## RF Signal Frequency Counter $0.1-60 \mathrm{MHz}, 20 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 2.4 \mathrm{GHz}$




## 1. Description:

- With Microchip's PIC16F648A, 2.4 GHz frequency meter.
- Using temperature-compensated voltage controlled crystal oscillator ( 2.5 ppm VC-TCXO).
- Unique gate control and precise time algorithm (non-timed interrupt).
- Gate (display refresh) time 0.01 seconds / 0.1 seconds / 1.0 seconds, real-time display frequency value.
- Single-ended input design, three-channel frequency measurement (low channel / high channel / Auto Channel).
- Dual frequency design, value and IF / down mode can be preset separately.
- Using eight 0.56 inches high brightness digital display, eight adjustable brightness.
- Circuit is simple and reasonable structure, two-button control, simple operation.
- The settings are automatically saved, boot directly call.
- Gate Times
- 1 second
- 0.10 second


## 2. Measurement channels (channels are low impedance)

Low channel

- Measuring range: $0.1 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 60 \mathrm{MHz}$
- Accuracy: $\pm 100 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 0.01 1s gate time)
- $\pm 10 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 0.1 seconds gate)
- $\pm 1 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 1.0 seconds when the gate)
- Low channel sensitivity:
o $\mathrm{MHz} \sim 10 \mathrm{MHz}$ : better than 60 mVPP
- $10 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 60 \mathrm{MHz}$ : better than 60 mVPP
- $60 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 75 \mathrm{MHz}$ : Not tested

High channel (divided by 64)

- Measuring range: $20 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 2.4 \mathrm{GHz}$
- Accuracy: $\pm 6400 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 0.01 seconds gate)
- $\pm 640 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 0.11 s gate time)
- $\pm 64 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 1.01 s gate time)

High channel sensitivity:

- $20 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 30 \mathrm{MHz}$ : better than 100 mVPP
- $30 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 60 \mathrm{MHz}$ : better than 50 mVPP
- $60 \mathrm{MHz} \sim 2.4 \mathrm{GHz}$ : not tested

Auto Channel
Automatically selected according to the input signal frequency high or low channel channel, identifying the frequency of 60 MHz . Such as when the input signal amplitude is greater than 60 MHz shortage cannot automatically select high channel, the channel should manually select high frequency measurement.

## 3. IF settings

Independent double-IF design, adjust the minimum frequency step of 100 Hz , frequency range 0 $\sim 99.9999 \mathrm{MHz}$, can be set to increase or decrease the IF frequency mode.

## 4. Frequency reference

- Using 5032 package 13.000 MHz Warming voltage controlled crystal oscillator (VCTCXO), frequency stability of $\pm 2.5 \mathrm{ppm}$.


## 5. Operating voltage

- DC Input: DC 9V ~ 15V (with reverse polarity protection)


## 6. Current

- Maximum 160 mA (test conditions: (1) DC.12V power supply: (2) red LED: (3) eight brighness)

7. Eight LED display, the highest display eight digits.
8. Eight LED brightness is adjustable, factory set to maximum brightness.
9. Physical Dimensions, Length $\times$ width $\times$ height: $125.5 \mathrm{~mm} \times 25.5 \mathrm{~mm} \times 21.5 \mathrm{~mm}$
10. Component quality 46 g (NW)
11. Onboard Interface

- DC IN (Power Interface): HX2.54-2P socket
- RF IN (signal input): HX2.54-2P socket
- ICSP (programming interface): 2.54-6P Pin


Gate time adiustment


## N2APB Notes:

## Lower PB: "Gate Time Adjustment"

- Tap: Display to $1 \mathrm{~Hz} \quad(29,600.000 \mathrm{kHz})$ [1s gate time]
- Tap: Display to $10 \mathrm{~Hz}(29,600.00 \mathrm{kHz}) \quad$ [0.1s gate time]
- Tap: Display to $100 \mathrm{~Hz}(29,600.0 \mathrm{kHz}) \quad$ [0.01s gate time]


## Top PB: "MODE"

- Set IF: Sets IF offset frequency
- Lower PB increase selected (blinking) digit
\% If Lower PB pressed again, exit to next Mode ○
Upper PB moves selected (blinking) digit
$\AA$
Pushing PB fully to the right completes the entry
- Note 1: To set digits other than 10 MHz , the 10 M digit must be changed first in order to select other digits.
o Note 2: To decrease a digit, just keep incrementing until number cycles back to desired value)
- IF Direction
o Lower PB toggles between U and N
* U: "Up" (Add IF offset)
* N: "DowN" (Subtracts IF offset)
o Upper PB to exit
- CH ... Measurement Channel Selection
o Lower PB changes between Low, High and Auto
* L: Low Frequency Range ( $0.1 \mathrm{MHz}-60 \mathrm{MHz}$ )
* H: High Frequency Range ( $20 \mathrm{MHz}-2.4 \mathrm{GHz}$ )
* A: Auto Frequency Ranging
o Upper PB to exit
- DF... Filter [Unknown!]
o Lower PB toggles between ON and OFF
* ON: "Open" ... Display is 00.000 .000 when no input is applied(?)
* OFF: "Shutdown" ... Random "noisy" display shows when no signal applied(?)
- L ... LED Intensity Setting
o Lower PB increments the intensity setting from 1 (lowest) to 8 (highest).
- Upper PB to exit

