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**Agilent 81110A/'12A  
Performance Test**

## Introduction

Use the tests in this chapter if you want to check that the Agilent 81110A Pulse Generator Frame with the Agilent 81112A 330 MHz Output Channel(s) is working correctly. Before starting any testing allow all test equipment to warm up for at least 30 minutes.

## Conventions Used

When referring to actions that you perform during the tests, the following conventions are used:

FUNCTION This indicates that a labelled button must be pressed

[MODE/TRG] This shows that a soft-key must be pressed. A soft-key is an unlabelled button whose label is shown on the display, and which can vary according to the job that the button is doing

**CONTINUOUS PULSES** This is an option shown on the display, and is selected by use of the vernier keys. It is shown in upper or lower case to match the case displayed.

## Test Results Tables

Tables for entering the results of the tests are included at the end of this chapter. The tests are numbered and reference numbers for each Test Result (TR) are given in a small table at the end of each test. The reference number shows you where the actual results should be entered in the Test Results Tables.

The Test Results tables at the end of the chapter should be photocopied, and the Test Results entered on the copies. Then, if the tests need to be repeated, the tables can be copied again.

If Channel 2 has been fitted to your instrument, make an extra copy of the Test Results tables for entry of the results of tests on that channel. In this case, however, it is not necessary to repeat the Period tests, as these are common to both channels.

## Recommended Test Equipment and Accessories

The following tables list the recommended test equipment you need to perform all the tests in this chapter. You can use alternative instruments if they meet the critical specifications given. The test set-ups and procedures assume you are using the recommended equipment.

| Test Equipment     | Model                              | Critical Specifications  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Oscilloscope<br>or | Agilent 54121T                     | 20 GHz, 10 bit vertical resolution, Histogram                              |
| Oscilloscope       | Agilent 54750A +<br>Agilent 54751A | 20 GHz, 15 bit vertical resolution, Histogram                              |
| Counter<br>or      | Agilent 5334B<br>#010, 030         | Period and Time Interval measurements<br>Oven Osci, 1.3 GHz C-Channel      |
| Counter            | Agilent 53132A<br>#001/010, 030    | Frequency measurements > 150 MHz<br>High-Stability Timebase, 3 GHz Channel |
| Digital Voltmeter  | Agilent 3458A                      | DCV up to 20 V   |
| Pulse Generator    | Agilent 8110A                      | up to 150 MHz  |
| Delay line         | Agilent 54008A                     | 22 ns  |

| Accessories                          | Model                    | Critical Specifications |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Digitizing Oscilloscopes Accessories |                          |                         |
| Attenuators                          | 33340C#020<br>33340C#006 | 20 dB<br>6 dB           |
| Power Splitter                       | 11667B                   |                         |
| SMA/SMA (m-m) adaptor                | 1250-1159                |                         |
| SMA/BNC Adaptor                      | 1250-1700                |                         |
| SMA Cable                            | 8120-4948                |                         |

| Accessories                         | Model                       | Critical Specifications   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 50 $\Omega$ Feedthrough Termination | 10100C<br><b>See Figure</b> | 2 W,1%<br>10 W,0.1%       |
| Adapter                             | 1251-2277                   | BNC to Banana             |
| Cable Assemblies, BNC               | 8120-1839                   |                           |
| Torque Wrench                       | 8710-1582                   | 5/16 in, 5 lb-in (56 Ncm) |

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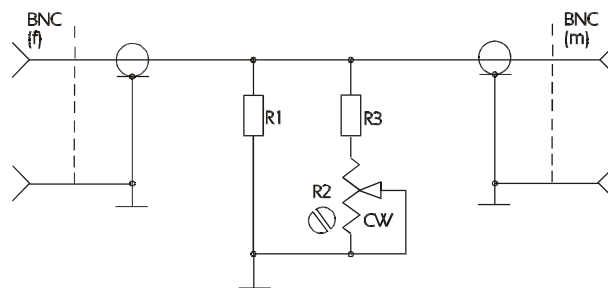
**NOTE:**

When you connect the test equipment for the first time, and whenever you change the setup during the course of these tests, use the 8710 - 1582 torque wrench to tighten and loosen SMA connectors. This will ensure that the connectors are at the correct tightness and give the best signal transfer.

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### 50 Ohm, 0.1%, 10 W Feedthrough Termination

The following figure provides a schematic and a parts list except for the case. The case must provide shielding and maintain grounding integrity.



### 50 Ohm, 0.1%, 10 W Feedthrough Termination

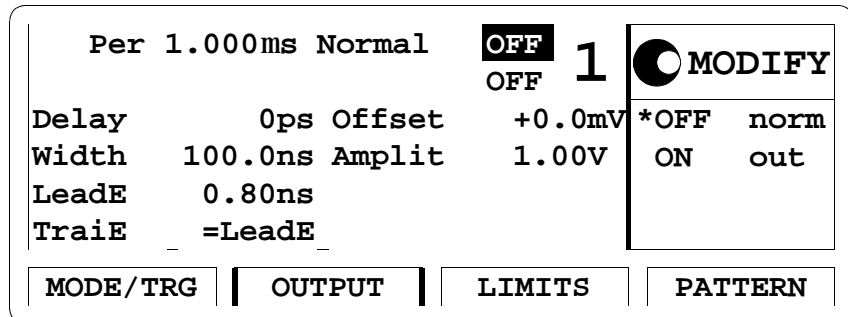
The following parts are required:

1. R1 = 53.6 $\Omega$ , 1%, 10 W; Part Number: 0699-0146.
2. R2 = 200  $\Omega$ , 10%, 0.5 W, Variable trimmer; Part Number: 2100-3350.
3. R3 = 681  $\Omega$ ;, 1%, 0.5 W; Part Number: 0757-0816.
4. BNC (M): Part Number: 1250-0045.
5. BNC (F): Part Number: 1250-0083.

## Getting Started

The Agilent 81110A is controlled by selecting options in a series of **pages** that are displayed on the instrument's screen. These options vary with the boards that are fitted in the instrument. When the Agilent 81110A is being tested, therefore, different situations can arise, depending on whether you have a standard instrument or one that has had additional boards fitted. The following examples illustrate this

### Typical Examples of Displayed Screens



The OUTPUT Screen in a Standard Agilent 81110A

|          |         |                    |       |          |  |
|----------|---------|--------------------|-------|----------|--|
| <b>1</b> | OFF     | <b>Per</b> 1.000ms | OFF   | <b>2</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>MODIFY</b> |
|          | OFF     |                    |       |          |  |
| Delay    |         | 0ps                | Delay |          | 0ps  |
| Width    | 100.0ns |                    | Width | 100.0ns  | *Period  |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns  |                    | LeadE | 0.80ns   | Frequency                                      |
| TraIE    | =LeadE  |                    | TraIE | =LeadE   |  |
| MODE/TRG |         | TIMING             |       | LEVELS   |  |
| PATTERN  |         |                    |       |          |  |

The TIMING Screen in an Agilent 81110A with qty 2 of Agilent 81112A

|             |        |        |        |        |          |  |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--|
| <b>1</b>    | ON     | Normal | Normal | ON     | <b>2</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>MODIFY</b> |
|             | OFF    |        |        | OFF    |          |  |
| <b>High</b> | +2.50V |        | Offset | +0.0mV |          | Set TTL  |
| <b>Low</b>  | +0.0mV |        | Amplit | 1.00V  |          | *High-Low                                      |
|             |        |        |        |        |          | Offs-Ampl                                      |
|             |        |        |        |        |          | Set ECL  |
| MODE/TRG    |        | TIMING |        | LEVELS |          | PATTERN  |

The LEVELS Screen in an Agilent 81110A with qty 2 of Agilent 81112A



## Instrument Serial Numbers

You will need to write the serial numbers of the instrument at the top of the Test Reports. These can be found as follows:

Press HELP, [SERIAL #]

The Agilent 81110A display lists the instrument's products and serial number.

The display on your instrument should look similar to this:

**FRAME** : **81110A** **330 MHz**  
**Serial No** : **DE38700136**

### OUTPUTS

**Ch1-Bd.** : **81112A**  
**Ch2-Bd.** : **81112A**

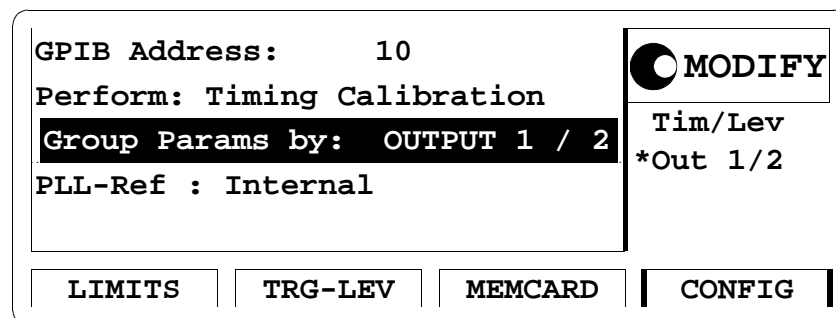
The serial number given for the **FRAME** applies to the Mainframe, the Power Supply, the Microprocessor Board, and the Timing Board. The number(s) available of the Output Channel(s) applies to the installed numbers of outputs and Model Number.

## Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A

In the majority of these tests the initial setting up of the instrument is identical. Therefore, it is described once here, and then referred-to where appropriate. In cases where the initial setup differs, an illustration of the settings is shown.

Set up the Agilent 81110A as follows:

1. Select [MODE/TRG]
  - CONTINUOUS PULSES
  - Single-Pulses at Out 1 (plus Single-Pulses at Out 2, if second channel is installed)
  - Pulse-Period:internal Osc
2. If a second output channel is installed, select MORE [CONFIG] screen and set up as follows:



CONFIG Screen, Parameters grouped by OUTPUT

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***NOTE:***

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Set-ups are given in all the tests for [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2]. If you are testing a single channel instrument set up the [OUTPUT] screen with the settings given for [OUTPUT 1].

## Test 1: Period (PLL not active)

### Test Specifications

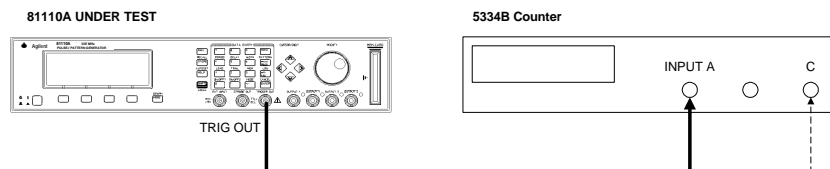
|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Range      | 3.03 ns to 999.5 s                             |
| Resolution | 3.5 digits, best case 5 ps                     |
| Accuracy   | $\pm 3\%$<br>typical $\pm 0.5\%$ after selfcal |

### Equipment Needed

Counter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

### Procedure

1. Connect the Agilent 81110A to the Counter as shown:



Connecting the Agilent 81110A to the Counter

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"

On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|          |                |          |        |          |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|--------|----------|---|
| Per      | <b>3.030ns</b> | Normal   | ON     | <b>1</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF    |          |   |
| Delay    | 0ps            | Offset   | +0.0mV |          | <b>3.030</b><br>ns                      |
| DtyCyc   | 50.00%         | Amplit   | 1.00V  |          |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |        |          |   |
| TraIE    | =LeadE         |          |        |          |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 |        | OUTPUT 2 |   |
|          |                |          |        | PATTERN  |   |

Configuring Output 1

|          |                |          |        |          |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|--------|----------|---|
| Per      | <b>3.030ns</b> | Normal   | OFF    | <b>2</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF    |          |   |
| Delay    | 0ps            | Offset   | +0.0mV |          | <b>3.030</b><br>ns                      |
| DtyCyc   | 50.00%         | Amplit   | 1.00V  |          |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |        |          |   |
| TraIE    | =LeadE         |          |        |          |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 |        | OUTPUT 2 |   |
|          |                |          |        | PATTERN  |   |

Configuring Output 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. For Period Test you can switch OFF the channels that are not being tested.

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3. Set the Counter to:

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| FUNCTION | Period A / <b>Freq C</b> |
| INPUT A  | 50 $\Omega$              |
| SENSE    | On                       |

4. Check the Agilent 81110A period at the following settings:

| Period          | Acceptable Range   | TR entry |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| <b>3.030 ns</b> | <i>without selfcal!</i><br><b>2.9391 ns to 3.1209 ns</b> | 1 - 1    |
| <b>6.060 n</b>  | <b>5.878 ns to 6.242 n</b>                               | 1 - 2    |
| 10.00 ns        | 9.7 ns to 10.3 ns  | 1 - 3    |
| 50.00 ns        | 48.5 ns to 51.5 ns                                       | 1 - 4    |
| 99.90 ns        | 96.903 ns to 102.897 ns                                  | 1 - 5    |
| 100 ns          | 97 ns to 103 ns  | 1 - 6    |
| 500 ns          | 485 ns to 515 ns   | 1 - 7    |
| 1 $\mu$ s       | 970 ns to 1030 ns  | 1 - 8    |
| 500 $\mu$ s     | 485 $\mu$ s to 515 $\mu$ s                               | 1 - 9    |
| 500 ms          | 485 ms to 515 ms   | 1 - 10   |

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## Test 2: PLL Period

**NOTE:** This test is only performed if PLL is switched on.

### Test Specifications

Range 3.03 ns to 999.5 s  
Resolution 4 digits, best case 1 ps  
Accuracy  $\pm 0.01\%$

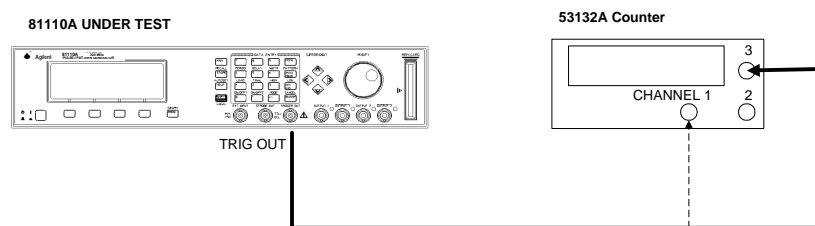
### Equipment Needed

Counter Agilent 53132A  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

**NOTE:** The Agilent 53132A counter is used in frequency mode to meet the MIL CAL A uncertainty requirements for TAR (Test Accuracy Ratio) > 4:1.

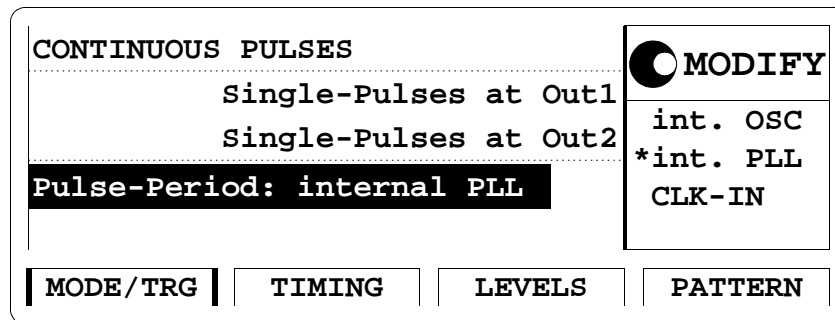
### Procedure

Connect the Agilent 81110A to the counter as follows:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Counter

5. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
6. Select the [MODE/TRG] screen on the Agilent 81110A and set up as follows:



The MODE/TRG Screen Setup

7. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the test before!



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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. For Period Test you can switch OFF the channels that are not being tested.

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8. Set the Counter to measure the frequency at the chosen input  
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9. Check the Agilent 81110A PLL pulse period at the following settings:

| Period     | Frequency  | Acceptable Range             | TR Entry |
|------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 3.030 ns   | 330.000MHz | 329.9670 MHz to 330.0330 MHz | 2 - 1    |
| 10.00 ns   | 100 MHz    | 99.990 MHz to 100.010 MHz    | 2 - 2    |
| 50.00 ns   | 20 MHz     | 19.9980 MHz to 20.0020 MHz   | 2 - 3    |
| 100 ns     | 10 MHz     | 9.9990 MHz to 10.0010 MHz    | 2 - 4    |
| 500 ns     | 2 MHz      | 1.9998 MHz to 2.0002 MHz     | 2 - 5    |
| 1 $\mu$ s  | 1 MHz      | 999.9 kHz to 1.0001 MHz      | 2 - 6    |
| 50 $\mu$ s | 20 kHz     | 9.998 kHz to 20.002 kHz      | 2 - 7    |
| 5 ms       | 200 Hz     | 199.980 Hz to 200.020 Hz     | 2 - 8    |
| 500 ms     | 2 Hz       | 1.9998 Hz to 2.0002 Hz       | 2 - 9    |
| 5 s        | 0.2 Hz     | 0.19998 Hz to 0.20002 Hz     | 2 - 10   |

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## Test 3: Width

### Test Specifications

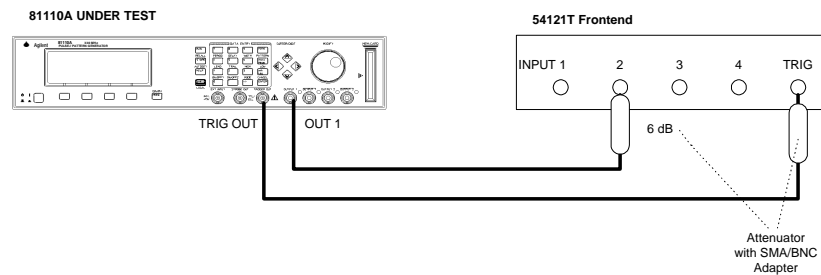
|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Range      | 1.515 ns to (period - 1.515 ns)              |
| Resolution | 3.5 digits, best case 5 ps                   |
| Accuracy   | $\pm 3\% \pm 250$ ps                         |
|            | typical $\pm 0.5\% \pm 250$ ps after selfcal |

### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Counter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

### Procedure

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Scope

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"

- On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|          |                |          |          |         |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Per      | 200 ns         | Normal   | ON       | 1       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF      |         |   |
| Delay    | 0ps            | Offset   | +0.0mV   |         | <b>100.0</b><br>ns                      |
| Width    | <b>100.0ns</b> | Amplit   | 1.00V    |         |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |          |         |   |
| Traie    | =LeadE         |          |          |         |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN |   |

Configuring Output Screen 1

|          |                |          |          |         |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Per      | 200 ns         | Normal   | OFF      | 2       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF      |         |   |
| Delay    | 0ps            | Offset   | +0.0mV   |         | <b>1.515</b><br>ns                      |
| Width    | <b>1.515ns</b> | Amplit   | 1.00V    |         |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |          |         |   |
| Traie    | =LeadE         |          |          |         |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN |   |

Configuring Output Screen 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

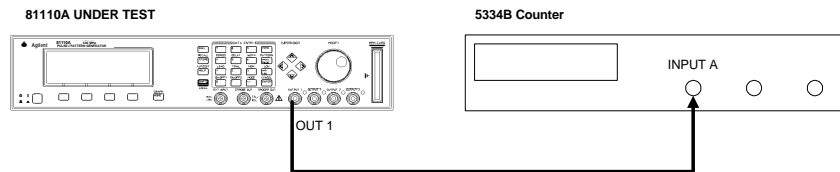
If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.
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4. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
  - Press AUTOSCALE
  - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 32
  - Select the delta V menu and turn the voltage markers On
  - Set the preset levels to 50% -50% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
  - Select the delta t menu and turn the time markers ON
  - Set START ON EDGE = POS 1 and STOP ON EDGE = NEG1
5. Change the oscilloscope timebase to 1 ns/div
6. Change the Agilent 81110A Ch-1 Width to 1.515 ns
7. Center the pulse in the Scope display
8. Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key for each new Width setting
9. Check the Agilent 81110A pulse width at the following settings:

| Oscilloscope Timebase | Period    | Width                               | Acceptable Range         | TR Entry |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 ns/div              | 200 ns    | <i>without selfcal!</i><br>1.515 ns | 1.22455 ns to 1.80545 ns | 3 - 1    |
| 1 ns/div              | 200 ns    | 6.060 ns                            | 5.528 ns to 6.492 ns     | 3 - 2    |
| 2 ns/div              | 200 ns    | 10.00 ns                            | 9.450 ns to 10.55 ns     | 3 - 3    |
| 10 ns/div             | 200 ns    | 50.00 ns                            | 48.25 ns to 51.75 ns     | 3 - 4    |
| 20 ns/<br>100 ns      | 1 $\mu$ s | 100.0 ns                            | 96.75 ns to 103.25 ns    | 3 - 5    |
|                       | 1 $\mu$ s | 500.0 ns                            | 484.75 ns to 515.25 ns   | 3 - 6    |

10. Connect the Agilent 81110A to the Counter as shown:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Counter

11. Set the Counter to:

|          |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|
| FUNCTION | TI A $\rightarrow$ B         |
| SENSE    | On                           |
| INPUT A  | 50 $\Omega$                  |
| COM A    | On                           |
| INPUT B  | 50 $\Omega$ , negative slope |

12. Check the Agilent 81110A width at the following settings:

| Period      | Width      | Acceptable Range             | TR Entry |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 100 $\mu$ s | 50 $\mu$ s | 48.5 $\mu$ s to 51.5 $\mu$ s | 3 - 7    |
| 10 ms       | 5 ms       | 4.85 ms to 515 ms            | 3 - 8    |
| 999 ms      | 500ms      | 485 ms to 515 ms             | 3 - 9    |

***NOTE:***

Repeat the entire test for the second channel, if it is installed

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## Test 4: Delay

### Test Specifications

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Range      | Fixed typical Delay of<br>EXT INPUT to TRIGGER OUT 12 ns<br>TRIGGER OUT to OUTPUT 1/2 10 ns<br>Variable Delay:<br>0 ns to (period - 3.03 ns) |
| Resolution | 3.5 digits, best case 5 ps   |
| Accuracy   | $\pm 3\%$ $\pm 0.5$ ns<br>typical $\pm 0.5\%$ $\pm 0.5$ ns after selfcal   |

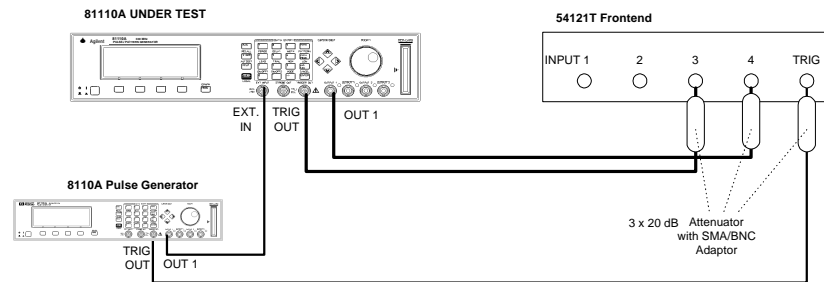
### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Pulse Generator  
Counter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

### Procedure

Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:

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### Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Scope

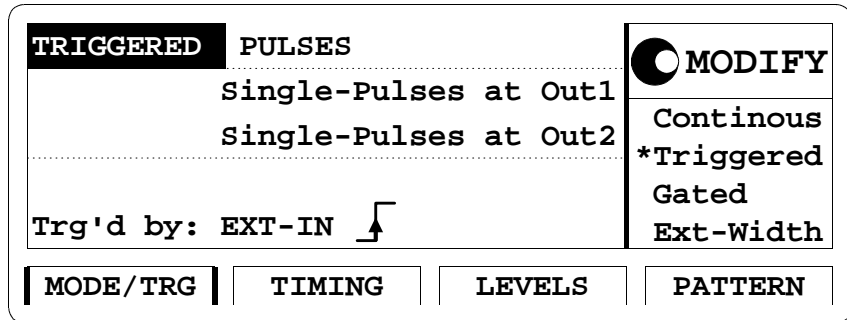
13. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"

14. Set the Pulse Generator to:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Period    | 1 $\mu$ s |
| Width     | 100 ns    |
| Amplitude | 1 V       |
| Offset    | +1.0 V    |
| Output    | Enable    |

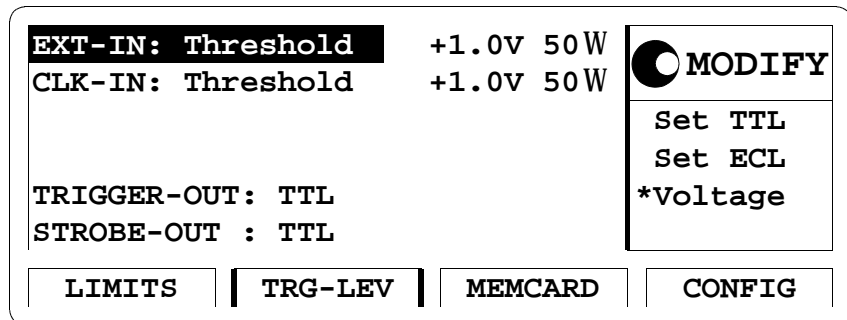
15. Select the [MODE/TRG] screen on the Agilent 81110A and set up as follows:





The TRG MODE Screen Setup

16. On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [TRIG-LEV] page as shown:



The TRG-LEV Screen Setup

17. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|          |            |          |          |         |   |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Per      | -----      | Normal   | ON       | 1       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |            |          | OFF      |         |   |
| Delay    | <b>0ps</b> | Offset   | +0.0mV   |         | 0<br>—<br>ps                            |
| Width    | 100ns      | Amplit   | 1.00V    |         |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns     |          |          |         |   |
| Traie    | =LeadE     |          |          |         |   |
| MODE/TRG |            | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN |   |

Configuring Output Screen 1

|          |            |          |          |         |   |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Per      | -----      | Normal   | OFF      | 2       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |            |          | OFF      |         |   |
| Delay    | <b>0ps</b> | Offset   | +0.0mV   |         | 0<br>—<br>ps                            |
| Width    | 100ns      | Amplit   | 1.00V    |         |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns     |          |          |         |   |
| Traie    | =LeadE     |          |          |         |   |
| MODE/TRG |            | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN |   |

Configuring Output Screen 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.
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18. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:

- Press AUTOSCALE
- Set timebase to TIME/DIV = 10 ns/div
- Center the positive-going edges of the two signals
- Select the Display menu and set the screen function to single; set the number of averages to 32
- Select the Delta V menu and turn the voltage markers ON and assign marker 1 to channel 3 and marker 2 to channel 4
- Set Preset levels to 50% - 50% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
- Select the Delta t menu and turn the time markers ON
- Set START ON EDGE= POS1 and STOP ON EDGE= POS 1
- Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key

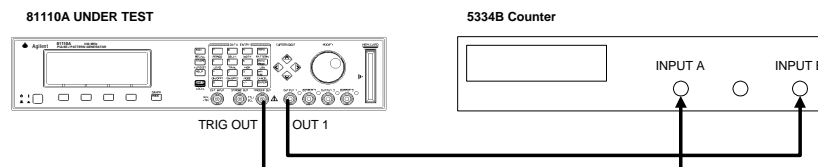
19. Check the Agilent 81110A delay at the following settings:

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**NOTE:** Record the value of the fixed delay and subtract it from the other readings.

| Oscilloscope Timebase | Delay    | Acceptable Range                                  | TR Entry |
|-----------------------|----------|---|----------|
| 10 ns/div             | 0 ps     | fixed Delay of TRIG OUT to OUT 1/2:<br>10 ns typ. | 4 - 1    |
| 10 ns/div             | 5.000 ns | 4.35 ns to 5.65 ns                                | 4 - 2    |
| 20 ns/div             | 10.00 ns | 9.200 ns to 10.80 ns                              | 4 - 3    |
| 20 ns/div             | 50.00 ns | 48.00 ns to 52.00 ns                              | 4 - 4    |
| 50 ns/div             | 100.0 ns | 96.50 ns to 103.50 ns                             | 4 - 5    |
| 200 ns/div            | 500.0 ns | 484.50 ns to 515.50 ns                            | 4 - 6    |

20. Connect the Agilent 81110A to the Counter as follows:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Counter

21. Set Agilent 81110A to **Continuous-Pulses** on the MODE/TRG screen

22. Set the Counter to:

FUNCTION TI A → B  
 SENSE On  
 INPUT A 50 Ω  
 INPUT B 50 Ω

23. Check the Agilent 81110A delay at the following settings:

**NOTE:**

Subtract the fixed delay from the other readings

| Period | Delay | Acceptable Range   | TR Entry |
|--------|-------|--------------------|----------|
| 100 μs | 50 μs | 48.5 μs to 51.5 μs | 4 - 7    |
| 10 ms  | 5 ms  | 4.85 ms to 5.15ms  | 4 - 8    |
| 999 ms | 500ms | 485 ms to 515 ms   | 4 - 9    |

**NOTE:**

Repeat the entire test for the second channel, if it is installed.

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## Test 5: Double Pulse Delay

### Test Specifications

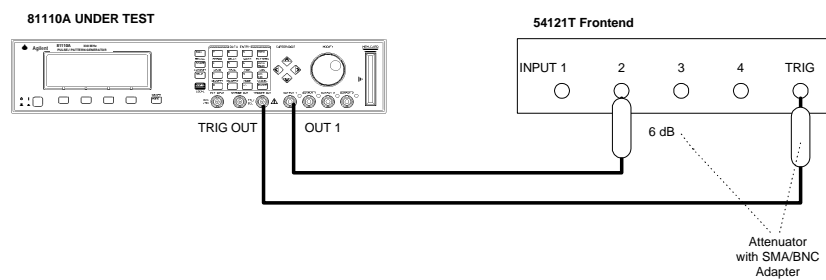
|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Range      | 3.030 ns to<br>(period - width - 1.5 ns)                             |
| Resolution | 3.5 digits, best case 5 ps   |
| Accuracy   | $\pm 3\% \pm 150$ ps<br>typical $\pm 0.5\% \pm 150$ ps after selfcal |

### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Counter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

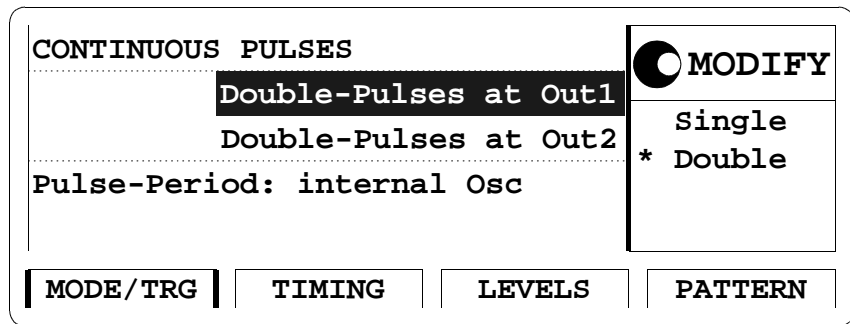
### Procedure

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Scope

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
3. Select the [MODE/TRG] screen on the Agilent 81110A and set up Output 1 and Output 2 as follows:



#### The MODE/TRG Screen Setup

4. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|          |                |          |          |                    |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---|
| Per      | 200.0ns        | Normal   | ON       | 1                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF      |                    |   |
| DblDel   | <b>3.030ns</b> | Offset   | +0.0mV   | <b>3.030</b><br>ns |   |
| Width    | 1.515ns        | Amplit   | 1.00V    |                    |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |          |                    |   |
| TraIE    | =LeadE         |          |          |                    |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN            |   |

Configuring Output Screen 1

|          |                |          |          |                    |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---|
| Per      | 200.0ns        | Normal   | OFF      | 2                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF      |                    |   |
| DblDel   | <b>3.030ns</b> | Offset   | +0.0mV   | <b>3.030</b><br>ns |   |
| Width    | 1.515ns        | Amplit   | 1.00V    |                    |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |          |                    |   |
| TraIE    | =LeadE         |          |          |                    |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN            |   |

Configuring Output Screen 2



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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

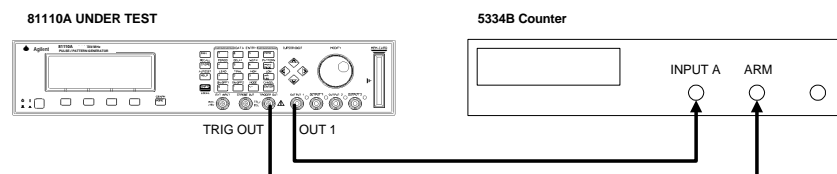
- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

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5. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
    - Press AUTOSCALE
    - Center the double pulse signal
    - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 32
    - Select the Delta V menu and turn the Voltage markers On
    - Set Preset Levels = 50% -50% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
    - Select the Delta t menu and turn the Time markers On
    - Set START ON EDGE = POS1 and STOP ON EDGE = POS2
  6. Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key for each new Double Delay setting
  7. Check the Agilent 81110A double delay at the following settings:

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| Oscilloscope Timebase | Double Delay                        | Acceptable Range       | TR Entry |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 2 ns/div              | <i>without selfcal!</i><br>3.030 ns | 2.7891 ns to 3.2709 ns | 5 - 1    |
| 2 ns/div              | 10.00 ns                            | 9.550 ns to 10.45 ns   | 5 - 2    |
| 10 ns/div             | 50.00 ns                            | 48.35 ns to 51.65 ns   | 5 - 3    |
| 20 ns/div             | 100.0 ns                            | 96.85 ns to 103.15 ns  | 5 - 4    |

8. Connect the Agilent 81110A to the Counter as shown:



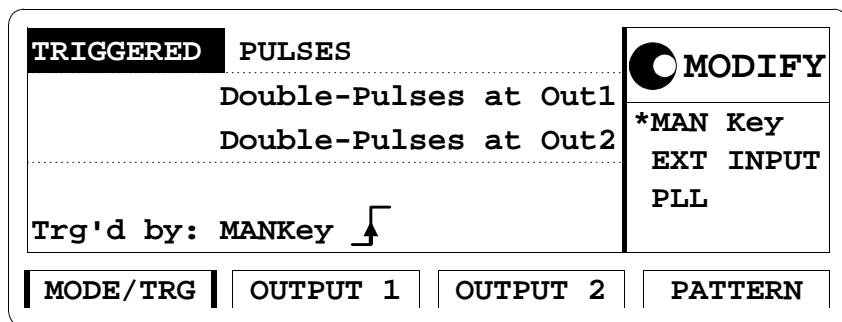
Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Counter

9. Set the Counter to:

- FUNCTION      Period A
- INPUT A        50  $\Omega$
- SENSE          On
- ( EXT ARM
- SELECT         a. Start (ST): leading edge
- b. Stop (SP): trailing edge )

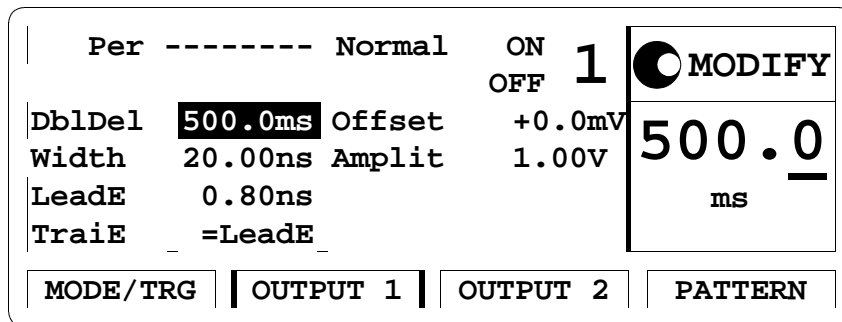
10. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"

11. Select the [MODE/TRG] screen on the Agilent 81110A and set up as follows;

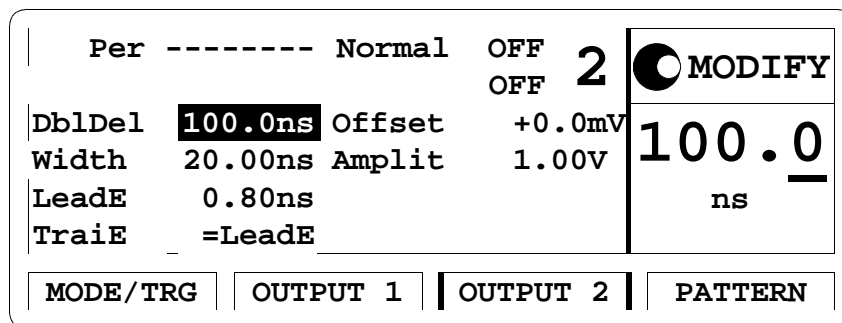


The MODE/TRG Screen Setup

12. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:



Configuring Output Screen 1



### Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

13. Check the Agilent 81110A double pulse delay at the following settings:

Press MAN to check each new setting!

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| Double Delay                    | Acceptable Range        | TR Entry |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| <i>after selfcal!</i><br>500 ms | 485 ms to 515 ms        | 5 - 5    |
| 1 s                             | 970.00 ms to 1030.00 ms | 5 - 6    |

***NOTE:***

Repeat the entire test for the second channel, if it is installed.

## **Test 6: Jitter**

The following tests are required:

1. Period Jitter
  - a. Internal Oscillator
  - b. Internal PLL
2. Width Jitter
3. Delay Jitter

### **Test 6.1a: Period Jitter, Internal Oscillator**

#### **Test Specifications**

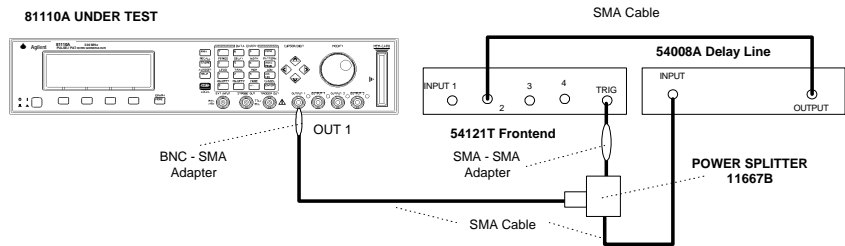
RMS-Jitter 0.01% + 15 ps

#### **Equipment Needed**

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Delay Line (22 ns)  
Power Splitter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC  
Cable, SMA

#### **Procedure**

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:

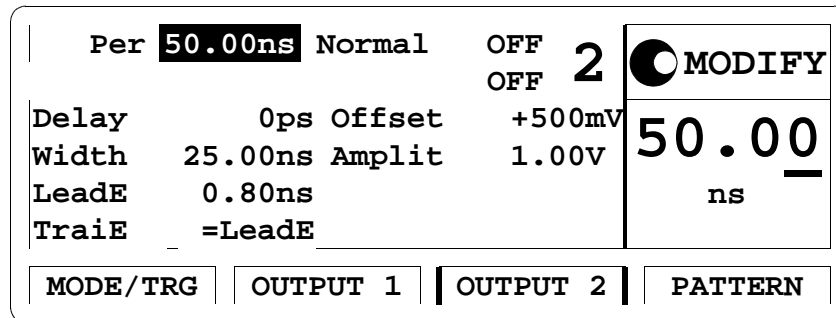


Equipment Set-up for Jitter Test

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
3. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|          |                    |          |        |          |   |
|----------|--------------------|----------|--------|----------|---|
|          | Per <b>50.00ns</b> | Normal   | ON     | <b>1</b> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                    |          | OFF    |          | <b>50.00</b>                            |
| Delay    | 0ps                | Offset   |        |          | ns                                      |
| Width    | 25.00ns            | Amplit   | +500mV |          |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns             |          | 1.00V  |          |   |
| Traie    | =LeadE             |          |        |          |   |
| MODE/TRG |                    | OUTPUT 1 |        | OUTPUT 2 |   |
|          |                    |          |        | PATTERN  |   |

Configuring Output Screen 1



### Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

4. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
  - Press AUTOSCALE
  - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 64
  - Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor of channel 2 to 2



- Set the VOLTS/DIV of channel 2 to 10 mV/div
  - Set OFFSET to 500 mV
  - Select the Timebase menu and set the TIME/DIV to 100 ps/div
  - Center the first positive-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 29 ns)
  - Select the Delta V menu and turn the V markers On
  - Set the Marker 1 Position to 490 mV and the Marker 2 Position to 500 mV
  - Select the Delta t menu and turn the T Markers On
  - Set START ON EDGE = POS1 and STOP ON EDGE = POS1
  - Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key
5. RECORD the delta t reading. This is the rise time of the reference signal within a 1% amplitude window of the signal connected to Input 2. This value is needed later to calculate the correct jitter.(delta.t.up)
6. Select the Timebase menu and center the second positive-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 79 ns)
7. Press MORE and HISTOGRAM
- Select the Window submenu and set:
  - Source is channel 2
  - Choose the Time Histogram
  - Press WINDOW MARKER 1 and set it to 490 mV
  - Press WINDOW MARKER 2 and set it to 500 mV

8. Select the Acquire submenu, set the Number of Samples to 1000 and press START ACQUIRING
9. After the data for the time histogram has been acquired (# Samples = 100%), select the Result submenu.
10. Press MEAN and SIGMA. RECORD the values of sigma
11. The RMS-jitter is calculated as follows:

$$RMS - jitter = \frac{6sigma - delta.t.up}{6}$$

12. The RMS-jitter for period of 50 ns is 20 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.1a - 1
13. Set the Agilent 81110A period to 500 ns
14. Repeat steps 6 to 11

NOTE:

TIME/DIV = 200 ps/div; approximate Delay = 529 ns

15. The RMS-jitter for period of 500 ns is 65 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.1a - 2

### Test 6.1b: Period Jitter, Internal PLL

#### Test Specifications

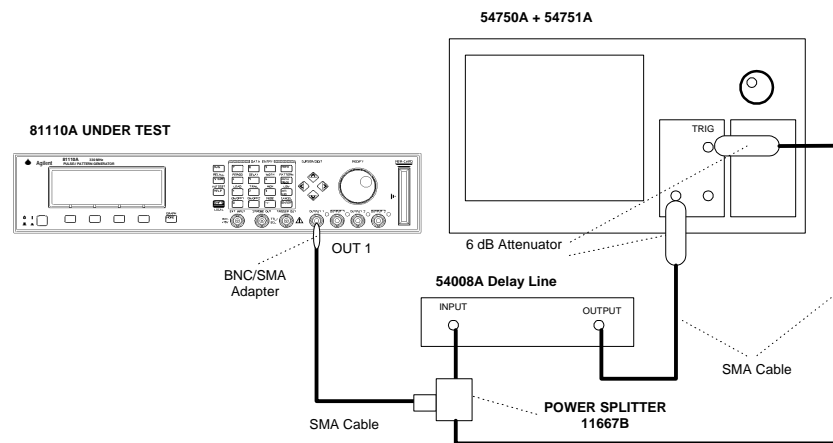
RMS-Jitter 0.001% + 15 ps

#### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Delay Line (22 ns)  
Power Splitter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC  
Cable, SMA

#### Procedure

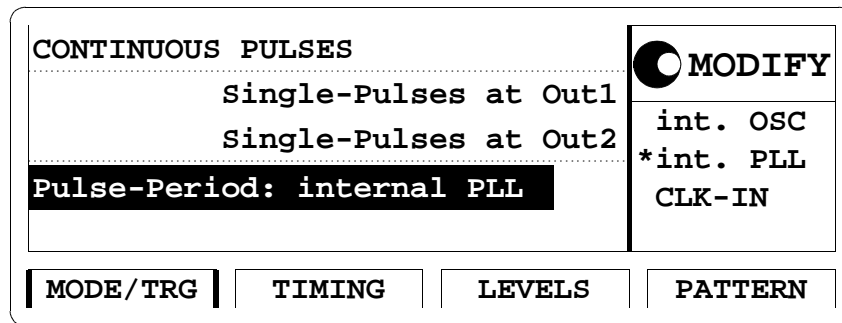
1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown.



Equipment Set-up for Jitter Test using the Agilent 54750A + 54751A

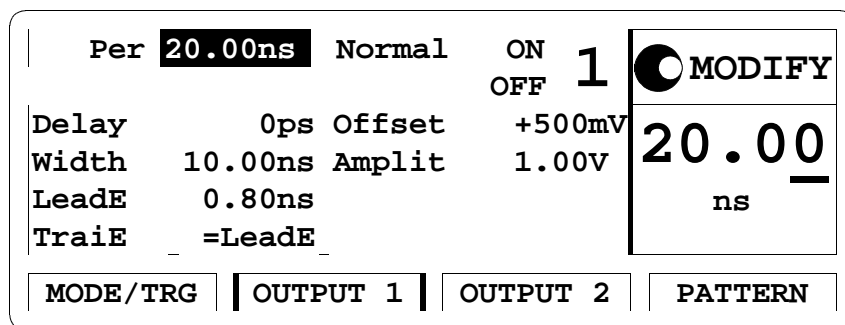
Using the Agilent 54121T the Set-up is the same as before.

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
3. Select the [MODE/TRG] screen on the Agilent 81110A and set up as follows:



The TRG MODE Screen Setup

4. On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:



Configuring Output Screen 1

|          |                |          |        |          |   |
|----------|----------------|----------|--------|----------|---|
| Per      | <b>20.00ns</b> | Normal   | OFF    | 2        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|          |                |          | OFF    |          |   |
| Delay    | 0ps            | Offset   | +500mV |          | <b>20.00</b><br>ns                      |
| Width    | 10.00ns        | Amplit   | 1.00V  |          |   |
| LeadE    | 0.80ns         |          |        |          |   |
| TraIE    | =LeadE         |          |        |          |   |
| MODE/TRG |                | OUTPUT 1 |        | OUTPUT 2 |   |
|          |                |          |        | PATTERN  |   |

### Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

### 5. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:

- Press AUTOSCALE
- Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 64

- Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor of channel 2 to 2
  - Set the VOLTS/DIV of channel 2 to 10 mV/div
  - Set OFFSET to 500 mV
  - Select the Timebase menu and set the TIME/DIV to 100 ps/div
  - Center the first positive-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 29 ns)
  - Select the Delta V menu and turn the V markers On
  - Set the Marker 1 Position to 490 mV and the Marker 2 Position to 500mV
  - Select the Delta t menu and turn the T Markers On
  - Set START ON EDGE = POS1 and STOP ON EDGE = POS1
  - Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key
6. RECORD the delta t reading. This is the rise time of the reference signal within a 1% amplitude window of the signal connected to Input 2. This value is needed later to calculate the correct jitter. (delta.t.up)
7. Select the Timebase menu and center the second positive-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 49 ns)
8. Press MORE and HISTOGRAM
- Select the Window submenu and set:
  - Source is channel 2
  - Choose the Time Histogram
  - Press WINDOW MARKER 1 and set it to 490 mV

- Press WINDOW MARKER 2 and set it to 500 mV
9. Select the Acquire submenu, set the Number of Samples to 1000 and press START ACQUIRING
  10. After the data for the time histogram has been acquired (# Samples = 100%), select the Result submenu.
  11. Press MEAN and SIGMA. RECORD the values of sigma
  12. The RMS-jitter is calculated as follows:

$$RMS - jitter = \frac{6\sigma_{\text{delta.t.up}}}{6}$$

13. The RMS-jitter for period of 20 ns is 15.2 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.1b - 1

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**NOTE:**

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See the Agilent54750A User's Guide / Service Guide to get the info needed to do the Jitter Test using this scope.

## Test 6.2: Width Jitter (PLL not active)

### Test Specifications

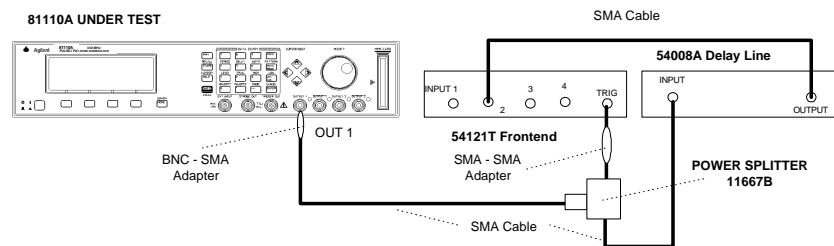
RMS-Jitter 0.01% + 15 ps

### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Delay Line (22 ns)  
Power Splitter  
Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC  
Cable, SMA

### Procedure

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:



### Equipment Set-up for Jitter Test

2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"



- On the Agilent 81110A set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|                    |         |          |          |             |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Per 1.000ms Normal |         | ON       | 1        | MODIFY      |
|                    |         | OFF      |          |             |
| Delay              | 0ps     | Offset   | +500mV   | 1.515<br>ns |
| Width              | 1.515ns | Amplit   | 1.00V    |             |
| LeadE              | 0.80ns  |          |          |             |
| Traie              | =LeadE  |          |          |             |
| MODE/TRG           |         | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN     |

Configuring Output Screen 1

|                    |         |          |          |             |
|--------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Per 1.000ms Normal |         | OFF      | 2        | MODIFY      |
|                    |         | OFF      |          |             |
| Delay              | 0ps     | Offset   | +500mV   | 1.515<br>ns |
| Width              | 1.515ns | Amplit   | 1.00V    |             |
| LeadE              | 0.80ns  |          |          |             |
| Traie              | =LeadE  |          |          |             |
| MODE/TRG           |         | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN     |

Configuring Output Screen 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.
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4. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:

- Press AUTOSCALE
- Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 128
- Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor of channel 2 to 2
- Set the VOLTS/DIV of channel 2 to 10 mV/div
- Set OFFSET to 500 mV
- Select the Timebase menu and set the TIME/DIV to 10 ps/div
- Center the first negative-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 33.8 ns)
- Select the Delta V menu and turn the V markers On
- Set the Marker 1 Position to 500 mV and the Marker 2 Position to 490 mV
- Select the Delta t menu and turn the T Markers On
- Set START ON EDGE = NEG1 and STOP ON EDGE = NEG1
- Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key

5. RECORD the delta t reading. This is the fall time of the reference signal within a 1% amplitude window of the signal connected to Input 2. This value is needed later to calculate the correct jitter. ( $\Delta t_{dn}$ )
6. Set the Agilent 81110A Pulse Width to 50 ns
7. Select the Timebase menu and center the first negative-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 80.5 ns)
8. Press MORE and HISTOGRAM
9. Select the Window submenu and set:
  - Source is channel 2
  - Choose the Time Histogram
  - Press WINDOW MARKER 1 and set it to 500 mV
  - Press WINDOW MARKER 2 and set it to 490 mV
10. Select the Acquire submenu, set the Number of Samples to 1000 and press START ACQUIRING
11. After the data for the time histogram has been acquired (# Samples = 100%), select the Result submenu.
12. Press MEAN and SIGMA. RECORD the value of sigma
13. The RMS-jitter is calculated as follows:

$$\text{RMS - jitter} = \frac{6 \text{ sigma} - \text{delta.t.dn}}{6}$$

14. The RMS-jitter for pulse width of 50 ns is 20 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.2 - 1
15. Set the Agilent 81110A for pulse width of 500ns
16. Repeat steps 7 to 13

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**NOTE:**

TIME/DIV = 100ps/div. Approximate delay = 530 ns

17. The RMS-jitter for pulse width of 500 ns is 65 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.2 - 2

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**NOTE:**

Repeat the entire test for the second channel, if it is installed.

### Test 6.3: Delay Jitter (PLL not active)

#### Test Specifications

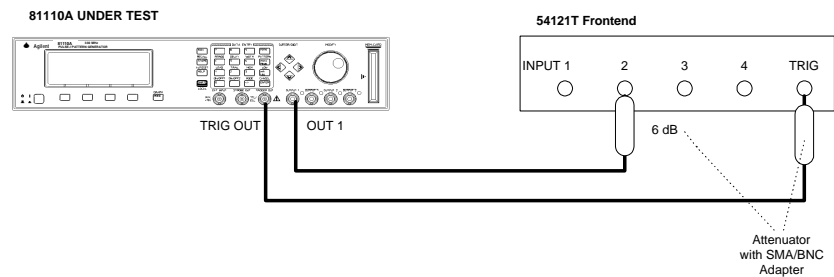
RMS-Jitter 0.01% + 15 ps

#### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories

#### Procedure

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:

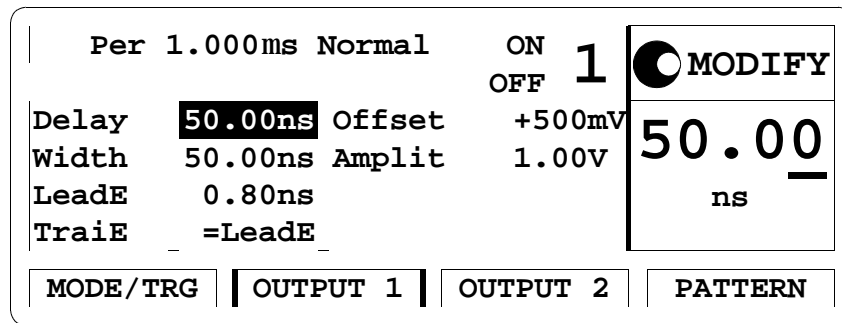


#### Equipment Set-up for Delay Jitter Test

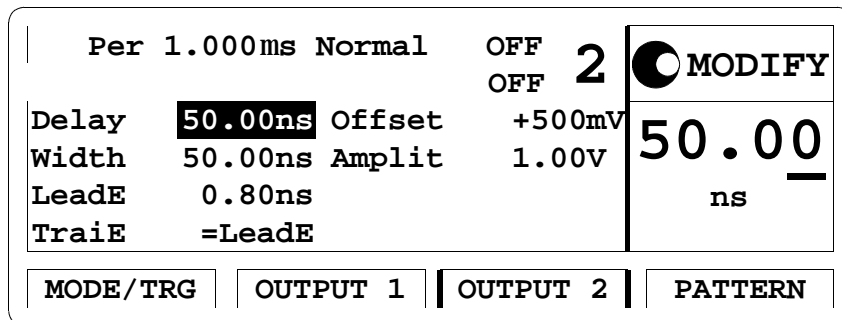
2. For calculating the RMS-jitter, the rise time of the reference signal within a 1% amplitude window is required. If this value

is not already measured in the Period Jitter test, then perform the first 6 steps of the Period Jitter test.

3. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
4. On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:



Configuring Output Screen 1



Configuring Output Screen 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

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5. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:

- Press AUTOSCALE
- Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 64
- Set the VOLTS/DIV = 10 mV/div
- Set OFFSET to 500 mV
- Select the Timebase menu and set the TIME/DIV to 100 ps/div
- Center the first positive-going edge of the signal (approximate Delay = 64 ns)

6. Press MORE and HISTOGRAM

7. Select the Window submenu and press WINDOW MARKER 1 and set it to 490 mV

8. Press WINDOW MARKER 2 and set it to 500 mV

9. Select the Acquire submenu, set the Number of Samples to 1000 and press START ACQUIRING

10. After the delta for the time histogram has been acquired (# Samples = 100%), select the Result submenu.

11. Press MEAN and SIGMA. RECORD the values of sigma!

12. The RMS-jitter is calculated as follows:

$$\text{RMS - jitter} = \frac{6\sigma - \Delta t_{\text{up}}}{6}$$

13. The RMS-jitter for delay of 50 ns is 20 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.3 - 1
14. Set Agilent 81110A for delay of 500 ns
15. Repeat steps 9 to 12

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**NOTE:**

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TIME/DIV = 100 ps/div. Approximate delay = 510 ns

16. The RMS jitter for delay of 500 ns is 65 ps. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 6.3 - 2

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**NOTE:**

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Repeat the entire test for the second channel, if it is installed.



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## Test 7: High and Low Levels

The following tests are required:

1. High level from 50 $\Omega$  into 50 $\Omega$
2. Low level from 50 $\Omega$  into 50 $\Omega$

### Test Specifications

|                  | Load Impedance 50 $\Omega$                   |  |
|------------------|--|--|
| Source Impedance | 50 $\Omega$                                  |  |
| High Level       | -1.900 V to +3.8 V                           |  |
| Low Level        | -2.0 V to +3.7 V                             |  |
| Amplitude        | 0.100 V <sub>pp</sub> to 3.8 V <sub>pp</sub> |  |
| Level Resolution | 10 mV  |  |
| Level Accuracy   | $\pm 2\%$ of ampl $\pm 50$ mV                |  |

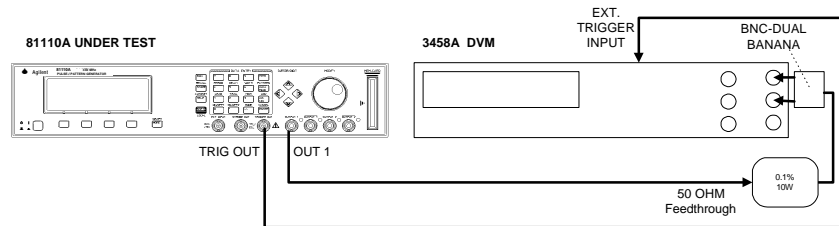
### Equipment Needed

1. Digitizing Voltmeter (DVM)
2. 50  $\Omega$  Feedthrough Termination, 0.1%, 10 W Adapter.
3. BNC to dual banana plug (Agilent 1251-2277)
4. Cable, 50  $\Omega$ , coaxial, BNC

### Procedure

Connect Agilent 81110A to the DVM as shown:

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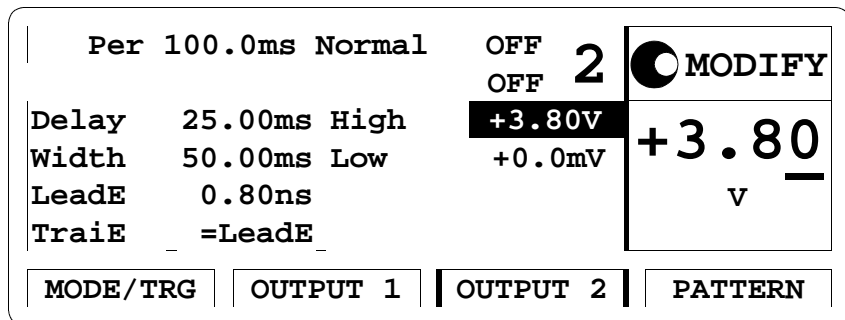
Connecting the DVM for High and Low Levels Tests

**Test 7.1: High Level, 50 Ohms into 50 Ohms**

1. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
2. On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:

|                    |              |          |   |            |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|---|------------|
| Per 100.0ms Normal |              | ON       | 1 | MODIFY     |
|                    |              | OFF      |   |            |
| Delay              | 25.00ms High | +3.80V   |   | +3.80<br>V |
| Width              | 50.00ms Low  | +0.0mV   |   |            |
| LeadE              | 0.80ns       |          |   |            |
| TraIE              | =LeadE       |          |   |            |
| MODE/TRG           |              | OUTPUT 1 |   | OUTPUT 2   |
|                    |              |          |   | PATTERN    |

Configuring Output Screen 1



### Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

3. Set the DVM Agilent 3458A to:

Function: DCV  
 Trigger: TRIG EXT  
 AD-Converter integration time NPLC: 0.1  
 (Number of Power Line Cycles)

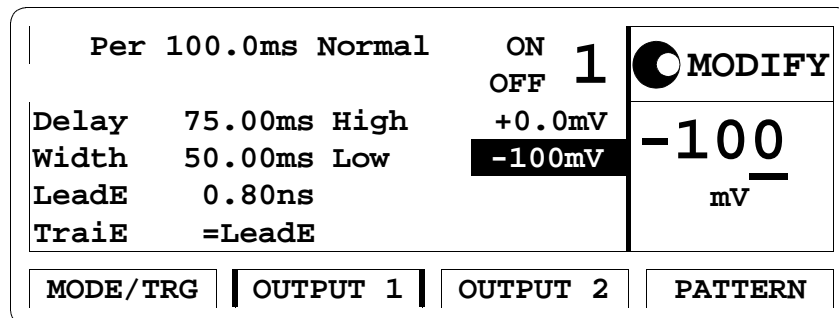
4. Check the Agilent 81110A high level at the following high level settings with the low level set to 0.0 V.

| High Level | Acceptable Range   | TR Entry |
|------------|--------------------|----------|
| 3.80 V     | 3.674 V to 3.926 V | 7.1 - 1  |
| 1.0 V      | 0.93 V to 1.07 V   | 7.1 - 2  |
| 0.5 V      | 440 mV to 560 mV   | 7.1 - 3  |
| 0.1 V      | 48 mV to 152 mV    | 7.1 - 4  |

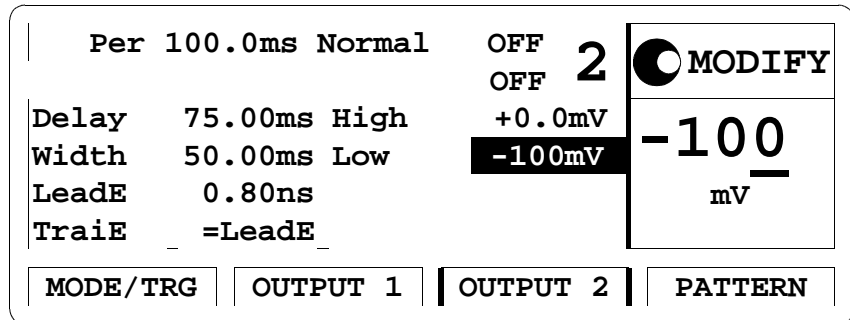
The low level may vary within  $\pm 2\%$  of amplitude  $\pm 50$  mV

**Test 7.2: Low Level, 50 Ohms into 50 Ohms**

1. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
2. On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:



Configuring Output Screen 1



Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

3. Check the Agilent 81110A low level at the following low level settings with the high level set to 0.0 V

| Low Level | Acceptable Range     | TR Entry |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| -0.1 V    | -48 mV to -152 mV    | 7.2 - 1  |
| -0.5 V    | -440 mV to -560 mV   | 7.2 - 2  |
| -1.0 V    | -0.93 V to -1.07 V   | 7.2 - 3  |
| -2.00 V   | -1.910 V to -2.090 V | 7.2 - 4  |

The high level 0.0 V may vary  $\pm 2\%$  of amplitude  $\pm 50$  mV.

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**NOTE:**

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Repeat the High and Low Level tests for the second channel, if it is installed.

## Test 8: Transition Time

### Test Specifications

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Range               | 0.8 ns OR 1.6 ns<br>(measured between 10% and 90% of amplitude)  |
| Minimum Transitions | $\leq 600$ ps for $V_{pp} < 1$ V<br>$\leq 900$ ps for $V_{pp} > 1$ V<br>(typical 450 ps for ECL levels<br>measured between 20% and 80% of amplitude) |
| Accuracy            | $\pm 10\%$ $\pm 200$ ps  |

### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories  
Cable, SMA

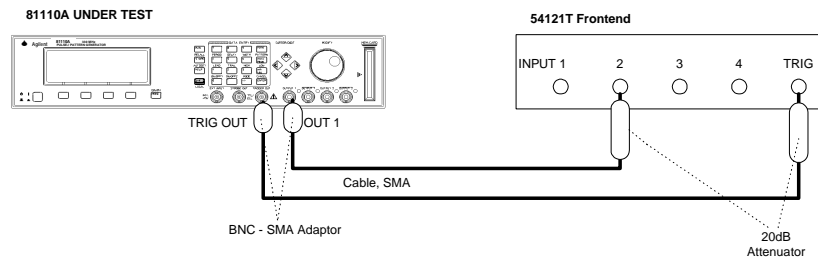
### Procedure

Perform the tests as shown in the following sections:

### Test 8.1a: Leading Edge Test

Minimum Leading Edge and Leading Edge ranges .

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Scope

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**NOTE:**

When you connect the test equipment the first time, and whenever you change the setup during the following tests, use the torque wrench (8170-1582) to tighten and loosen the SMA connectors. This will ensure that the connectors are at the correct tightness and give the best signal transfer!

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2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
  3. On the Agilent 81110A press MORE and set up [OUTPUT 1] and [OUTPUT 2] pages as shown in the following illustrations:



|                    |               |          |          |   |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---|
| Per 500.0ms Normal |               | ON       | 1        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|                    |               | OFF      |          |   |
| Delay              | 0ps Offset    | +0.0mV   | *0.8ns   |   |
| DtyCyc             | 50.00% Amplit | 3.80V    | 1.6ns    |   |
| LeadE              | <b>0.80ns</b> |          |          |   |
| TraIE              | =LeadE        |          |          |   |
| MODE/TRG           |               | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN                                 |

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|                    |               |          |          |   |
|--------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---|
| Per 500.0ms Normal |               | OFF      | 2        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
|                    |               | OFF      |          |   |
| Delay              | 0ps Offset    | +0.0mV   | *0.8ns   |   |
| DtyCyc             | 50.00% Amplit | 3.80V    | 1.6ns    |   |
| LeadE              | <b>0.80ns</b> |          |          |   |
| TraIE              | =LeadE        |          |          |   |
| MODE/TRG           |               | OUTPUT 1 | OUTPUT 2 | PATTERN                                 |

Configuring Output Screen 2

**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

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4. Set the Digitizing Oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
    - Press AUTOSCALE
    - Center one pulse on screen, e.g.:
    - TIME/DIV = 50  $\mu$ s/div, DELAY = 380  $\mu$ s,
    - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 32
    - Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor to 10
    - Select the Delta V menu and turn the voltage markers On
    - Set the Preset Levels = 10-90% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
    - Select the Timebase menu and set TIME/DIV = 1 ns/div, DELAY = 16 ns
    - Select the Delta t menu and turn the markers On
    - Set START ON EDGE = POS1 and STOP ON EDGE = POS1
  5. Set period of Agilent 81110A to: Period = 1  $\mu$ s and change the Agilent 81110A Delay to center the leading edge of the first pulse on the screen
  6. After the averaging, while the oscilloscope is in the Delta t menu, Press the PRECISE EDGE FIND key

7. Check the Agilent 81110A rise times at the following leading edge settings:

| Oscilloscope TIME/<br>DIV | Period    | Leading<br>Edge | Trailing<br>Edge | Acceptable<br>Range  | TR<br>Entry |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 ns/div                  | 1 $\mu$ s | 0.8 ns          | 0.8 ns           | 540 ps to 1.080 ns   | 8.1a - 1    |
| 1 ns/div                  | 1 $\mu$ s | 1.6 ns          | 1.6 ns           | 1.240 ns to 1.960 ns | 8.1a - 2    |

### Test 8.1b: Trailing Edge Test

Minimum Trailing Edge and Trailing Edge range.

1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown in Test 8.1a Leading Edge Test.
2. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in Test 8.1a Leading Edge Test.

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.

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3. Set the digitizing oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
    - Select the oscilloscope's Timebase menu and set TIME/DIV to 1 ns/div and DELAY to approximately 510 ns
    - Select the oscilloscope's Delta t menu and set START ON EDGE = NEG1 and STOP ON EDGE = NEG1
  4. While the oscilloscope is in the Delta t menu, press the PRE-CISE EDGE FIND key
  5. Check the Agilent 81110A output signal falls at the following trailing edge settings:

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| Oscilloscope<br>TIME/DIV | Delay  | Period    | Trailing<br>Edge | Leading<br>Edge | Acceptable<br>Range  | TR<br>Entry |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 ns/div                 | 529 ns | 1 $\mu$ s | 0.8 ns           | 0.8 ns          | 540 ps to 1.080 ns   | 8.1b - 1    |
| 1 ns/div                 | 529 ns | 1 $\mu$ s | 1.6 ns           | 1.6 ns          | 1.240 ns to 1.960 ns | 8.1b - 2    |

### Test 9: Pulse Aberration Test

The following tests are required:

Overshoot and Ringing  
Preshoot

### Test Specifications

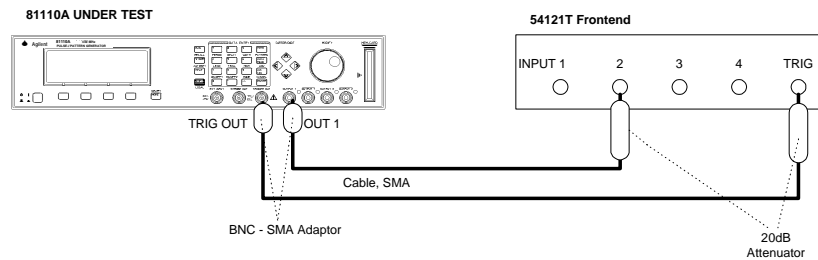
Overshoot/Preshoot/Ringing  
 $\pm 5\%$  of amplitude  $\pm 50$  mV

### Equipment Needed

Digitizing Oscilloscope with Accessories

### Procedure

6. Set up the Agilent 81110A as described in "Initial Setup of the Agilent 81110A"
1. Connect Agilent 81110A to the Scope as shown:



Connecting Agilent 81110A to the Scope

|                    |            |           |            |   |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|---|
| Per 500.0ms Normal |            | ON<br>OFF | 1          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
| Delay              | 0ps High   | +3.8V     | +3.80<br>V | <input type="radio"/>                   |
| DtyCyc             | 50.00% Low | +0.0mV    |            |   |
| LeadE              | 0.80ns     |           |            |   |
| Traie              | =LeadE     |           |            |   |
| MODE/TRG           |            | OUTPUT 1  | OUTPUT 2   | PATTERN                                 |

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|                    |            |            |            |   |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| Per 500.0ms Normal |            | OFF<br>OFF | 2          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> MODIFY |
| Delay              | 0ps High   | +3.8V      | +3.80<br>V | <input type="radio"/>                   |
| DtyCyc             | 50.00% Low | +0.0mV     |            |   |
| LeadE              | 0.80ns     |            |            |   |
| Traie              | =LeadE     |            |            |   |
| MODE/TRG           |            | OUTPUT 1   | OUTPUT 2   | PATTERN                                 |

Configuring Output Screen 2

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**NOTE:**

When you are testing instruments with 2 output channels it is necessary to:

- a. Configure *both* channels.
- b. Switch OFF the channel that is not being tested

If you then test the other channel:

- c. Switch ON the channel you are testing, and switch OFF the other channel.
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### **Overshoot and Ringing**

2. Set the digitizing oscilloscope Agilent 54121T:
  - Press AUTOSCALE
  - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 32
  - Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor to 10
  - Center one pulse horizontally and vertically on screen
  - (e.g. TIME/DIV = 50 $\mu$ s/div, DELAY = 250  $\mu$ s)
  - Select the delta V menu and turn the voltage markers On
  - Set the VARIABLE LEVELS = 95% - 105% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
  - Select the channel menu and center vertically the top pulse (offset = 5 V)
  - Set the VOLTS/DIV = 200 mV/div
  - Select the Timebase menu and set TIME/DIV = 5 ns/div, DELAY = 16 ns (>> 500 ns)
3. Set the Agilent 81110A to period = 500 ns



4. Check that Overshoot and Ringing are within the  $\pm 5\%$  of amplitude  $\pm 50$  mV window
5. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 9 - 1

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**NOTE:**

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Take the oscilloscope's trace flatness error (GaAs input circuit) into account.

**Preshoot**

6. Set Agilent 81110A to:
  - Period = 500  $\mu$ s
  - High Level = 3.8 V
  - Low Level = 0 V
  - Delay = 10 ns
7. Set the digitizing oscilloscope, Agilent 54121T:
  - Press AUTOSCALE
  - Select the Display menu and set the Number of Averages to 32
  - Select the Channel menu and set the Attenuation factor to 10
  - Center one pulse horizontally and vertically on screen
  - (e.g. TIME/DIV = 50 $\mu$ s/div, DELAY = 265  $\mu$ s)
  - Select the delta V menu and turn the voltage markers On
  - Set the VARIABLE LEVELS = -5% to +5% and press AUTO LEVEL SET
  - Select the channel menu and center vertically the bottom of the
  - pulse (offset = 0 V)

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- Set the VOLTS/DIV = 200 mV/div
  - Select the Timebase menu and set TIME/DIV = 5 ns/div, DELAY = 16 ns
8. Set Agilent 81110A to period = 500 ns
  9. Check that Preshoot is within the  $\pm 5\%$  of amplitude  $\pm 50$  mV window.
  10. Enter the result in the Test Report as TR entry 9 - 3





| Test Equipment Used  |                |           |               |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Description          | Model No.      | Trace No. | Cal. Due Date |
| 1. Oscilloscope      | Agilent 54121T | _____     | _____         |
| 2. Counter           | Agilent 5334B  | _____     | _____         |
| 3. Digital Voltmeter | Agilent 3458A  | _____     | _____         |
| 4. Pulse Generator   | Agilent 8110A  | _____     | _____         |
| 5. Delay Line        | Agilent 54008A | _____     | _____         |
| 6.                   | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 7.                   | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 8.                   | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 9.                   | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 10.                  | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 11.                  | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 12.                  | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 13.                  | _____          | _____     | _____         |
| 14.                  | _____          | _____     | _____         |

**Test Results for Agilent 81110A Mainframe**

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ambient temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °C

Customer \_\_\_\_\_ Relative humidity \_\_\_\_\_ %

CSO# \_\_\_\_\_ Line frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Hz

Tested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal Oscillator Period**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max  | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------|-------|
| 1-1      | 3.03ns | 2.9391 ns | _____         | 3.1209 ns  | _____ | _____ |
| 1-2      | 6.06ns | 5.878 ns  | _____         | 6.242 ns   | _____ | _____ |
| 1-3      | 10.0ns | 9.7 ns    | _____         | 10.3 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 1-4      | 50.0ns | 48.5 ns   | _____         | 51.5 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 1-5      | 99.9ns | 96.903 ns | _____         | 102.897 ns | _____ | _____ |

Counter Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test         | Limit Min   | Actual Result | Limit Max    | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 1-6      | 100 ns       | 97.0ns      | _____         | 103.0 ns     | _____ | _____ |
| 1-7      | 500 ns       | 485.0 ns    | _____         | 515.0 ns     | _____ | _____ |
| 1-8      | 1 $\mu$ s    | 970.0 ns    | _____         | 1030.0 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 1-9      | 5 00 $\mu$ s | 485 $\mu$ s | _____         | 5 15 $\mu$ s | _____ | _____ |
| 1-10     | 500 ms       | 485 ms      | _____         | 515 ms       | _____ | _____ |

**PLL Period**  
**(Results measured as frequency by counter)**

Counter Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>TR Entry</b> | <b>Test</b> | <b>Limit Min</b> | <b>Actual Result</b> | <b>Limit Max</b> | <b>Pass</b> | <b>Fail</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2-1             | 3.03 ns     | 329.9670MHz      | _____                | 330.0330MHz      | __          | __          |
| 2-2             | 10.00 ns    | 99.990MHz        | _____                | 100.010 MHz      | __          | __          |
| 2-3             | 50.00 ns    | 19.9980MHz       | _____                | 20.0020MHz       | __          | __          |
| 2-4             | 100 ns      | 9.9990MHz        | _____                | 10.0010MHz       | __          | __          |
| 2-5             | 500 ns      | 1.9998MHz        | _____                | 2.0002MHz        | __          | __          |
| 2-6             | 1 $\mu$ s   | 999.9 kHz        | _____                | 1.0001 MHz       | __          | __          |
| 2-7             | 50 $\mu$ s  | 19.998 kHz       | _____                | 20.002 kHz       | __          | __          |
| 2-8             | 5 ms        | 199.98 Hz        | _____                | 200.02 Hz        | __          | __          |
| 2-9             | 500 ms      | 1.9998 Hz        | _____                | 2.0002 Hz        | __          | __          |
| 2-10            | 5 s         | 0.19998 Hz       | _____                | 0.20002 Hz       | __          | __          |



**Period Jitter**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 6.1a-1   | 50 ns  |              | _____            | 20 ps        | _____ | _____ |
| 6.1a-2   | 500 ns |              | _____            | 65 ps        | _____ | _____ |
| 6.1b-1   | 20 ns  |              | _____            | 15.2 ps      | _____ | _____ |

**Test Results for Agilent 81112A Output Channel \_\_\_\_\_**

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Width**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test       | Limit Min    | Actual Result | Limit Max    | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-1      | 1.515 ns   | 1.22455 ns   | _____         | 1.80545 ns   | _____ | _____ |
| 3-2      | 6.06ns     | 5.528 ns     | _____         | 6.492 ns     | _____ | _____ |
| 3-3      | 10.0 ns    | 9.450ns      | _____         | 10.550 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 3-4      | 50.0 ns    | 48.25 ns     | _____         | 51.75 ns     | _____ | _____ |
| 3-5      | 100 ns     | 96.75 ns     | _____         | 103.25 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 3-6      | 500 ns     | 484.75 ns    | _____         | 515.25 ns    | _____ | _____ |
| 3-7      | 50 $\mu$ s | 48.5 $\mu$ s | _____         | 51.5 $\mu$ s | _____ | _____ |
| 3-8      | 5 ms       | 4.85 ms      | _____         | 5.15 ms      | _____ | _____ |
| 3-9      | 500 ms     | 485 ms       | _____         | 515 ms       | _____ | _____ |

**Width Jitter**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 6.2-1    | 50 ns  | _____     | _____         | 20 ps     | _____ | _____ |
| 6.2-2    | 500 ns | _____     | _____         | 65 ps     | _____ | _____ |

**Delay**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test       | Limit Min    | Actual Result     | Limit Max    | Pass | Fail |
|----------|------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------|------|
| 4-1      | 0.00 ns    |              | _____ Fixed Delay |              | ___  | ___  |
| 4-2      | 5.00 ns    | 4.35 ns      | _____             | 5.65 ns      | ___  | ___  |
| 4-3      | 10 ns      | 9.20 ns      | _____             | 10.80 ns     | ___  | ___  |
| 4-4      | 50.0 ns    | 48.0 ns      | _____             | 52.0 ns      | ___  | ___  |
| 4-5      | 100 ns     | 96.5 ns      | _____             | 103.5 ns     | ___  | ___  |
| 4-6      | 500 ns     | 484.5 ns     | _____             | 515.5 ns     | ___  | ___  |
| 4-7      | 50 $\mu$ s | 48.5 $\mu$ s | _____             | 51.5 $\mu$ s | ___  | ___  |
| 4-8      | 5 ms       | 4.85 ms      | _____             | 5.15 ms      | ___  | ___  |
| 4-9      | 500 ms     | 485 ms       | _____             | 515 ms       | ___  | ___  |

**Delay Jitter**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 6.3-1    | 50 ns  | _____        | _____            | 20 ps        | _____ | _____ |
| 6.3-2    | 500 ns | _____        | _____            | 65 ps        | _____ | _____ |

**Double Pulse Delay**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test     | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass | Fail |
|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------|------|
| 5-1      | 3.015 ns | 2.77455 ns   | _____            | 3.25545 ns   | ___  | ___  |
| 5-2      | 10.0 ns  | 9.550 ns     | _____            | 10.45 ns     | ___  | ___  |
| 5-3      | 50.0ns   | 48.35 ns     | _____            | 51.65 ns     | ___  | ___  |
| 5-4      | 100ns    | 96.85 ns     | _____            | 103.15 ns    | ___  | ___  |

Counter Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass | Fail |
|----------|--------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------|------|
| 5-5      | 500 ms | 485 ms       | _____            | 515 ms       | ___  | ___  |
| 5-6      | 1 s    | 970.0 ms     | _____            | 1030.0 ms    | ___  | ___  |

**High Level 50Ω-50Ω**

| TR Entry | Test  | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass | Fail |
|----------|-------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------|------|
| 7.1-1    | 3.80V | 3.674 V      | _____            | 3.926 V      | ___  | ___  |
| 7.1-2    | 1.0 V | 0.93 V       | _____            | 1.07 V       | ___  | ___  |
| 7.1-3    | 0.5 V | 440 mV       | _____            | 560 mV       | ___  | ___  |
| 7.1-4    | 0.1 V | 48 mV        | _____            | 152 mV       | ___  | ___  |

**Low Level 50Ω-50Ω**

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit<br>Min | Actual<br>Result | Limit<br>Max | Pass | Fail |
|----------|--------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------|------|
| 7.2-1    | -0.1 V | -48 mV       | _____            | -152 mV      | ___  | ___  |
| 7.2-2    | -0.5 V | -440 mV      | _____            | -560 mV      | ___  | ___  |
| 7.2-3    | -1.0 V | -0.93 V      | _____            | -1.07 V      | ___  | ___  |
| 7.2-4    | -2.0 V | -1.910 V     | _____            | -2.090 V     | ___  | ___  |

**Leading Edge**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 8.1a-1   | 0.8 ns | 540 ps    | _____         | 1.08 ns   | _____ | _____ |
| 8.1a-2   | 1.6 ns | 1.24 ns   | _____         | 1.96 ns   | _____ | _____ |

**Trailing Edge**

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 8.1b-1   | 0.8 ns | 540 ps    | _____         | 1.08 ns   | _____ | _____ |
| 8.1b-2   | 1.6 ns | 1.24 ns   | _____         | 1.96 ns   | _____ | _____ |



**Overshoot and Ringing**

Scope Uncertainty factor \_\_\_\_\_

| TR Entry | Test   | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max                               | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|--------|-----------|---------------|---|-------|-------|
| 9-1      | 3.8V   |           | _____         | $\pm 5\%$ of ampl.<br>$\pm 50\text{mV}$ | _____ | _____ |
| 9-2      | 500 mV |           | _____         | $\pm 5\%$ of ampl.<br>$\pm 50\text{mV}$ | _____ | _____ |

**Preshoot**

| TR Entry | Test | Limit Min | Actual Result | Limit Max                               | Pass  | Fail  |
|----------|------|-----------|---------------|---|-------|-------|
| 9-3      | 0 V  |           | _____         | $\pm 5\%$ of ampl.<br>$\pm 50\text{mV}$ | _____ | _____ |

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