

Technical  
Information  
Manual

**MOD. N 84**

*FOUR-FOLD FAST  
DISCRIMINATOR*

CAEN

4 CHS DISCRIMINATOR

mod. 84

IN CH1 OUT

WDT  
THR  
TP  
OUT

IN CH2 OUT

WDT  
THR  
TP  
OUT

IN CH3 OUT

WDT  
THR  
TP  
OUT

IN CH4 OUT

WDT  
THR  
TP  
OUT

+5V GND  
-6V GND



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## **DESCRIPTION**

Model N 84 is an 4-channel fast discriminator, with std NIM outputs, in a one-unit wide NIM module, that combines low cost with maximum flexibility.

High impedance bridged inputs make it possible to cascade multiple sections ( a 50  $\Omega$  termination is required on the last unit of the daisy-chain).

On each section both the threshold level and the output pulse width can be adjusted: the selection of the full scale range is made by a single DIP switch on the PCB for the threshold level (total range 20 to 380 mV) and by a DIP-2 switch for the output width (total range 7 to 300 ns). Both parameters can then be continuously adjusted with the front-panel trimmers THR and WDT.

Each section has also a Test Point (TP) to monitor the threshold level on a DC voltmeter.

Five outputs (4 normal, 1 complementary logic) are available per channel.

# **SPECIFICATIONS** (each section)

## **Input characteristics**

Number ..... 2 bridged, high impedance

Threshold ..... continuously adjustable via front-panel trimmer THR over two ranges selected by DIP switch on PCB. Range is 20 to 380 mV.

## **Output characteristics**

Number ..... 4 normal, 1 complementary logic, 50  $\Omega$  impedance, std NIM levels.

Rise-Fall Time ....  $\leq 1.6$  ns

Pulse Width ..... continuously adjustable with front-panel trimmer WDT over three ranges selected by DIP switch on PCB. Range is 7 to 300 ns.

## **General**

Maximum Rate ..... 85 MHz

Double Pulse Resolution ..... 9 ns

Input-Output Delay ..... 16 ns

All connectors are LEMO 00 type

<b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>	+6V	60 mA
	-6V	1060 mA

## TEST PROCEDURES

on 1 of 4 identical channels)

**Necessary instruments:** 100 MHz pulse generator NIM standard output; Oscilloscope Tektronix Model 475A or equivalent; Digital Voltmeter; 36 dB dynamic Attenuator.

### Procedures:

- 1) Check that the voltage threshold available on the tp monitor point on the front panel is varied continuously by the THR front panel trimmer by the d.i.p. switch SW1 on the printed board.
- 2) Turn trimmers WDT and THR completely anti-clockwise.
- 3) Feed the IN entry a signal compatible with the input specifications.
- 4) After having fixed the input width signal by the attenuator, check the presence of a NIM signal std. (16 mA, 50  $\Omega$ ) at the OUT and  $\overline{\text{OUT}}$  outputs, equal in frequency to the input.
- 5) Controlling the WDT trimmer and the dip switches SW2 (SW3) check that the output pulse width varies continuously in the limits foreseen by the output specifications.
- 6) Turn the THR trimmer clock-wise until the output signal ends.
- 7) Check that the input signal amplitude is equal to the voltage threshold  $\pm 5\%$ .
- 8) Repeat points 4,5,6,7 for the increasing input width signal.