

Timecode Reader/Generator

Model TPRO-PC104



- IRIG-A, IRIG-B, NASA36 timecode reader
- IRIG-B timecode generator
- IRIG-B output
- Time-Tag input
- Freewheel capability
- Programmable start/stop time output and interrupt capability

The TPRO-PC104 performs timing and synchronization functions referenced to an input timecode signal, synchronizing its on-board clock to this timecode and providing its clock time as an IRIG-B output. Other features include a time-tag TTL input, programmable "heartbeat" pulse or squarewave output (with interrupt capability), and programmable "match" start/stop time output (with interrupt capability).

The board continues to increment time ("freewheel") in the absence of an input timecode. It can serve as an IRIG-B timecode generator after initial time is set via the bus.

The input timecode format (IRIG-B, IRIG-A or NASA36) is automatically detected. Synchronization to the input timecode is also automatic and can be enabled/disabled via the ISA bus. A propagation delay offset may be specified to compensate for cable delays.

An automatic gain control (AGC) circuit permits a wide range of input timecode amplitudes. The timecode input is differential; the board does not reference this signal to ground. A single-ended input (referenced to ground) is also acceptable. One-pulse-per-second (1 PPS) input synchronization is also available (Option "-M"). In this case, the initial time is programmed via the ISA bus and the board begins counting on the next 1 PPS pulse.

PC104 Interface

The board occupies 16 consecutive addresses in I/O (not memory) space. Base address and interrupt level are selected using jumpers. All board functions can be used without interrupts and can be accessed using 8-bit transfers. The time can also be read using four 16-bit transfers. Binary-coded decimal (BCD) format is used for setting and reading the time.



Specifications

Timecode Input

Code Format (Autodetect): IRIG-A (A132), IRIG-B (B122), NASA36
Amplitude: 1.2 V_{p-p} min, 8.0 V_{p-p} max
Polarity: Detected automatically
Modulation Ratio: 2:1 min, 3:1 typ, 4:1 max
Input Impedance: >10K Ohms
Input Time Accuracy: Better than 100 ppm (not suitable for tape playback)
Common Mode Voltage: Differential input, ±100 V max

Timecode Output

Code Format: IRIG-B (B122)
Amplitude (Adjustable): 2.6 V_{p-p} typical
Modulation Ratio (Adjustable): 3:1
Output Impedance: 600 Ohms

On-Board Clock

Resolution: 1 μs
Range: 366:23:59:999999
Date Format: Integer (001–366)
Propagation Delay Correction: –1000 μs through +8999 μs
Propagation Delay Setting: Programmed over PC104 bus
Stability:
 Disciplined to timecode: 2 x 10⁻⁷
 Undisciplined: 1 x 10⁻⁶

Time-Tag Input

Input Voltage:
 –0.5 V min, +0.8 V max for logic 0
 +2.0 V min, +5.5 V max for logic 1
 Tags rising edge
Input Current: <5 mA for logic 0 and 1
Rise/Fall Time: 500 nS max
Repetition Rate: 1000 events per second maximum
Timing Resolution: 1 μs

1 PPS Sync Input (Option –M only)

Input Voltage: 2.4 V min, 16.0 V max (high)
Rise/Fall Time: 500 nS max
Trigger Edge: Rising
1 PPS Accuracy: Must be 100 ppm or better

Heartbeat Output

Output Voltage:
 High: 3.8 V min at 32 mA (source)
 Low: 0.4 V max at –645 mA (sink)
Wave Shape: Pulse or squarewave (programmable)
Pulse Width: 150 nS min, 450 nS max
Pulse Polarity: Negative
Squarewave: 45% to 55%
Timing: Falling edge on-time (pulse or squarewave)
Range:
 1.000 μs to 21.845 μs in μs increments
 (1 MHz to 45.7771 Hz)
Power-on Default Rate: 100 PPS (pulse)

Match Output

Output Voltage:
 High: 3.8 V min at 32 mA (source)
 Low: 0.4 V max at –64 mA (sink)
Settability: 1 μs

Bus Interface

I/O Address: 16 consecutive addresses
I/O Base Address: 0000–0FF0 (jumper selected)
Interrupt Level: IRQ 2–7, 10–12, 14, 15 (jumper selected)
Time Between Accesses: 100 μs minimum
Necessary Accesses:
 4 (read time, 16-bit mode)
 14 (read time, 8-bit FIFO mode)
 12 (read time-tag, 8-bit FIFO mode)
 11 (set time, heartbeat, or match)
DMA Transfers: None

General

Size: H 95.89 mm, L 90.17 mm
Power (from ISA bus):
 +5 Vdc @ 0.7 mA max
 +12 Vdc @ 175 mA max
 –12 Vdc @ 20 mA max
Operating Temperature: –30° to +70° C (–22° to +158° F)
Storage Temperature: –40° to +80° C (–40° to +176° F)
Connectors: BNC and DB15 depending on input/output

Drivers

Major operating systems are supported.

Ordering Information

Model TPRO-PC104 (+option #)

Options

–M: Sync to 1 PPS input instead of timecode
 –HB1PPS: 1 PPS heart beat output
 –FXB: RS-422 driver for heart beat output (includes -HB1PPS)
 –LOR1: Three outputs (1MHz, 1 PPS, GND)