

LTPA 64/128

Product Features



Built on the latest MicroPulse developments, the LTPA 64/128 provides a high performance, flexible and compact ultrasonic inspection system.

All LTPA's are completely enclosed units, capable of conventional, Phased Array and FMC acquisition processes. Utilising Power over Ethernet technology and Gigabit Ethernet for seriously fast data transfer the LTPA is ideally suited for all your inspection requirements.

Overview

The LTPA is a compact (120mm x 280mm x 310mm), rugged, lightweight (<5 Kg), and enclosed unit (no fans). Interchangeable with the existing MicroPulse systems, it connects to the PC running the test application via Ethernet and takes its power over Ethernet or from a separate 48V power source. LTPA has very low noise and the Gigabit Ethernet provides data throughput up to 120 MBytes/second. The 64/128 instrument is available in two configurations; a) With a single hypertronics connector or b) with two hypertronics connectors 64/64 Tx/Rx on each connector. Additionally, 2 conventional channels (pulse echo or pitch-catch) are available.

Software Platforms

The open and transparent data format and long-established MicroPulse command language makes for a totally new experience, no longer is the user forced down the one software platform fits all, resulting in complex and cluttered applications. Supplied in the box, Peak NDT's ArrayGen software will get you started, then the choices are yours. Compatible with procedure based platforms like MIPS/GUIDE to user definable interfaces like InspectionWare, LabView or TWI's Crystal FMC platform. If a bespoke application is what's required, then using Peak NDT's Focal Law calculation dll with the transparent data formats and standard sockets make writing custom applications a breeze.

Full Information available at www.peakndt.com

Features

- Small/rugged/lightweight
- No external fans – unique air-cradle maintains internal temperature
- Easily scalable – up to 4 units connected using Peak NDT's unique MPLink technology – providing up to 512 phased array channels
- All channels available for beam forming
- Power over Ethernet (PoE)
- High power phased array channels – user definable pulser voltage available up to 200V
- Inputs for 2 axes of encoders (single-ended or differential) for true pulse on position
- Outputs digitised waveform and/or peak-detected data with up to 4 hardware gates
- High data output – up to 120 MBytes per second

Applications

- Pipeline girth weld inspection
- Inline testing systems
- Research and development
- Immersion tanks
- Gantry systems
- In-situ monitoring
- Inspections in hard to access areas

LTPA PA Channels Specification

	Parameter	Range	Step Size	
Configurations		64/128 - one Hypertronics (1-128) or 64/128 - Two Hypertronics (1-64; 65-128)		
Pulser	Pulser Type	Negative square wave	-	
	Pulser Voltage	50 to 200Volts	25Volt	
	Pulser Rise Time	<5ns	-	
	Pulser Width	20nsec to 500nsec	2nsec	
	Pulser Output Impedance	< 10Ω	-	
	Pulser Damping	100Ω	-	
	Pulse Repetition Frequency	1Hz to 40kHz	1Hz	
	Parallel Firing	No	-	
	Phased Array Pulser Delay	0 to 25000nsec	1nsec	
	Number of Tx Focal Laws	Up to 2048	-	
Tx Voltage Apodistion	No	-		
Receiver	Gain	70dB NB Max DAC plus main gain is 110dB	0.25dB	
	Input Noise	2nV/√Hz typical	-	
	Gain Linearity	Better than 0.25dB	-	
	Input Impedance	100Ω	-	
	Bandwidth	0.75MHz to 20MHz (-3dB)	-	
	Analogue Filters	0.75MHz to 5MHz (-3dB) Bandpass 5MHz to 10MHz (-3dB) Bandpass 2MHz to 10MHz (-3dB) Bandpass	discrete selection	
	Digital Filters	Programmable high and low pass	User definable	
	Phased Array Receiver Delay	0 to 25000nsec	1nsec	
	Number of Rx Focal Laws	Up to 2048	-	
	Dynamic Depth Focusing	At 100MHz realtime	-	
	Channel Crosstalk	>60dB between channels at 2MHz	-	
	Distance Amplitude Correction	DAC Dynamic Range	0 to 60dB	0.25dB
DAC Trigger		Transmit pulse or material interface echo	Selectable	
No of DAC curves		2048 utilising up to 64kbytes	-	
DAC update		40dB/μsec	-	
DAC Clock		0.78125MHz, 1.5625MHz, 3.125MHz, 6.25MHz, 12.5MHz and 25MHz selectable	6 settings (selectable)	
Water path DAC				
	Digitiser and Digital Processing	ADC Resolution	12 bits	N/A
		Amplitude Resolution	16 bits	
		Sample Rate	10, 25, 50 and 100MHz	Selectable
		Number of ADC's	One per two channels	
		Element Summing	Up to 512 channels	N/A
		Acquisition Gate Delay	64k sample points from trigger or I/F echo	1 sample point
		Acquisition Gate	Up 32K sample points	1 sample point
		Rectification	No Rectification Fullwave +ve halfwave -ve halfwave	Selectable
		Smoothing	None and 10 selectable settings	N/A
		Hardware Gates	4 gates utilising up to 32K samples each	
		Interface Echo	Hardware interface trigger for gate and DAC	
		Hardware Peak Processing	For each gate up to 80 peaks (N + largest), first peak, largest peak, threshold crossing	
		Output Options	Peak processed data and/or full digitised waveform	
		Threshold	10 to 4095	1
Averaging		2 to 256 realtime		
Gain Reduced Firing	1 element, n elements or summed waveform			

LTPA Conventional Channels Specification

	Parameter	Range	Step Size
Configurations		2 p/e or TOFD	
Pulser	Pulser Type	Negative square wave	-
	Pulser Voltage	25 to 200Volts	25Volt
	Pulser Rise Time	<5ns	-
	Pulser Width	16nsec to 1010nsec	2nsec
	Pulser Output Impedance	< 10 Ω	-
	Pulser Damping	50 Ω too 660 Ω in 8 steps	-
	Pulse Repetition Frequency	1Hz to 40kHz	1Hz
	Parallel Firing	No	
Receiver	Gain	70dB NB Max DAC plus main gain is 110dB	0.25dB
	Input Noise	2nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ typical	-
	Gain Linearity	Better than 0.25dB	-
	Input Impedance	660 Ω	-
	Bandwidth	0.75MHz to 25MHz (-3dB)	
	Analogue Filters	0.75MHz to 12MHz (-3dB) Bandpass	discrete selection
		2.5MHz to 18MHz (-3dB) Bandpass	
		3MHz to 22MHz (-3dB) Bandpass	
		3MHz to 25MHz (-3dB) Bandpass	
		0.5MHz Bandpass Filter	
		1MHz Bandpass Filter	
2MHz Bandpass Filter			
4MHz Bandpass Filter			
5MHz Bandpass Filter			
10MHz Bandpass Filter			
Digital Filters	5MHz 2nd order TOFD Bandpass Filter 10MHz 2nd order TOFD Bandpass Filter Programmable high and low pass	User definable	
Channel Crosstalk	>60dB between channels at 2MHz		
Distance Amplitude Correction	DAC Dynamic Range	0 to 60dB NB Max DAC plus main gain is 110dB	0.25dB
	DAC Trigger	Transmit pulse or material interface echo	Selectable
	No of DAC curves	256 utilising up to 64kbytes	-
	DAC update	40dB/ μsec	-
	DAC Clock	0.78125MHz, 1.5625MHz, 3.125MHz, 6.25MHz, 12.5MHz and 25MHz selectable	6 settings (selectable)
	Water path DAC		
Digitiser and Digital Processing	ADC Resolution	12 bits	-
	Amplitude Resolution	16 bits	
	Sample Rate	10, 25, 50 and 100MHz	Selectable
	Number of ADC's	1 per channel	
	Element Summing	N/A	N/A
	Acquisition Gate Delay	64k sample points from trigger or I/F echo	1 sample point
	Acquisition Gate	Up 32K sample points	1 sample point
	Rectification	No Rectification	Selectable
		Fullwave	
		+ve halfwave	
		-ve halfwave	
	Smoothing	None and 10 selectable settings	-
Hardware Gates	4 gates utilising up to 32K samples each	-	
Interface Echo	Hardware interface trigger for gate and DAC	-	
Hardware Peak Processing	For each gate up to 80 peaks (N + largest), first peak, largest peak, threshold crossing	Selectable	

Parameter	Range	Step Size
Output Options Threshold Averaging Gain Reduced Firing	Peak processed data and/or full digitised waveform 10 to 4095 2 to 256 realtime Selectable to be triggered on saturation with programmable adjustment level	1

General Specifications

Interfaces	Communication Interface Inter-system Master Slave Output Data Buffer Digital Encoders Digital I/O Analogue Outputs	Gigabit Ethernet capable of up to 120MB/s High speed LVDS (6 pipes @ 800MBits/sec + TTL sync) allowing for expansion of element count by connection of two MicroPulse systems 2Gbytes 2 axes of differential 32-bit encoder inputs accepting 5Volt encoders at rate of up to 700kHz 4 inputs and 4 outputs (5Volt TTL compatible) Trigger
Connectors	UT Connectors Ethernet Connector LVDS Master/Slave Encoder Connector I/O Connector Power Connector Analogue O/P Connectors	160-pin female connector. Hypertronics™ HLMYJPAPF 1600 Industrial RJ45 1 x high speed shielded connector Lemo 1B.310 Lemo 0B.306 Lemo 0B.302 Lemo 1B.310
Physical	Case Size (H x W X D) Power Supply Power Consumption Weight	120mm x 280mm x 310mm 48V DC from Ethernet or separate supply (48V @ 1250mA) 60W max Up to 5 Kgs depending on configuration
Environmental	Operating / Storage Conditions EMC Safety	Operating Temperature: 0 to 45°C Storage Temperature: -10 to 55°C Relative Humidity: less than 85% non-condensing EN61326 EN61010