pulses 1, 10, 100 Hz; 1, 10, and 100 kHz. Multiple time-marks can be generated simultaneously. 181 - Multiple time-marks 184 - Separate trigger pulses of 1 and 0.1 sec; 10, 1, and 0.1 ms; 10 and 1 μs. 2901 - Separate trigger pulses, from 5 sec to 0.1 μs. Multiple time-marks can be generated simultaneously.

**NOTE: All TM 500 generator outputs are short-proof. All TM 500 plug-in instruments require TM 500-Series Power Module.**

DESCRIPTION

TEXT CHANGES

Page 4 Callout 13, at end of existing text  
ADD: ...Extends maximum uncalibrated deflection factor to 25 volts per division with IX probe (a range of at least 2.5:1).

Page 7 Callout 30 at end of second line  
ADD: (also refer to TV Signal Displays at the end of "Instrument Familiarization").

Page 7 Callout 31, TV FIELD  
CHANGE TO:  
TV FIELD- permits triggering on television field-rate signals (refer to TV Signal Displays at the end of "Instrument Familiarization").

Page 15 At the end of existing text  
ADD:

TV SIGNAL DISPLAYS

Displaying a TV Line-rate Signal

1. Perform the steps and set the controls as outlined under Baseline Trace and Signal Display to obtain a basic display of the desired TV signal.
2. Set A SEC/DIV to 10  $\mu$ s, and A & B INT to CH 1 or CH 2 as appropriate for applied signal.
3. Set A TRIGGER SLOPE for a positive-going signal (lever up) if the applied TV signal sync pulses are positive-going, or for a negative-going signal (lever down) if the TV sync pulses are negative-going.
4. Adjust the A TRIGGER LEVER control for a stable display, and AUTO INTENSITY for desired display brightness.

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Displaying a TV Field-rate Signal

1. Perform Step 1 under Displaying a TV Line-rate Signal.
2. Set A SEC/DIV to 2 ms, A TRIGGER MODE to TV FIELD and A & B INT to CH 1 or CH 2 as appropriate for the applied signal.
3. Perform Step 3 and and 4 under Displaying a TV Line-rate Signal.
4. To display either Field 1 or Field 2 individually at faster sweep rates (displays of less than one full field), set VERTICAL MODE to BOTH and ALT simultaneously. This synchronizes the Channel 1 display to one field and the Channel 2 display to the other field.

To change the field that is displayed, interrupt the triggering by repeatedly setting the AC GND DC switch to GND or disconnecting the signal from the applied signal input until the other field is displayed. To display both fields simultaneously, apply the input signal to both the CH 1 and CH 2 inputs via two probes, two cables, or through a dual-input coupler.

To examine either a TV Field-rate or Line-rate signal in more detail, either the X10 Magnifier or HORIZONTAL MODE functions may be employed as described for other signals elsewhere in this manual.

5. To display a selected horizontal line, first trigger the sweep on a vertical (field-rate) sync pulse, then use the delayed sweep to delay out to that line for close examination. This procedure is useful for examining VITS signals.