

### PHOTLINE MODBOX



#### FEATURES

- Very high Extinction Ratio (35 dB, 55 dB)
- Fast rise & fall times
- Optical square waveform
- Low jitter
- Proven solution
- For any wavelength from the NIR band

#### OPTIONS

#### • Very High extinction ratio > 55 dB

- Electrical Pulse Penerator (EPG)
- Electrical Pre-Scaler (EPS)

The ModBox Pulse Picker allows to pick and pulse shape any pulse or pulse sequence in an incoming pulse train. It acts as a fast gate with low insertion loss and high extinction, and is available in a wide range of wavelengths.

The Photline Modbox-PP-NIR is a high extinction ratio optical Pulse Generator operating in the Near Infra-Red band. It allows dynamic extinction ratio from 30 dB to above 55 dB with high stability over time, and with user adjustable optical pulse duration and optical pulse train repetition rate (when pre-scaler option is embedded).

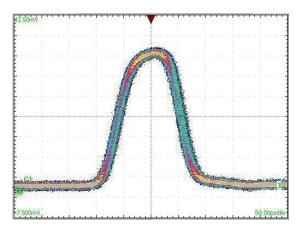
iXBlue Photonics has accumulated a strong experience in such systems and successfully installed them in many laboratories over the world.

The ModBox-Pulse provides R&D and production engineers with state of the art performance and the peace of mind of a turn-key instrument. It can be used as a reference transmitter in laboratories and production for a broad variety of applications : components and material characterization, seeder for high energy lasers, lidars...

#### Performance Highlights

| Parameter              | Min                 | Тур                | Max           |  |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Operating wavelength   | 1030 nm, 105        | 3 nm, 1060 nm, 106 | 4 nm, 1080 nm |  |  |
| Pulse contrast @1550nm | > 30 dB, or > 50 dB |                    |               |  |  |
| Pulse waveform         | Rectangular         |                    |               |  |  |
| Pulse width            | 100 ps - 10 ns      |                    |               |  |  |
| Rise / Fall times      |                     | 50 ps              |               |  |  |
| Jitter                 |                     | < 10 ps            |               |  |  |

#### **Optical Pulse Diagrams**



Ordering Information:



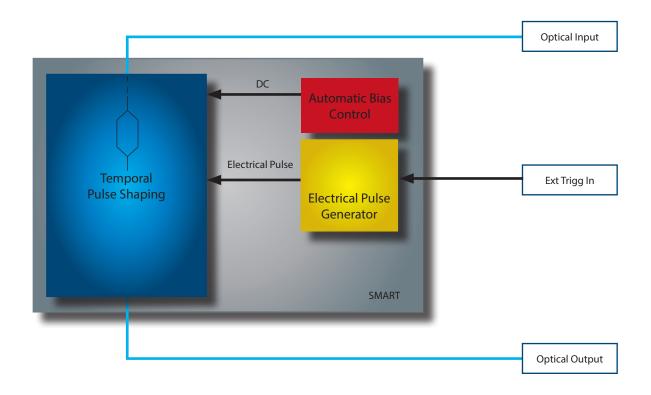
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#### Functional Block Diagram



The ModBox Pulse picker integrates the new Photline Smart Interface which allows control for the full system:

- a temporal pulse block based on a modulators set to ensure a very high optical pulse extinction ratio (40 dB, or 55 dB) over a large optical bandwidth,
- an automatic modulator bias control circuitry to garantee high extinction ratio stability over long periods of time,
- the Electrical Pulse Generator with a flexible Frequency Repetition rate and Pulse Width tunability. A pre-scaler is proposed as an option on customer demand.



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# **Optical Input Specifications**

| Parameter            | Symbol           | Condition                        | Min   | Тур | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----|-----|------|
| Operating wavelength | λ                | One wavelength among             | 1030 nm, 1053 nm, 1060 nm, 1064 nm, 1080 nm |     |     |      |
| Line-width           | Δλ               | -                                | -   | 1   | -   | MHz  |
| Optical input power  | OP <sub>in</sub> | Average input power, CW or pulse | 10  | -   | 60  | mW   |

# **Electrical Input Specifications**

| Parameter              | Symbol                    | Condition                      | Min                          | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| External trigger input | -                         | 50 $\Omega$ with positive slop | -2                           | -   | 2   | V    |
|                        | Frequency Repetition Rate | -                              | -                            | 20  | MHz |      |
| Prescaler              | EPS                       | Optional feature               | FRR input divided by 2, 4, 8 |     |     | -    |

# **Optical Output Specifications**

| Parameter                     | Symbol            | Condition                           | Min         | Тур | Max  | Unit |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----|------|------|
| Output pulse shapes           | -                 | -                                   | Rectangular |     |      | -    |
| Pulse width                   | PW                | Remotly adjustable                  | 100 p       | -   | 25 n | S    |
| Frequency repetition rate     | FRR               | Adjustable by the trigger frequency | 0           | -   | 20   | MHz  |
| Rise time / Fall time         | t,/t <sub>f</sub> | 20 % - 80 %                         | -           | 50  | 60   | ps   |
| Pulse extinction ratio        | SER               | ModBox-PP-NIR-30dB, DC<1%           | 30          | 35  | -    | dB   |
|                               |                   | ModBox-PP-NIR-50dB, DC<1%           | 50          | 55  | -    | dB   |
| Extinction ratio stability    | ΔSER              | Over 12 hours                       | -           | -   | 1    | %rms |
| RMS jitter                    | J <sub>RMS</sub>  | -                                   | -           | -   | 10   | ps   |
| Polarisation extinction ratio | PER               | -                                   | 15          | 20  | -    | dB   |
| Insertion loss                |                   | ModBox-PP-NIR-30dB                  | -           | 6   | 8    | dB   |
|                               | IL                | ModBox-PP-NIR-50dB                  | -           | 8   | 12   | dB   |
| Optical return loss           | ORL               | -                                   | 40          | -   | -    | dB   |



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#### Panels

| Parameter               | Condition            | Min  | Тур | Max | Unit |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|-----|-----|------|--|
| Front panel             |                      |  |     |     |      |  |
| Interface               | Pulse generator, MBC | LCD interface with keypad                          |     |     |      |  |
| Optical ports           | Main & Monitor       | FC/APC   |     |     |      |  |
| Optical fiber           | -                    | Polarization maintaining fiber, Corning PM 98-U25A |     |     |      |  |
| Trigger input connector | -                    | BNC  |     |     |      |  |



| Parameter                | Condition                                      | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
|                          |  |     |     |     |      |
| Remote control connector | Smart<br>(EPG, automatic bias controller, EPS) | USB |     |     |      |

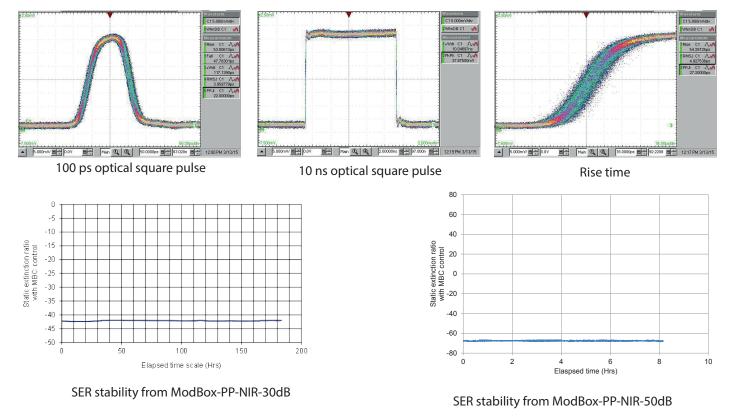


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#### ModBox Optical Outputs

The following equipment was used to obtain below results :

- ModBox-Pulse with built-in Pulse generator
- Oscilloscope Agilent 86100B
- Tektronix CSA 8000 oscilloscope



#### Ordering information

ModBox-PP-WL-ER-EPS WL = Wavelength: 1030nm, 1053 nm, 1060 nm, 1064nm, 1080 nm ER = Pulse Extinction Ratio: 30dB, 50dB EPS = Electrical Pre-Scaler Opt-YY YY = Output connectors, FA : FC/APC - FC : FC/UPC - SA : SC/APC- SC : SC/UPC

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