

Digitimer

DS7A & DS7AH CONSTANT CURRENT HIGH VOLTAGE STIMULATORS For Transcutaneous Stimulation of Nerve and Muscle Tissue



The Digitimer High Voltage Stimulator model DS7A provides constant current high voltage pulses of brief duration for transcutaneous stimulation during investigation of the electrical activity of nerve and muscle tissue. The output current is continuously variable over the range 0 to 100 milli-Amps, from a source voltage continuously variable from less than 100 Volts to 400 Volts, to meet the requirements of human pathological cases. Short pulse durations have been made available to minimise any discomfort to the subject. The pulse duration can be varied from 50 micro-seconds to 2 milli-seconds in six steps and a specially designed isolated output stage maintains a square (current) pulse shape while minimising stimulus artefacts

To reduce tissue polarization and in response to customer demand, the 2014 models of the DS7A and DS7AH now include a three position (+ve, alternating and -ve) polarity control, allowing the user to reverse stimulus polarity or automatically alternate polarity between successive stimuli.

The instrument is mounted in a non-conductive, free standing case and is mains powered. For higher voltages, the Digitimer stimulator model D185 is suggested.

The DS7AH option, allowing currents up to 1A with a maximum pulse duration limit of 200 micro-seconds, is also available. This model is offered to overcome the difficulties of stimulating deep peripheral nerves, or large muscles such as the quadriceps, with large area electrodes.

The stimulator requires a TTL trigger pulse input and triggers on the positive edge (negative edge can be factory set). Alternatively a foot switch may be connected to a socket on the rear panel or the front panel push button pressed. A TTL compatible trigger output is provided at a BNC socket on the rear panel.

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SPECIFICATIONS

OUTPUT

Current	Selected by 10 turn dial and x1 / x10 switch	DS7AH
	Dial reading 0.00 to 9.99 giving 0 to 9.99mA for x1 setting and 0 to 99.9mA for x10 setting	(00.0 to 99.9) (0 to 99.9mA for x1) (0 to 999mA for x10)
Pulse Duration	50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000µs	(50, 100, 200µs only)
Pulse Polarity	Three position toggle switch - +ve, -ve and alternating polarity options	
Compliance	Continuously variable from 100V to 400V	
On/Off - Reset	On is up Off disables output and open circuit terminals. Fault trip is also reset	
Connections	4mm shrouded, touchproof sockets (red and black) on 3/4" centres	
Protection	The DS7A/DS7AH is internally protected to limit the output energy (Duration x Current x Repetition). A separate sheet is available showing these limits	

TRIGGER

Input	Electrical via BNC socket on rear panel: Triggers at +3V on positive edge Maximum input = ± 15V Minimum pulse duration= 5 microsecond Maximum repetition rate= 1000pps (100pps in alternating polarity mode)
	Front panel: Push button
	Rear panel via 1/4" mono jack socket: Foot switch (contact closure)
Output	Rear panel BNC, positive TTL pulse 1 millisecond wide (can be factory set for negative polarity)

INDICATORS

Trigger	LED - Amber, flashes for each trigger received
Out of Compliance	LED - Amber, lit when selected current not delivered
Fault	LED - Red, illuminated and latched for sensed over current and at power on
Power On	LED - Green, illuminated for power on
Polarity	2x LED - Green, each illuminated to indicate the polarity of the next stimulus.
Too Fast	LED - Amber, illuminated if trigger frequency exceeds 100pps (Alternating Polarity mode only).

OTHER

Power	100-120V or 200-240V (externally selected), 47-63 Hz, 12VA
Classification	Class 1 with Type BF applied part
Safety	EN 60601-1
Dimensions	225 x 100 x 255mm (w x h x d)
Weight	3kg (approx.)

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