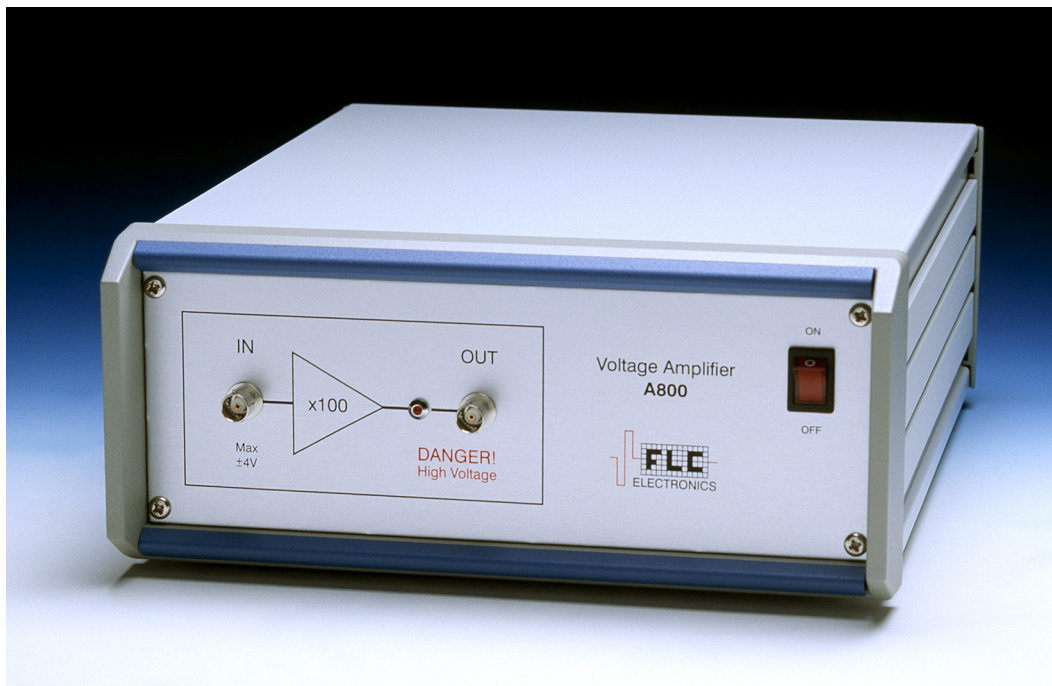




LINEAR AMPLIFIER

MODEL A800



HIGH VOLTAGE

± 400 V

FIXED GAIN

100 X

BROADBAND

DC to 250 kHz

HIGH SLEW RATE

300 V/ μ s

LOW OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

$< 1 \Omega$

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DANGER!

The high voltage levels at the output of the A800 amplifier and its high output current are dangerous to your life!

The amplifier should be operated by qualified personnel only and all output connections should be made in a way preventing accidental electrocution!

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The **A800** is a general purpose linear amplifier designed for laboratory use. It is based on a fast high-voltage operational amplifier with a feedback network chosen to give a voltage amplification of 100 times. Any function or arbitrary waveform generator can be used as an input device. The number of external components, inclusive protection circuits, is kept at the minimum in order to achieve the highest performance. It is, thus, imperative for the safe operation that the user understands the possibilities and limitations of the instrument.

INPUT AMPLITUDE

The input amplitude should normally be kept within ± 4 V and not exceed ± 12 V. This is important since the input protection network will limit the signal amplitude and cause distortion. The input protection network effectively cuts accidental spikes and overshoots. It is equipped with a fuse rated at 15 mA, which will be blown if the input voltage exceeds ca 300% of the maximum. Spare fuse is provided on the amplifier's pc-board.

Keep input signals within ± 4 V range. Never connect the output to the input of the amplifier!

LOAD

The amplifier is intended to drive resistive and/or small capacitive loads. The maximum capacitive load depends on the slew rate of the amplifier. This is normally set at the factory to ca 300 V/ μ s which yields the load limit of 400 pF. This limit includes the capacitance of

the connection cable (ca 100 pF/m for a standard coaxial cable). Increasing the capacitive load causes overshoot to appear. If a larger capacitive load is required then the slew should be reduced accordingly. Such an adjustment may be performed by qualified personnel and the factory should be contacted for advice. Inside the cabinet exist hazardous voltage levels and the amplifier circuit is extremely sensitive to static discharge.

FLC Electronics Inc. recommends to monitor the output signal of the amplifier with an oscilloscope. It is then important to use a low capacitive probe with a division factor of 1/100.

The continuous output current limit is 70 mA. The output is equipped with a current limiting circuit which withstands accidental short-circuits. It, however, does not constitute sufficient protection against prolonged short-circuiting or overload.

The amplifier cannot be used to drive purely inductive load.

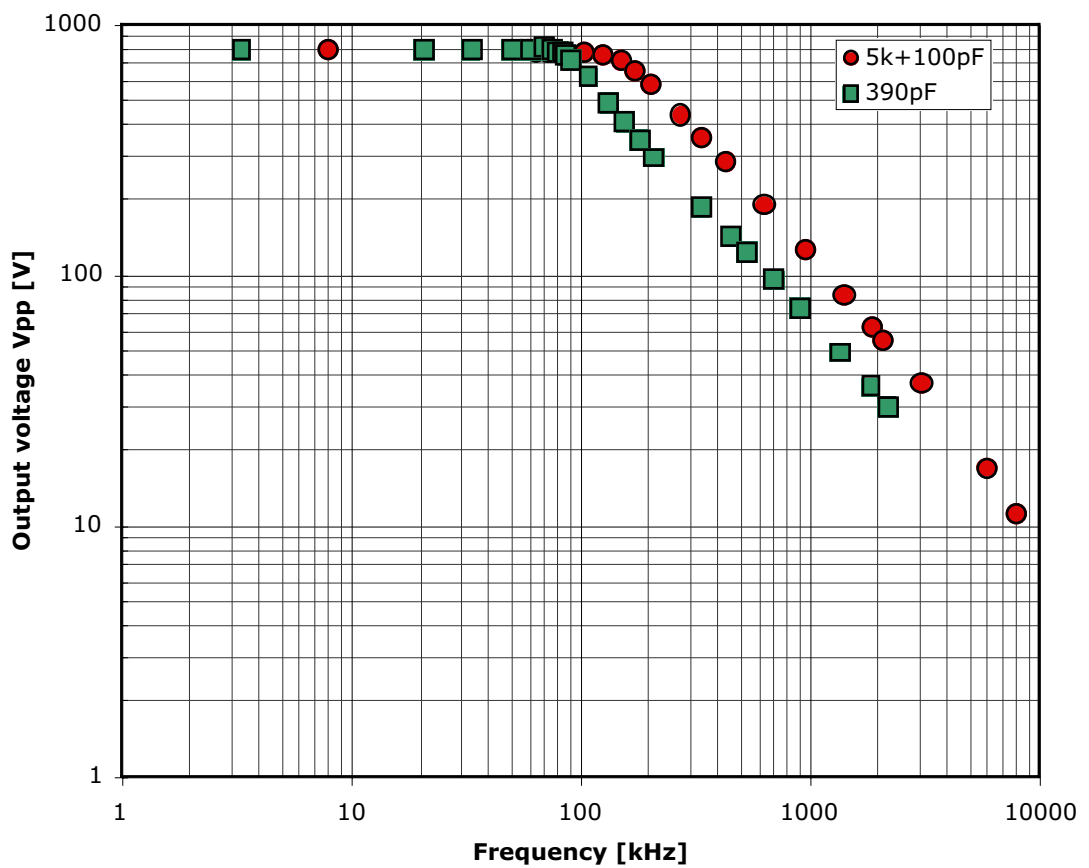
Overloading the output may cause an overshoot.

The amplifier may be overheated when the output is short-circuited for more than 30 s.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

The graph below shows full-scale frequency response of A800 with 5 kΩ in series with 100 pF load (red circles) and with 390 pF pure capacitive load:

A800 frequency response



SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL DATA

Bandwidth:		DC to ca 250 kHz at 800 V _{pp}
Amplification:		100 times, fixed
Load:	type	resistive capacitive
Impedance:	input	100 kΩ <30 pF
	output	<1 Ω in the linear mode
Voltage:	input	nominal ±4 V
		absolute maximum 20 V peak
Current:	output	70 mA continuous,
Slew Rate:	output	ca 300 V/μs without load
		ca 150 V/μs with 400 pF load
Input protection fuse:		15 mA (Littelfuse, part number 272.015)
		one spare fuse provided inside the instrument, additional fuses available from FLC Electronics Inc.
Operating Ambient Temperature:		0°C to 30°C
Storage Temperature:		0°C to 60°C
Relative Humidity:		up to 90% (operation)
		30% to 50% (storage)
Power Requirements:		either 100/110 V or 220/230 V, 50/60 Hz (factory set)
Fuse:		100/110 V: 3.15 A (slow),
		220/240 V: 2 A (slow)
Dimensions (H/W/L):		112 x 255 x 316 (mm)
Weight:		4 kg
Country of Origin:		Sweden

Note: Specifications apply to instruments operating at 23°C±5°C ambient temperature after 2 min warm-up time. Due to ongoing product development, specifications are subject to change without notice.

WARNING It is not allowed to connect the 100...240V AC line power input of the amplifier to DC-AC converters or solid state AC generators with non-sinusoidal output.

WARRANTY

FLC Electronics warrants that this product will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of the shipment.

If any such product proves defective during this warranty period, FLC Electronics, at its option, either will repair the defective product without charge for parts and labour, or will provide a replacement for the defective product. In order to obtain service under this warranty, Customer must notify FLC Electronics of the defect before the expiration of the warranty period and make suitable arrangements for the performance of the service. Customer shall be responsible for packing and shipping the defective product to the service center designated by FLC Electronics, with shipping charges prepaid. FLC Electronics shall pay for the return of the product to the Customer if the shipment is to a location within the country in which the FLC Electronics service center is located. Customer shall be responsible for paying all shipping charges, duties, taxes, and any other charges for products returned to any other locations.

This warranty shall not apply to any defect, failure or damage caused by improper use or inadequate maintenance and care. FLC Electronics shall not be obligated to furnish service under this warranty

- to repair damage resulting from attempts by personnel other than FLC Electronics representatives to install, repair or service the product;
- to repair damage resulting from improper use or connection to incompatible equipment;
- to service a product that has been modified or integrated with other products when the effect of such modification or integration increases the time or difficulty of servicing the product.

This warranty is given by the FLC Electronics with respect to this product in lieu of any other warranties, expressed or implied. FLC Electronics and its vendors disclaim any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. FLC Electronics' responsibility to repair or replace defective products is sole and exclusive remedy provided to the customer for breach of this warranty. FLC Electronics and its vendors will not be liable for any indirect, special, advance notice of the possibility of such damages.

The instrument may generate hazardous voltage levels! It should be operated by qualified personnel only. The instrument is to be used in normal room temperature and humidity.

The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for damage to any device connected to the instrument. It is recommended that samples or equipment sensitive to voltage spikes are disconnected from the high-voltage outputs when turning the power to the instrument ON or OFF.

I M P O R T A N T



The instrument cannot be powered from a DC-AC converter nor from a solid-state AC generator with non-sinusoidal output.



Loads sensitive to voltage transients should be disconnected from the amplifier during power-up and power-down.



Never connect the output to the input of the amplifier!



Inside the amplifier case exist dangerous voltage levels.



The amplifier may be overheated if the output is short-circuited for a long time.



The maximum allowable capacitive load depend on the internal setting of the slew rate. Overloading the output is likely to cause overshoot. Slow down the amplifier to accommodate a larger load.



It is recommended to monitor the output signal of the amplifier on the oscilloscope.

The instrument may generate

highly dangerous voltage levels!

It should be operated by qualified personnel only.

The output connections should be isolated and/or

made in a way eliminating a possibility of

electrocution.