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- **Digital Function Generators** - page 15
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**Function, Arbitrary & Pulse generators**

Aim-TTi is a world leader in waveform generation with products ranging from basic analog function generators through to advanced multi-channel arbitrary generators.

**Waveform quality**

The success of Aim-TTi function generators has always been based around waveform quality.

Aim-TTi generators offer waveform quality not just at high output levels, but at low levels as well - a much more difficult task.

Careful analog design yields excellent waveform purity at all frequencies and levels, unlike many competitive products.

**Digital architectures**

Aim-TTi has been at the forefront of digital generator design with products that combine both DDS (direct digital synthesis) and variable-clock architectures in order to offer optimum performance for specific applications.

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**TGP110 Pulse Generator**

- 0.1Hz to 10MHz pulse generator
- Very wide pulse control range

The TGP110 is an analog pulse generator that offers a very wide control range. Its dedicated architecture enables it to generate fast rise time flat top pulses over a very large duty cycle range.

The unit offers selectable delay between trigger and pulse, or between two pulses in double pulse mode. A sync output signal provides a pulse in synchronism with the trigger.

A low impedance output of fully variable level is provided together with a TTL/CMOS output and a level inversion switch.

- 0.1Hz to 10MHz frequency range
- Independent control of pulse frequency, width and delay
- 50ns minimum pulse width
- Squarewave, double pulse and delayed pulse modes
- Free-run, gated and triggered modes
- 50 Ohm output: 0.1V to 10V amplitude
- TTL/CMOS and Sync outputs

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**WA301 Waveform Amplifier**

- Up to 30 volts pk-pk output
- DC to 1 MHz bandwidth

The WA301 wide-band waveform amplifier is intended for extending the maximum output voltage swing of function and arbitrary generators for applications where an EMF of 20 volts pk-pk is insufficient.

- 30 V pk to pk output (15 V into terminating impedance)
- 50Ω and 600Ω outputs; full output protection
- Switchable 20dB output attenuator
- DC to 1MHz bandwidth
- High impedance input; 0dB to +20dB gain
The function generator is a particularly versatile instrument. It can generate a variety of precision wave shapes over a range of frequencies from mHz to MHz with a wide range of controlled amplitudes from a low-impedance source, and maintain constant amplitude as the frequency is varied.

Although digital function generators may offer more features, analog function generators have advantages that can make them more appropriate for certain applications.

### Analog Function Generators - comparison table

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Frequency Range</th>
<th>Waveform Functions</th>
<th>Variable Symmetry</th>
<th>Digital Frequency Lock</th>
<th>External Sweep Input</th>
<th>Waveform Output</th>
<th>DC Offset Display</th>
<th>Power</th>
<th>Size &amp; Weight</th>
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<td>TG310</td>
<td>0.03Hz to 3MHz</td>
<td>Sine, Square or Triangle all with variable symmetry and DC</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
<td>1.9 kg (4.2 lb).</td>
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<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>TG330</td>
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<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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<td>TG400</td>
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<td>Digital Readout via LCD</td>
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<td>230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally. Size &amp; weight: TG120: 220 x 82 x 230 mm (WxHxD). 1.5 kg (3.0 lb).</td>
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The TG310 is a basic 3MHz function generator which offers very high waveform quality at all frequencies and levels. Frequency is set using a calibrated vernier knob.

The feature set includes variable symmetry at constant frequency and variable dc offset with centre detent.

Output impedances of 50Ω and 600Ω are supported via separate output sockets.

- **0.03Hz to 3MHz frequency range**
- **High waveform quality at all frequencies & levels**
- **2mV to 20V pk-pk from 50Ω or 600Ω**
- **Sine, square and triangle waveforms plus dc**
- **1000:1 frequency change on each range**
- **Variable symmetry control**
- **External sweep input**

The TG120 uses a different waveform generation technique from that used in other Aim-TTi analog function generators.

By doing so it achieves a greatly extended maximum frequency point of 20MHz.

Although offering a slightly poorer overall specifications than other Aim-TTi generators, it represents excellent value for users who require a higher frequency waveform source.

- **0.2Hz to 20MHz frequency range**
- **Sine, square and triangle waveforms plus dc**
- **10mV to 20V pk-pk from 50Ω**
- **DC offset control with zero detent**
- **Variable symmetry control**
- **External sweep input**
- **Excellent price/performance ratio**

**TG310**

- **Dial-set 3MHz function generator**
- **High waveform quality**

**TG120**

- **Dial-set function generator**
- **20MHz frequency range**
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**TG300 series**

- 3MHz function generator range
- Display of frequency and level
- 120MHz frequency counter
- Choice of three models

Further details are provided in the comparison table on the previous page. Full details are available on the web site.

The TG300 series are analog function generators with a digital display which provides simultaneous readout of frequency and level (amplitude pk-pk, amplitude rms or dc offset).

Two models include an external counter with 7 digit resolution (using the full width of the display) at up to 120MHz.

The top model includes a sweep generator and internal/external amplitude modulation.

- 0.03Hz to 3MHz frequency range
- Simultaneous display of frequency and amplitude
- External seven digit 120MHz counter (not TG315)
- High waveform quality at all frequencies & levels
- 2mV to 20V pk-pk from 50Ω or 600Ω
- Variable symmetry with constant frequency
- Auxiliary TTL/CMOS output
- 1000:1 freq. change by vernier or sweep voltage
- Precision internal lin/log sweep (TG330 only)
- Internal/external AM up to 100% (TG330 only)

**Model range:**

TG315 - basic dual-display function generator.
TG320 - as TG315 with external counter.
TG330 - as TG320 with sweep generator and amplitude modulation.

**TG550**

- 5MHz function generator
- Display of frequency and level
- Digital frequency locking
- Built-in sweep generator

Further details are provided in the comparison table on the previous page. Full details are available on the web site.

The TG550 is the most advanced analog function generator in the TTI range.

It includes a digital frequency locking system which, when enabled, continuously compares the output with a crystal reference.

The TG550 has a dual display to show both frequency and level (amplitude pk-pk, amplitude rms or dc offset).

It has an external counter with 7 digit resolution (using the full width of the display) at up to 20MHz.

It also includes a sweep generator with linear and logarithmic sweep capability, and internal/external amplitude modulation.

- 0.005Hz to 5MHz frequency range
- Built-in seven digit 20MHz frequency counter
- Digital frequency lock for exceptional stability
- Simultaneous display of frequency and voltage amplitude or offset
- Internal or external AM at up to 100%
- Precision internal lin/log sweep
Digital Function Generators

Digital function generators can be divided into three broad categories:

1. **DDS* Function Generators** without Arbitrary - these perform a similar function to an analog function generator, but with the advantages of DDS based stability, resolution, and sinewave purity. The TG2000 falls into this category.

2. DDS Function/Arbitrary Generators - these have the ability to produce arbitrary waveforms in addition to standard waveforms, but within the limitation imposed by using a DDS system. The TG1010A and TG5011 fall into this category.

3. Universal Arbitrary Waveform Generators - these combine a DDS function generator with a variable-clock* arbitrary generator. Typically these generators incorporate more sophisticated systems for the production of arbitrary waveforms. The TGA1240 and TGA12100 series (see page 19) fall into this category. The TG4001 also has a similar architecture.

### Digital Function and Function/Arbitrary Generators - comparison table (see also TGA series - page 18)

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<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>TG1006</th>
<th>TG1000/2000</th>
<th>TG2511A/5011A</th>
<th>TG2512A/5012A</th>
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<td>Number of Channels</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>One</td>
<td>Two</td>
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<td>Dual Channel Operation</td>
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<td>Frequency Range (sin)</td>
<td>0.001Hz to 10MHz</td>
<td>0.001Hz to 10/20MHz</td>
<td>0.001mHz to 25/50MHz</td>
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<td>Frequency Resolution (sin)</td>
<td>6 digits or 1mHz</td>
<td>6 digits or 1mHz</td>
<td>14 digits or 0.001mHz</td>
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<td>Waveform Generation System</td>
<td>DDS</td>
<td>DDS</td>
<td>DDS</td>
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<td>Multi-Generator Phase Lock</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frequency Accuracy</td>
<td>Better than ±10ppm</td>
<td>Better than ±1ppm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waveform Functions</td>
<td>Sine, Square, Triangle,</td>
<td>Sine, Square, Triangle,</td>
<td>Sine, Square, Ramp, Pulse, Noise,</td>
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<td>Variable Symmetry Range</td>
<td>20% to 80% square</td>
<td>20% to 80% square/pulse</td>
<td>0.1% - 99.9% ramp, 20% to 80% square</td>
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<td>Additional Pulse Generator Features</td>
<td>Independent period, delay,</td>
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<td>Arbitrary Waveforms</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Arbitrary Vertical Resolution</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Arbitrary Waveform Clock</td>
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<td>125MHz (DDS)</td>
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<td>ARB Waveform PC Software</td>
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<td>Frequency Sweep (Rate/Mode)</td>
<td>50ms to 9999s, lin or log</td>
<td>50ms to 9999s, lin or log</td>
<td>Tms to 500s, lin or log</td>
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<td>Internal/External Modulations</td>
<td>FSK, AM</td>
<td>Tone, FSK, External AM</td>
<td>Internal/External AM, FM, PM, PWM,</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Flatness</td>
<td>±20dB to 50/600Ohm</td>
<td>±50dB to 50/600Ohm</td>
<td>Sum, BPSK, FSK</td>
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<td>Sinewave Purity</td>
<td>Typically 0.1% to 20kHz</td>
<td>Typically 0.1% to 20kHz</td>
<td>&lt;0.15% to 100kHz</td>
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<td>Output Flatness</td>
<td>±0.5dB to 20/10MHz</td>
<td>±0.2dB to 10MHz</td>
<td>±0.15dB to 5MHz</td>
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<td>Auxiliary Output</td>
<td>Sync</td>
<td>Multi-function output for Waveform</td>
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<td>Display</td>
<td>8 digit LCD</td>
<td>Dot-matrix backlit LCD</td>
<td>Full Graphic backlit LCD</td>
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<td>Digital Interfaces</td>
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<td>RS232/USB (TG2000 only)</td>
<td>USB/LAN (GPIB option)</td>
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<td>Power</td>
<td>230V or 115V AC nominal</td>
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<td>260 x 88 x 235 mm (WxHxD)</td>
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* For an explanation of DDS (direct digital synthesis) and of DDS and variable-clock architectures for generators go to our web site: [www.aimtti.com/go/arb](http://www.aimtti.com/go/arb)

The TG1006 is a low cost function generator using DDS frequency generation and covering the range 1mHz to 10MHz. Up to ten frequencies can be stored in a list. Despite its price it includes a wide range of features including wide range phase continuous sweep, AM and FSK. A unique feature is manual sweep which enables any frequency range to be spanned by a quasi-analog control.

- 0.001Hz to 10MHz or 20MHz frequency range
- 6 digits or 1mHz resolution
- Simultaneous display of frequency and voltage amplitude or offset
- 1ppm stability and 10ppm one year accuracy
- Low distortion, high spectral purity sine waves
- Internal phase-continuous sweep, lin or log
- Unique manual sweep gives quasi-analog control
- AM and FSK modes, frequency list (10 steps)
- 2mV to 20V pk-pk from 50 or 600 Ohms
- Built-in seven digit 120MHz frequency counter

For more complete information on any product, please visit our web site: [www.aimtti.com](http://www.aimtti.com)
16. Function/Arbitrary Generators - waveform generation

**TG1000 & TG2000**

- 10/20MHz DDS function generator  
- High stability and resolution  
- USB & RS232 interfaces (TG2000)

Further details are provided in the comparison table on P15. Full details are available on the web site.

Unlike some other lower cost DDS based generators, the TG1000 and TG2000 provide digital control of all parameters and functions. This allows for the complete instrument status to be stored in the set-up memories. On the TG2000, it also enables complete control via the digital bus interfaces.

The TG2000 is a high performance DDS based function generator covering the range 1MHz to 20MHz. It is ideal for engineers who require a high stability and high resolution function generator, but who do not require arbitrary waveforms.

The TG1000 has a lower maximum frequency of 10MHz and omits the RS232 and USB interfaces of the TG2000.

- 0.001Hz to 10MHz or 20MHz frequency range  
- 6 digits or 1mHz resolution  
- 1ppm stability and 10ppm one year accuracy  
- Low distortion, high spectral purity sine waves  
- Internal phase-continuous sweep, lin or log  
- AM, FSK, gated and tone switching modes  
- 5mV to 20V pk-pk from 50Ω or 600Ω  
- Storage for multiple instrument set-ups  
- USB and RS232 Interfaces (TG2000 only)

**Waveform Quality**

Ultimately what matters in a function generator is the quality of the output signal. The TG1000 and TG2000 maintain the TTi reputation for high signal quality at all frequencies and all levels. The waveform capture opposite shows just how much difference that can make. The scope display opposite was captured from two 5MHz square wave signals each at 60mV pk-pk level into 50Ω.

The upper waveform is from a widely available competitive DDS generator. The lower waveform is from a TG2000. Further details are provided in the comparison table on P15. Full details are available on the web site.

**TG1010A**

- 10MHz DDS function generator  
- Arbitrary waveform capability  
- Wide range of modulations  
- RS-232 and optional GPIB

Full details are available on the web site.

The TG1010A is a high performance 10MHz DDS function generator with extensive modulations and the added benefit of basic arbitrary waveform capabilities. It can produce frequencies down to 0.0001 Hz and has a built-in trigger generator. Triggered bursts with variable start-stop phase is available for all waveforms. Wide range phase-continuous sweep is available at rates from 10ms to 15 minutes. Amplitude modulation is provided for all waveforms and an internal AM source is incorporated. The frequency agility of the DDS system is used to provide FSK and Frequency Hop facilities.

Arbitrary waveforms can be loaded via the digital interfaces and then used in a similar way to the standard waveforms. In addition, the TG1010A offers numerous “complex” waveforms pre-defined in ROM. These include commonly used wave-shapes such as sine x/x, decaying sinewave, exponential rise and fall etc.

- 0.1MHz to 10MHz frequency range, 7 digit resolution  
- Eight standard waveforms, plus multiple “complex” waveforms, true arbitrary waveforms and noise  
- Powerful modulation modes including Sweep, AM, Gating, Trigger/Burst, FSK and Hop  
- Variable symmetry, variable start/stop phase  
- 20V pk-pk output from 50Ω or 600Ω (switchable)  
- Storage for five Arbitrary waveforms (1024 x 10-bits)  
- Fully programmable via RS-232 or optional GPIB interfaces
The TG5011A and TG2511A are high performance DDS arbitrary/function generators that utilise the latest high speed FPGA technologies to provide an exceptionally good price to performance ratio. They substantially out-perform the competition with high quality sine and square waveforms at up to 50MHz.

The full graphics display is capable of showing representative waveform information simultaneously with a comprehensive status readout. The casing is highly compact being half rack width by 2U height.

The wide range of standard waveforms is supplemented by full arbitrary waveform capability using a 125MS/s sampling rate and up to 128K word record length. Waveforms can be downloaded via the digital interfaces or loaded and saved via the front mounted USB flash drive interface.

Pulse waveforms are generated by a dedicated pulse generator system with independent setting of period, width and delay. Rise and fall times are independently variable over a wide range.

A comprehensive digital modulation system is incorporated covering AM, FM, PM, PWM, FSK and Noise. Modulations can be internal or external at frequencies from DC up to 20kHz external or 1MHz internal.

A comprehensive set of interfaces includes USB and LAN (conforming with LXI) as standard plus GPIB as an option.

- 1µHz to 50MHz or 25MHz range; 14 digits or 1µHz resolution.
- Standard waveforms include sine, square, ramp, pulse, PBRS, \( \sin(x)/x \), noise, exponential and logarithmic rise.
- True pulse generator with variable delay and variable rise/fall.
- Arbitrary waveforms of up to 128K points at up to 125MS/s.
- Waveform storage using USB flash drives.
- Large graphic LCD with simultaneous text and waveform display.
- Comprehensive internal and external digital modulations including AM, FM, PM, PWM, SUM, FSK and BPSK.
- 20mV to 20V pk-pk output from 50Ω; plus multi function aux. out.
- Storage for multiple instrument set-ups in non-volatile memory.
- Waveform Manager Plus for Windows software included.
- Programmable via USB and LAN (LXI) interfaces; GPIB optional.

The TG5012A and TG2512A are two channel versions of the TG5011A/2511A, detailed above) and have identical features augmented by multi-channel capabilities including coupling for frequency and/or level, full tracking, and defined phase offset.

The channels can also be used as completely independent generators and they represent excellent value for money when compared with buying two generators.

- Two channels - independent or linked with coupled/tracking modes.
- Selectable coupling of frequency (equal or offset), amplitude/dc offset.
- Inter-channel phase offset of -360° to +360° with 0.1° resolution.
- Individual channel features as TG5011A/TG2511A.

The TGxx11A series is the latest and most advanced digital function generator from Aim-TTi.

It incorporates a full graphic display and offers high quality standard waveforms, high speed arbitrary waveforms, and full pulse generator facilities.

Pulses can be set-up from independent period, width and delay, with variable rise and fall times. Internal or external digital modulations are available using any waveshape.

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The channels can also be used as completely independent generators and they represent excellent value for money when compared with buying two generators.

- Two channels - independent or linked with coupled/tracking modes.
- Selectable coupling of frequency (equal or offset), amplitude/dc offset.
- Inter-channel phase offset of -360° to +360° with 0.1° resolution.
- Individual channel features as TG5011A/TG2511A.
### 18. Arbitrary Generators - waveform generation

**ARB generator types**

Arbitrary generator describes a class of digital generator potentially capable of reproducing any waveform shape. There are two distinctly different ways in which arbitrary waveforms can be produced - DDS and Variable Clock *.

Because each manufacturer may choose a different description for their product, it is not easy to know which underlying technology is being used.

There are three broad classes of arbitrary waveform generator:

1. Generators that use DDS (direct digital synthesis) for the production of both standard waveforms (function generator mode) and arbitrary waveforms. These are most commonly described as either Function/Arbitrary Generators or Arbitrary/Function Generators (AFG).

2. Generators that use a variable clock architecture for the production of both standard waveforms and arbitrary waveforms. Within these generators a standard waveform is simply a specific instance of an arbitrary waveform.

These are most commonly described as Arbitrary Waveform Generators (AWG).

3. Generators that use DDS for the production of standard waveforms (function generator mode) and variable clock for generating arbitrary waveforms.

These may be described as Universal Arbitrary Waveform Generators or simply Arbitrary Waveform Generators (AWG) as in category 2.

* See the TTi web site for more information about arbitrary generator architectures.

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**TGA overview**

Aim-TTi generators with the TGA prefix are universal arbitrary waveform generators offering a choice of one, two or four channels.

Two series are available; the TGA1240 which has a maximum clock speed of 40MHz, and the TGA12100 which has a maximum clock speed of 100MHz, greater waveform memory length, and a number of additional features.

A key feature of both series is the universal architecture which combines the advantages of true variable clock arbitrary waveform generation with the benefits of DDS (direct digital synthesis) when acting as a function generator.

The two and four channel models offer exceptional flexibility with channels that can be fully independent or linked. In independent mode each channel is a completely separate generator offering not just differing frequency, amplitude and waveform but different operational modes.

For example one channels could be used as a function generator while another is used as an arbitrary generator and a third as a pulse generator.

The channels can be set to provide inter-channel triggering, modulation or summing. Alternatively they can be linked to offer multi-channel phase controlled signals.

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### Universal Arbitrary Waveform Generators - comparison table (see also TG series - page 14)

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<td>16MHz/16MHz</td>
<td>40MHz/50MHz</td>
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<td>7 digits or 0.1mHz</td>
<td>Up to 1048576 points</td>
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<td>0.0001Hz</td>
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<td>&lt;0.1% to 100kHz, &lt;±35dBc at 10MHz</td>
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<td>9 stores</td>
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* Power: 230V or 115V AC nominal 50/60Hz, adjustable internally except for TGA12102/4 which are 100V to 230V, 50/60/400Hz.

**Arbitrary, function and pulse**

Each channel of a TGA series generator can be used as an arbitrary generator, function generator, or pulse pattern generator.

As a pulse generator a pattern of up to ten pulses can be defined with each pulse having its own amplitude, width and delay. The complete pattern can then be replayed at a user defined repetition rate.

**Waveform sequencing**

Sequencing enables complex waveforms to be constructed by sequencing simpler elements.

To understand the benefits of sequencing go to: www.aimtti.com/go/arb

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**Multi-channel phase locking**

Multi-channel TGA series generators can be used to generate multi-phase signals.

Any number of channels can be phase locked with offsets defined to a resolution of 0.1 degrees.

TGA12100 models can also be phase locked to an external clock and provide phase continuous frequency changes with a varying external signal.

**Multi-channel modulation**

Inter-channel modulation and summing allows the creation of complex modulation systems for simulation and testing.
The TGA1240 series are universal arbitrary waveform generators that combine a high performance arbitrary waveform generator, pulse train generator and DDS function generator on each channel.

Variable clock architecture eliminates sampling jitter and enables complex waveforms to be created using waveform sequencing.

Multi-channel units can be operated as completely independent signal sources, phase locked sources, or interlinked sources using inter-channel triggering, modulation or summing.

- 1, 2 or 4 waveform channels, independent or linked.
- 40MS/s maximum sampling, (0.1Hz to 40MHz variable clock).
- 65,536 point waveform memory per channel.
- Non-volatile storage for up to 100 waveforms
- Complex waveform sequencing and looping capability.
- Inter-channel triggering, summing and phase control.
- 16MHz function generator capabilities using DDS.
- Multiple ‘standard’ waveforms including sine, square, triangle, haversine, ramp, pulse and sin(x)/x.
- Pulse train generation for up to 10 pulses.
- Wide range sweep, AM, tone switching, signal summing.
- Tone switching facilitates precision DTMF generation.
- Built-in trigger generator, gated & triggered burst modes.
- Fully interfaceable via RS-232 and GPIB (IEEE-488.2).

The TGA12100 series offers all of the features of the TGA1240 series with extended sampling speed and memory depth.

It also includes a number of additional features such as an external ARB clock input that extends the capabilities further.

- Features as per the TGA1240 series with the following additions:
  - 100MS/s maximum sampling, (0.1Hz to 100MHz variable clock).
  - 1,048,576 point waveform memory per channel.
  - Waveform storage using removable CompactFlash memory cards.
  - 40MHz function generator capabilities using DDS.
  - External ARB clock input for synchronism with external signals.
  - "System clock" architecture for reduced inter-channel skew.
  - Auxiliary sinewave output (3rd or 5th output) on TGA12102/4.
  - RS-232 and GPIB (IEEE-488.2) and USB interfaces.
20. Arbitrary Generators - waveform generation

**TG4001**
- 40MHz DDS function generator
- High speed arbitrary waveforms
- Pulse train generation
- RS-232, USB and optional GPIB

Further details are provided in the comparison table on the previous page. Full details are available on the web site.

The TG4001 provides high purity sine waves at up to 40MHz and square waves at up to 50MHz. The output amplifier has a bandwidth approaching 100MHz ensuring that waveform quality is excellent right up to the frequency limits. Amplitude flatness is better than ±0.2dB to 1MHz and ±0.4dB to 40MHz.

Low noise design ensures minimum waveform aberrations and provides high waveform quality even at minimum output amplitude.

In addition to its eleven ‘standard’ waveforms, the TG4001 can generate arbitrary waveforms of any length between 8 and 65,536 points at speeds of up to 100MS/s. Up to four arbitrary waveforms can be stored within the instrument.

As well as standard and arbitrary waveforms, the TG4001 can generate pulse trains. A pattern of up to 10 pulses can be quickly defined with each pulse having its own amplitude, width and delay.

- 0.1mHz to 40MHz range; 10 digits or 0.1mHz resolution.
- 11 standard waveforms including sine, square, triangle, haversine, ramp, pulse, sin(x)/x.
- Pulse train generation for up to 10 pulses.
- Arbitrary waveforms of up to 64K points at up to 100MS/s.
- Modulations modes of sweep, burst, gated and tone switching; built-in trigger generator.
- 5mV to 20V pk-pk output from 50Ω; plus multi function aux. out.
- Storage for nine instrument set-ups in non-volatile memory.
- Waveform Manager Plus for Windows software included.
- Programmable via RS-232 or USB interfaces; GPIB optional.

**Waveform Manager Plus software**

- Waveform creation, editing, import and management
- Full waveform building tools
- Interface via RS232, USB, LAN or GPIB

Waveform Manager Plus is supplied with all TGA series generators and the TG4001 & TG251xA & TG501xA. Full details of the software capabilities are available on the web site.

Aim-TTi arbitrary generators include a built-in waveform creation/editing facility that includes point-by-point value insertion, straight line interpolation between points and standard waveform insertion between points.

However, complex arbitrary waveforms will need to be generated using sophisticated software tools outside of the instrument and transferred using a digital interface.

Waveform Manager Plus is a Windows program that offers the most comprehensive range of waveform creation and editing tools available including a full mathematical expression generator and freehand drawing tools.

Waveform Manager Plus is supplied as standard with all TGA series generators and with the TG4001 and TG251xA and TG501xA.

Waveform Manager Plus can also be used to import waveforms from other software programs or other hardware devices and to scale and crop these waveforms for compatibility with the target arbitrary generator.

- Full waveform building tools including standard waveforms, mathematical expressions, clipboard functions and freehand drawing.
- Vertical resolutions up to 16 bits (65536 points).
- Horizontal resolutions to over one million points.
- Waveform import/export via clipboard functions.
- Direct import from CSV files.
- Download and upload via RS232, USB, GPIB, LAN.

For more complete information on any product, please visit our web site: www.aimtti.com
TGR6000

- 6 GHz signal generator
- -110dBm to +7dBm
- High speed sweep
- USB, RS-232, GPIB & LAN

The TGR6000 is a highly cost effective solution for engineers requiring a high quality generator operating up to 6GHz.

No modulations are incorporated, but rapid settling times enables a fast stepped sweep.
Level trim allows amplitude to be adjusted at various frequencies to match the requirements of specific test set-ups.
List sweep enables up to 1000 points of amplitude versus frequency to be defined.

Note: Full technical details are available on the web site.

- 10MHz to 6000MHz frequency range
- Accuracy better than 1ppm over 15°C to 30°C
- Ageing better than 1 ppm over one year
- Low phase noise and low leakage
- -110dBm to +7dBm amplitude, 0.1dB steps
- Amplitude entry in dBm, µV / mV, or dBµV
- User compensation tables for specific test set-ups
- Fast stepping sweep with dwell times down to 10ms
- Internal or externally triggered sweep, lin or log, up or down
- List sweep of up to 1000 points of amplitude versus frequency
- Non-volatile storage for 12 generator set-ups and 16 sweep lists
- Compact half-rack 2U casing uses minimum bench space
- Full remote control through RS232, USB, GPIB and LAN
- Significantly lower cost than other 6GHz generators
22. Signal Generators - RF & EMC test equipment

TGR1040

- 1 GHz signal generator
- -127dBm to +7dBm
- RS-232, optional GPIB
- Low cost

The TGR1040 is the low cost solution for RF engineers who require a basic RF generator of high stability and wide amplitude range. It has good phase noise and low leakage and offers FM modulation, internal or external.

TGR2050

- 2 GHz signal generator
- -127dBm to +7dBm
- AM, FM & phase modulation
- RS-232 and GPIB standard

The TGR2050 offers a wide frequency range with a setability of 10Hz. It has 1ppm internal stability and can be locked to an external standard. Modulation facilities of FM, Phase and AM are included.

Note: Full technical details are available on the web site.

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**Further Products**

The preceding pages are an extract from the 36 page general Aim-TTi Product Summary brochure which also includes laboratory power supplies, precision test instruments, and RF & EMC test equipment.

**The Aim-TTi Web Site**

This catalogue provides only limited information on each product.

**The Aim-TTi Web sites**

Detailed product information is provided on the Aim-TTi web site, together with support information and price lists.

There are three web sites relating to your geographic location: international, UK and USA (see below):

**aimtti.com**

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