

225MHz Universal Counter/Timer

MODEL 6030



- 2 x 225 MHz independent input channels (typically operate to 300MHz)
- Optional Frequency Measurement to 2.4 GHz
- Standard TCXO stability Oscillator
- Optional high-stability Rubidium Oscillator
- Bright 10 digits display; visible at any lighting condition
- Resolves frequency resolution to 9 digits in one second of gate time
- 1 ps averaged time interval resolution
- 10 storable front panel set-ups

The Model 6030 Programmable Counter/Timer offers two independent input channels (A and B) for measuring frequencies up to 225MHz, plus a third optional input channel (C) that allows measuring frequencies up to 2.4GHz, offers outstanding frequency range and high resolution along with numerous special features and capabilities built-in to this optimal Counter/Timer. The 6030 also includes a temperature compensated crystal oscillator (TCXO) time base for exceptional measurement stability, even in changing ambient conditions.

Extremely User-Friendly Operation

Design approach emphasizes simplicity of operation. Numerous functions, parameters and operating modes resolved to simple, logical blocks and one keystroke operation. In fact, operation is so easy that first time users rarely require an Instruction Manual.A.T.E. Environment Unusually flexible software package. With simple commands one can adapt handshake, commands and termination to designated controller.

High Reliability

Each Tabor instrument is aged for at least two weeks and subsequently 100% computerized tested before shipping.

- 13 automatic measurements, including peak signal amplitude
- 500 built-in gate time intervals plus an external input, extend gate time range from 100 μ s to 1000s
- Complete input conditioning on both channels, with internal 50 Ω , attenuators, low-pass filters, and slope selection
- Standard GPIB Interface

Versatility

Model 6030 is virtually a self-contained automatic test system. A non-volatile memory is capable of storing up to 10 various front panel set-ups; each dedicated to a different test procedure. Recalling a specific set-up or accessing a few set-ups is performed with pushbutton ease.

High Performance Trigger

In manual mode, the trigger level is programmable from -5.1V to + 5.1V (-51V to + 51V in X10 mode) with an exceptional resolution of 10 mV (100mV in X10 mode). An automatic trigger mode is also available covering the frequencies from 100Hz to 150MHz.

Automatic Attenuation Selection

Auto trigger mode automatically switches attenuator settings if the input signal exceeds 5.1Vpk-pk.

DVM Measurements

Automatic triggering is used to establish the peak voltages for setting trigger points. This feature is used to measure peak voltage levels.

Individual Channel Filtering

The 6030 has an independent 100kHz low pass filter on each channel to reduce input stage sensitivity when making low-frequency measurements.

High Stability Time Base

Counter measurement stability can be improved by using an external clock or one of the two optional internal high stability time bases. The internal time base options are:

- **TCXO:** Standard
- **OCXO:** Option 1a
- **Rubidium:** Option 4

Optional Analog Output

Option 3 (Analog Output) provides a high accuracy source to drive devices like chart recorders. This option is especially useful in measuring and recording the aging and temperature stability of devices like oscillators and Voltage to Frequency (V-F) converters.

Flexible Gate Time and Delay Time Control

The Model 6030 allows fine control of gate time and delay time settings with 46 pre-defined times ranging from 100ms to 10s. In addition, gate or delay may be set to any value between 100ms and 1000 seconds using an external input.



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INPUT CHARACTERISTICS (CHANNELS A & B)

RANGE

DC coupled: 0 to 225MHz
AC coupled

1MΩ: 30Hz to 225MHz
50Ω: 1MHz to 225MHz

SENSITIVITY (X1)

25mV rms sine wave: 0 to 100MHz
50mV rms sine wave: 100MHz to 200MHz
75mV rms sine wave: 200MHz to 225MHz
75mVp-p: 5ns min pulse width

SIGNAL OPERATING RANGE

X1: -5.00Vdc to +5.00Vdc
X10: -50.0Vdc to +50.0Vdc

DYNAMIC RANGE (X1)

75mv - 5vp-p: 0 to 100mhz
150mv - 2.5vp-p: 100mhz to 225mhz

Coupling:

Impedance: AC or DC, switchable
1MΩ or 50Ω nominal shunted by less than 45pF, switchable

Slope:

Independent selection of + or - slope, switchable

Low Pass Filter:

-3db nominal at 100KHz, switchable

DAMAGE LEVEL (AC or DC)

50y: 5Vrms
1My (X1): DC to 2kHz - 200V
(DC + peak AC)
2kHz to 100kHz
- 4x10E5 Vrms Hz/Freq.
Above 100kHz - 5Vrms
DC to 20kHz - 200V
(DC + peak AC)
20kHz to 100kHz
- 4x10E6 Vrms Hz/Freq.
Above 100kHz - 50Vrms

1My (X10):

Manual Attenuator: X1 or X10 nominal, switchable

AUTO TRIGGER LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS (CHANNELS A & B)

TRIGGER LEVEL RANGE

(automatic mode): -50.0 Vdc to +50.0 Vdc

FREQUENCY RANGE

DC coupled: 100Hz to 150MHz
(typically 225MHz)

AC coupled
1MΩ: 100Hz to 150MHz

50Ω: 1MHz to 150MHz
(typically 225MHz)

NOTES:

1. Auto trigger is disabled in the following functions: Totalize B and Frequency C.
2. Auto trigger function requires that a repetitive signal be present at the input connector.

AUTO ATTENUATION

Mode: Automatically enabled with the Auto Trigger.

X10 attenuator: Automatically enabled when either peak is greater than 5.1V or when the difference between maximum and minimum peaks exceeds 5.1V.

Minimum amplitude: 100mV rms sine wave, 280 mV p-p

MANUAL TRIGGER LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS (CHANNEL A AND B)

RANGE

X1: -5.00Vdc to +5.00Vdc
X10: -50.0Vdc to +50.0Vdc

PRESET

X1: 0.00Vdc
X10: 00.0Vdc

RESOLUTION

X1: 10mV
X10: 100mV

SETTING ACCURACY

X1: ±(35mV +2% of the reading)
X10: ±(350mV +2% of the reading)

FREQUENCY A, B MODE

Reciprocal below 10MHz and when EXT GATE mode or HOLD mode are selected. Conventional above 10MHz. The instrument automatically selects mode of operation. (10MHz above changes to 100MHz)

RECIPROCAL FREQUENCY MEASUREMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Range: 0.01Hz to 225MHz

LSD⁽¹⁾ displayed: 4ns x frequency
gate time.

e.g. min 9 digits in one second of gate time

Resolution: ±LSD (1.4xTrig error⁽²⁾xFreq)
gate time

Accuracy: ±resolution ±Time Base Error⁽³⁾xFreq

CONVENTIONAL FREQUENCY MEASUREMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Range: 0.01Hz to 225MHz

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed: 4
gate time

Resolution: ±LSD (1.4xTrig error⁽²⁾xFreq)
gate time

Accuracy: ±resolution ±Time Base Error⁽³⁾xFreq

FREQUENCY C (AVAILABLE WITH OPTION 2 ONLY)

Mode: Reciprocal mode only

Range: 50MHz to 2400MHz

Input Impedance: 50y, AC coupled

Sensitivity: 15mV to 2400MHz

Dynamic Range: 15mV rms to 4V rms

VSWR: <2:1 (typically 1.5:1)

Damage Level: AC, 5V rms; DC, ±40V

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed: Same as for Frequency A and B

Resolution: Same as for Frequency A and B

Accuracy: Same as for Frequency A and B

PERIOD A, PULSE A TIME INTERVAL A TO B

RANGE

Period A, Pulse A: 2ns to 2000s

Time Interval A to B: 0ns to 2000s

LSD⁽¹⁾ DISPLAYED

Below 20s: 1ns
Above 20s: 5 x Time x 10⁻¹⁰s

RESOLUTION

Below 20s: ±2 LSD ± start trigger error⁽²⁾

± stop trigger error⁽²⁾

Above 20s: 1LSD

±resolution ±(Time Base error⁽³⁾ x Time)±Trig level timing error⁽⁴⁾ ±1ns

PERIOD A - AVERAGED (*)

Range: 8ns to 10s

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed: 4ns x Period
gate time

e.g. min 9 digits in 1 second of gate time.

Resolution:

±LSD ±(1.4 x Trig error⁽²⁾ x Period)
gate time

Accuracy: ±resolution ±Time Base error⁽³⁾ x Period

Number of

Periods Averaged: N = Gate time
Period

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PULSE A, TIME INTERVAL A TO B - AVERAGED (*)

RANGE

Pulse A: 5ns to 10s

Time Interval A to B: -3ns to 10s. A and B signals must have the same repetition rate.

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed: $\frac{4 \text{ ns}}{\sqrt{N}}$

Resolution: $\pm(1 \text{ LSD} + 10 \text{ ps})$

Accuracy: $\pm \text{resolution} \pm \text{Trig error}^2$

\sqrt{N}

$\pm \text{Time Base error}^3 \times \text{Time} \pm 1 \text{ ns}$

Dead Time

Stop to Start: 20ns minimum

Number of Samples

Averaged: $N = \text{gate time} \times \text{Frequency A}$

PHASE A TO B - AVERAGED (*)

Range: 0 to $360^\circ \times (1 - 20 \text{ ns} \times \text{Freq A})$.

Example: 0 to 359.99° at 1kHz

0 to 180.0° at 25MHz

Frequency Range: 0.1Hz to 25MHz.

A and B signals must have the same frequency.

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed: $4 \text{ ns} \times 360^\circ \times (1 + \sqrt{N})$

gate time

or 0.01° , whichever is greater

$\pm 1 \text{ LSD}$

$\pm \text{resolution} \pm 1 \text{ ns} \times \text{Freq A} \times 360^\circ$

$\pm \text{Trigger error}^2 \times \text{Freq A} \times 360^\circ$

\sqrt{N}

Number of Cycles Averaged:

$N = \text{gate time} \times \text{Frequency A}$

Minimum Amplitude:

100mV rms sine wave

(*) In Averaged measurements, no phase relationship is allowed between the external source to the instrument's Time Base.

TOTALIZE B

GATE MODES (*)

Infinite:

Totalizing on B indefinitely

Totalize by A:

Totalizing on B during pulse duration on A

Totalize by AA:

Totalizing on B between a pair of two consecutive transitions of the same direction on A

Totalizing Range: 0 to $10^{16} - 1$

Frequency Range: 0 to 120MHz

Dead Time

Stop to Start⁽⁷⁾:

20ns minimum between stop transition to the next start transition

1 count of channel B input signal

1LSD

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed:

Resolution:

ACCURACY

Infinite:

Same as LSD

Totalize by A:

$\pm (\text{pulse rep rate B} \times \text{Trig}^2 \text{ error A})$

total counts B

Totalize by AA:

Same as for Totalize by A

(*) Polarity of gate transition is front panel selectable.

RATIO A/B

FREQUENCY RANGE

A:

0.01Hz to 225MHz

B:

0.01Hz to 125MHz

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed:

$4 \times \text{Ratio}$

Resolution:

$\frac{\text{Freq A} \times \text{gate time}}{\pm \text{LSD} \pm \text{Trig error B}^2 \times \text{Ratio}}$

gate time

Accuracy:

Same as resolution

RATIO C/B

FREQUENCY RANGE

C:

50MHz to 2400MHz

B:

10Hz to 225MHz

LSD⁽¹⁾ Displayed:

$4 \times \text{Ratio}$

Resolution:

$\pm \text{LSD}$

Accuracy:

Same as resolution

V PEAK A

Operation:

Maximum and minimum peaks of Channel A input signal are simultaneously displayed, each with 3 digits. Decimal points and polarity are automatically displayed.

FREQUENCY RANGE

Fast rate:

100Hz to 10MHz

Slow rate:

40Hz to 10MHz

Dynamic range:

280mV p-p to 51Vp-p

RESOLUTION

x1:

10 mV

x10:

100mV. Attenuator is automatically activated if either the positive or the negative peaks of the input signal exceeds $\pm 5.1 \text{ V}$ or when the peak to peak voltage exceeds 5.1 V .

Accuracy: $\pm \text{resolution} \pm 0.1(V_{\text{pos pk}} - V_{\text{neg pk}}) \pm 35 \text{ mV}$

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DELAY

Operation:

Active only with Time Measurements first input transition opens the gate. Delay inhibits the consequent transitions.

Modes:

Internal through front panel programming or externally applied through rear panel BNC. 100μs to 100s 1s 100μs to 2000s

GATE TIME

Modes:

Internal through front panel programming or externally applied through rear panel BNC. 100μs to 10s or one period of the input.

Internal range:

100μs to 1000s. Ext gate not available with Time measurements, Totalize B and Time Interval A to B

External range:

1s $< 10 \mu\text{s}$

Preset position:

External gate delay⁽⁶⁾:

$< 10 \mu\text{s}$

EXTERNAL ARMING (TRIGGER)

Operation:

Arms the instrument when set to HOLD mode.

Trigger Delay⁽⁶⁾:

$< 50 \mu\text{s}$

Minimum Pulse width:

10μs

EXTERNAL INPUT - GATE, DELAY, AND ARMING

Input:

TTL levels, via rear panel BNC

Input Impedance:

1KΩ nominal

Logic:

Positive true

STANDARD TCXO TIME BASE

Frequency:

10MHz

Aging Rate:

$< 0.1 \text{ ppm/month}$

Stability:

$< 1 \text{ ppm}, 0 \text{ to } 50^\circ\text{C}$

Line Voltage:

0.1ppm for 10% change (short term)

Clock IN/OUT:

Selected with an internal switch

External Time Base Input:

Rear Panel BNC accepts 1, 5 or 10MHz TTL. Selected via an internal switch

Time Base Out:

10MHz, $> 2 \text{ V}$ from a 50Ω source

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GPIB INTERFACE

Programmable Controls:	All front panel controls except POWER switch
Multiline Commands:	DCL, LLO, SDC, GET, GTL, UNT, UNL, SPE, SPD
Uniline Commands: Interface Functions:	IFC, REN, EOI, SRQ, ATN SH1, AH1, T6, TE0, L4, LEO, C0, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT1, E1
Data Output Format Reading:	With prefix 18 ASCII characters plus terminator. Without prefix - 14 ASCII characters plus terminator
Gate/Delay time and trigger level:	With prefix - 9 ASCII characters plus terminator or. Without prefix - 5 ASCII characters plus terminator
Data Output	
Single Shot:	One reading taken with each trigger command.
Normal Mode:	Four readings/second, formatted.
Fast Mode:	Up to 100 reading/second, formatted.
Address selection:	Front panel controls. Address is stored in a non-volatile memory.

GENERAL

Display Rate:	
Normal:	Approximately four measurements per second
Hold:	Single shot measurement, one measurement taken with each press of the RESET button
Fast:	Approximately 100 measurements per second
Arming:	Each channel is armed by its own signal
Reset:	Clears front panel display and begins a new measurement cycle
Trigger Level Outputs:	DC Outputs via rear panel terminals, not adjusted for attenuator
Accuracy:	DC ($X1$) $\pm 35mV \pm 2\%$ of trigger level reading.
Output impedance:	1K Ω , 1%
Display:	10 digits seven segments LED 0.56" high. 2 digits for engineering notations. Operator may select through front panel programming the number of digits to be displayed. Selection may range from 3 to 10 most significant digits.
Decimal Point:	Automatically selected. LED indicator lights when gate is open.
Gate:	Ten measurement set-ups, including trigger levels gate/delay time, input conditioning and measurement rate may be stored in memory and subsequently recalled. When AC mains power is removed, a non-volatile memory will preserve the stored setups for a typical period of 5 years.
Set-ups:	
Operating Temperature:	0 to 40°C ambient, 0 to 80% relative humidity
Storage temperature:	-25 to 65°C
Power Requirements:	115/230Vrms $\pm 10\%$ 48-60Hz, 30W max
Voltage Range Selection:	Rear panel switch

Warm-up:

1 hour to rated accuracy and stability

87 x 210 x 390 (H x W x D)

approximately 4kg

CE marked

MTBF per MIL-HDBK-217E, 25°C, Ground Benign

Designed to meet IEC 1010-1, UL 3111-1, CSA 22.2 #1010

Safety:

Conform to IPC-A-610D

Workmanship Standards:

Supplied Accessories:

Power Cord, CD containing Operating Manual and developer libraries.

3 years standard

Warranty:

OPTIONS

OPTION 1 - OCXO

Frequency:	10MHz
Aging Rate:	< 0.1ppm/year
Stability:	< 0.1ppm, 0 to 50°C
External Time Base Input:	Rear Panel BNC accepts 1.5 or 10MHz TTL. Selected via an internal switch.

Time Base Out:

10MHz >2V

OPTION 2 - 2.4GHz CHANNEL C

Range:	50MHz to 2.4GHz (typically to 2.7GHz)
Sensitivity:	15mV rms to 2.4GHz
VSWR:	<2:1 (typically 1.5:1)
Input Impedance:	50 Ω nominal
Dynamic Range:	15mV to 4Vrms
Coupling:	AC
Damage Level:	AC, 5V rms; DC, $\pm 40V$

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OPTION 3 - ANALOG OUTPUT

Operation:	Digital to analog converter, provides a high resolution analog output of any three consecutive digits
Decade conversion:	Any 3 consecutive digits can be selected via front panel programming.
Normal mode:	Output is directly proportional to display reading. 000 produces 0.00Vdc, 999 produces 9.99Vdc.
Offset Mode:	Front panel programmed. Adds an offset to obtain analog recorder scale offset.
Offset range:	0 to 9.00Vdc in 1V increments.
Output:	Rear panel BNC connector
Full scale deflection:	9.99Vdc

OPTION 4 - RUBIDIUM TIME BASE

Short term stability	
(10-100s):	1×10^{-11}
Long term stability	
(1 month):	5×10^{-11}
Retrace (off 24 hours)	
1 hour warm-up:	5×10^{-11}
Retrace	
(24 hours warm-up):	2×10^{-11}
Outputs:	2 Rear panel BNC connectors

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- (1) **LSD:** Unit value of least significant digit. Calculation should be rounded as follows 1 to <5Hz becomes 1Hz, 5ns to <10ns becomes 10ns etc.
- (2) **Trigger Error:** $\sqrt{(e_i^2 + e_n^2)}$ seconds rms
Input slew rate at trigger point

Where: e_i is the rms noise voltage of the counter's input channel ($250\mu V$ typically)
 e_n is the rms noise of the input signal for 125MHz bandwidth
- (3) **Time base error:** Maximum fractional frequency change in time base frequency due to all errors: e.g. aging, temperature, line voltage etc.
- (4) **Trigger Level Timing Error (x1):**
 $18 \text{ mV} \pm 18 \text{ mV}$
Input slew rate at start Input slew rate at stop
 trigger point trigger point
- (5) **External arming (trigger) delay:** Delay from the positive going slope of the arming signal to the internal gate open signal.
- (6) **External gate delay:** Delay from the positive going slope of the gating signal to the internal gate open signal.
- (7) **Dead Time:** Minimum time between measurement which the counter is busy in performing the measurement. The counter will not at this time respond to any input transition.

ORDERING INFORMATION

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OPTIONS

Option 1:	OCXO
Option 2:	2.4GHz Channel C
Option 3:	Analog Output
Option 4:	Rubidium Time Base

ACCESSORIES

S-Rack mount:	19" Single Rack Mounting Kit
D-Rack mount:	19" Dual Rack Mounting Kit
Case Kit:	Professional Carrying Bag

Note: Options and Accessories must be specified at the time of your purchase.