



A4950 Stroboscope

pocket guide



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The A4950 is a handheld LED stroboscope for a wide range of machinery maintenance applications. The stroboscope enables the operator to ostensibly stop rotating or generally periodic (reciprocating) motion of a machine. It also allows finding the speed of rotation or performing synchronized measurements without having to use reflective markers on the shaft. The A4950 stroboscope uses three ultra-bright LEDs with an optical system as a source of flashes. The instrument is equipped with a colour graphic display and 3-button keypad. Operation is very easy and intuitive. Two standard or rechargeable AA batteries are used for powering. The A4950 stroboscope can be also used as a tachometer by connecting an external tach probe.

Key features

- High power LEDs with lens and reflector system
- Flashing frequency range from 0,5 Hz - 500 Hz (30 RPM to 30 000 RPM)
- Flashing frequency divider and multiplier
- Control of the flash duration
- Phase shift or shift by blades function available
- Flashing controlled by internal or external triggering
- Powering for external laser tach-probe
- Trigger output for external instrument (balancer)
- Torch mode
- Powered by 2 AA batteries
- Heavy duty case
- Tripod mounting plate

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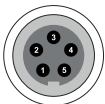
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Basic Information

Top panel

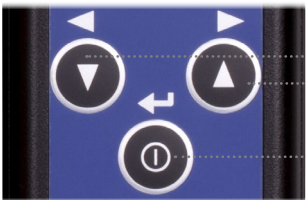


TACHO IN/OUT



- 1 – ground (GND)
- 2 – trigger signal output
- 3 – not used
- 4 – tach probe powering
+5 V / 50 mA
- 5 – trigger signal input

Buttons



Arrow buttons

Enter button

Batteries



To open the battery lid
push the hinge
from the back



Switch ON/OFF



Press the Enter button
to switch on the device



Firmware version
Serial number

Press and hold the Enter
button to switch off
the device

Basic Control

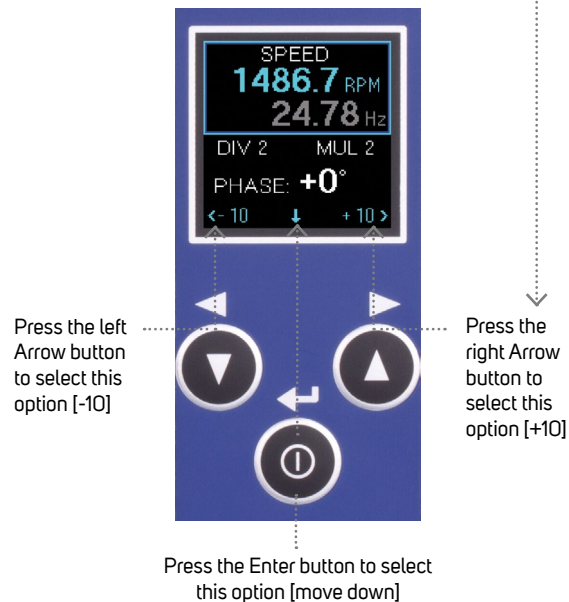
Arrow buttons

- > select the right or left item from the menu at the bottom
- > move between items (up/down) in menu

Enter button

- > switches the instrument on/off
- > confirms the selection
- > selects the middle item from the menu at the bottom

Example:

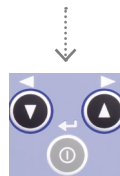


Menu

1. Press the Enter button to switch the instrument on and the MENU appears



2. Use the Arrow buttons to select the required Menu item



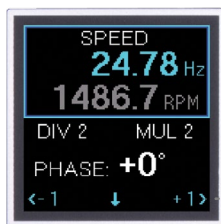
3. You can select the following items from the menu:

- > **STROBO**
to switch on and set up the stroboscope (see page 8)
- > **TORCH**
to switch on the torch (see page 9)
- > **TACHO**
for speed measurement with an external tach probe (see page 10)
- > **SETUP**
to set up units and other features (see pages 11-13)
- > **PWR OFF**
to switch off the instrument

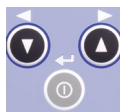
Strobo

i Use the Enter button to move down in the screen

Speed Selection



Press the Arrow buttons to adjust the speed

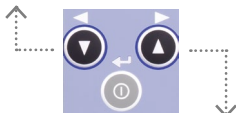


The adjusting step is displayed at the bottom

Divider and Multiplier



Press the left Arrow button to divide the speed value by 2 [DIV 2]

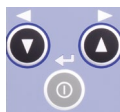


Press the right Arrow button to multiply the speed value by 2 [MUL 2]

Phase Shift



Press the Arrow buttons to adjust the Phase/Blades



i You can change this option in Setup (see page 12)

Frequency Step, Setup



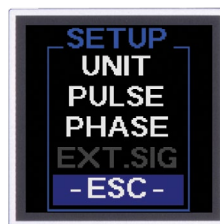
Press the left Arrow button to change the speed adjusting step



Press the Enter button to get back to the Speed option

Go to SETUP

Strobo Escape



To escape strobo mode, press and hold the Enter button.

Another option is to choose the SET option on the Frequency Step, Setup screen. Select SET for Setup and select the -ESC- option.

i You can connect the A4950 Stroboscope to the A4300 VA3 or A4400 VA4 measuring device in the Strobo mode and use it as the source of tach signal.

Torch

i In Torch mode the light is still stroboscopic (with a frequency of 111 Hz) so in some cases the rotating objects may seem to be not moving.



Select the Torch item in Menu



The instrument can be used as a torch in this mode

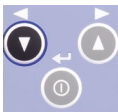
Press any button to switch off the Torch mode

Tacho

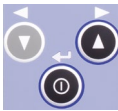
Select the Tacho item for the speed measurement with external tacho probe.



1200 Laser Tacho (optional)



Press the left Arrow button to switch on/off the Strobo



Press the Enter button to exit the Tacho mode

Setup

Setup menu items



Select required item with the Arrow buttons and confirm the selection with the Enter button

Unit



Select the unit which you will be adjusting during strobo mode or tacho mode (Hz or RPM). (The other unit will be displayed during the strobo and tacho mode.)

Pulse



Adjust the Stroboscope flash duration with the Arrow buttons



Press the Enter button [set] to confirm

The number on the screen defines the flash duration in degrees regarding to the speed. It means that the flash duration 1.0° is equal to the 1/360 of one rotation time. For example when the speed frequency is 25 Hz, then time period is 40 ms, the one 1.0° flash duration is 40ms/360 = 111 μs.

Setup

Phase



Select if you wish to define the phase shift by degrees or blades



Define the phase step in degrees. The phase step will be applied in Strobe mode.



Define the number of blades of the inspected machine. The number will be used in Strobe mode.

Go back to the Strobe mode and you can change the phase here

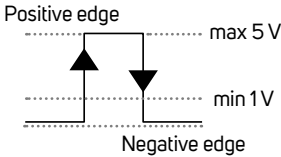


Go back to the Strobe mode and you can change the blade here (1st, 2nd, 3rd, ...)



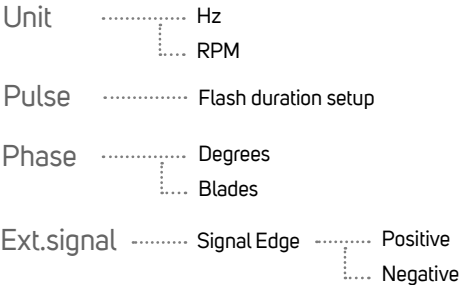
Now selected blades is visible and "frozen"

Signal edge



We can select positive or negative edge of external trigger input pulse here, it can be in the range of 1 V - 5 V (positive or negative edge).

Setup menu structure (summary)



Technical data

Light source:	3 XR-E ultra-bright LED
Flash frequency range:	0,5 Hz – 500 Hz (30 RPM – 30 000 RPM)
Flash frequency resolution:	0,01 Hz or 0,1 RPM
Flash duration:	0,5° - 10° of speed frequency
Flash intensity:	approx. 3000 lx (25 Hz/300 mm)
Phase shift:	-180° - +180°
Trigger output pulse:	3,3 V
External trigger input pulse:	1 V - 5 V positive/negative edge
Powering for external tachometer:	5 V / 50 mA
Display:	colour graphic OLED display 128 x 128 pixels
Operating time:	20 hours (lithium batteries)
Operating temperature:	from -5 °C to 55 °C
Dimensions:	150 x 60 x 35 mm
Weight:	340 g (including batteries)
Tripod mounting:	1/4"
Accessories:	laser tachometer-probe (optional), trigger cable for VA3, VA4, SAB (optional)

Notes:



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