

# GFT2002 Time Interval Meter

#### **FEATURES**

- Two Channels (Start, Stop)
- 1ps one-shot time resolution
- < 5ps rms time interval jitter
- ± 1 second time interval range
- 19", 1U rack
- Ethernet interface

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Components Test
- Jitter Analyzer for Telecom
- Lab / R&D characterizations
- Measure jitter and skew
- Real Time, Time stamping
- Variation in Pulse Timing



#### DESCRIPTION

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The GFT2002 is very precise time interval analyzer with low jitter. It has two inputs: one Start and one Stop. Reading data represent the time interval between one start and one stop.

Trigger level and slope are adjustable on each input. The module uses a linear interpolation technique and an internal calibration to obtain very high accuracy.

The module uses an internal 10MHz very stable oscillator or an external 10 MHz source.

All parameters may be local controlled over front panel keys and LCD display and remote controlled over Ethernet and Internet (Internal web server) interface (10 / 100Mb/s).

The user can open a web page to control the device via Internet explorer, Mozilla Firefox or



GFT2002 control panel web page

#### **CONTROL PANEL WEB PAGE**

This web page, from embedded Web server, provides a simple method to:

- Configure settings for each channel (START, STOP)
- Read results
- Control operation and status of the instrument.

The configuration information of the instrument is stored in the GFT2002.

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| Inputs start or stop |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Threshold            | -5 to + 5V   |  |
| Slope                | Rising or falling edge                               |  |
| Input gate           |  |  |
| Threshold            | +1.5V (fixed)  |  |
| Coupling             | DC - 50Ω   |  |
| Time interval        |  |  |
| Range                | - 1 to +1 second                                     |  |
| Trigger rate         | 0 to 20kHz   |  |
| Resolution           | < 1ps, single shot                                   |  |
| Error                | < 250ps + time interval x 10 <sup>-9</sup>           |  |
| RMS jitter           | 5ps typically  |  |
| Arming mode          | On start, on stop, on gate                           |  |
| Event counting       |  |  |
| Range                | 0 to 10 000 000                                      |  |
| Count rate           | 0 to 10MHz   |  |
| Gate                 | Internal with 1 s duration or duration of input gate |  |
| System               |  |  |
| Calibration          | Internal   |  |
| Functions            | Time interval, event counting                        |  |
| Output 10 MHz        |  |  |
| Signal               | Square wave, 2.5Vpp, AC coupling                     |  |
| Input 10 MHz         |  |  |
| Signal               | 1V nominal (automatic detection)                     |  |
| Coupling             | ΑС - 50Ω   |  |
| Clock                | 1  |  |
| Time base            | 10MHz ovenized                                       |  |
| Stability            | +/- 0.005ppm   |  |
| Accuracy             | 10-9   |  |
| General              |  |  |
| General interface    | Local front panel, remote via Ethernet               |  |
| Size                 | 19", 1U, 30cm  |  |
| Connector            | BNC  |  |
| Power Supply         | < 40 W / 90 - 240 V /50 - 60Hz                       |  |
| Software             |  |  |
| interface            | Free driver for windows 7 / 8                        |  |
| Web page             | Internet explorer, Chrome, Firefox                   |  |
| Option               |  |  |
| Option 1             | Optical input compliant to GFT3001 for timing system |  |

## **FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW**

#### **Block diagram**

The time interval meter includes receiver with signal conditioning, a clock reference, a high resolution time system and an interface controller.



#### <u>Block diagram</u>

## Receiver (Start / Stop)

Each channel receiver consists of a threshold programmable fast comparator and a switch used to select the active slope.

#### Time system

Interval mode: The time interval result is obtained by processing the two following information

- Coarse information provides by a wide range (32-bit) and high count rate (155 MHz) time counter
- Fine information coming from a linear interpolator that analyses a ramp signal started by the event on Start (or Stop) input.

The GFT6002 uses an internal calibration function to obtain very high accuracy.

A gate input can be used to enable all Start or Stop events as desired.

<u>Event mode:</u> In this mode the GFT2002 counts events at Start and a Stop inputs. Event counting can be internally gated or externally gated through the duration of input gate.

#### Clocks

The GFT2002 provides an internal low jitter clock locked on a 10 MHz internal reference. It provides also 3 connections

- 10 MHz input: for 10MHz external reference
- 10 MHz output: Clock reference output for clocking external equipment
- OPT: 155 MHz external clock reference from Timing System (option)

#### Interface

- The Ethernet interface is intended for stand-alone operation.
- The front panel Key board and LCD display allow local control.

#### Option

The GFT2002 can be connected to the Greenfield Technology Timing system. In this mode the clock and the Start is from the GFT3001 (Master Oscillator Transmitter) via optical network.

## **ENCLOSURE**

Front panel



### Rear panel



## **CONNECTOR, SWITCH, INDICATORS**

| Front panel |                                    |  |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| START       | Start pulse input: BNC connector   |  |
| STOP        | Stop pulse input: BNC connector    |  |
| GATE        | External Gate input: BNC connector |  |
| PWR         | Indicator: Power On                |  |
| BUSY        | Indicator: Measurement running     |  |
| F1          | Indicator: Mode timing system On   |  |
| F2          | Indicator: N.A                     |  |

| Rear panel    |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
|               | LAN connection: RJ45 connector                |  |
| 10 MHz Output | External 10MHz reference input: BNC connector |  |
| 10 MHz Input  | 10 MHz reference output: BNC connector        |  |
| OPT           | Timing System input: SC/PC connector          |  |
| Plug          | AC power plug (90-240V)                       |  |
| Red switch    | Power On/Off switch                           |  |

## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

| Model       | Description                                       |
|-------------|---|
| GFT2002     | Time Interval Meter base version                  |
| GFT2002-OPT | Option: Adds Optical input for timing system mode |