

4.6 RASTER GENERATOR DEFLECTION UNIT (RGDU) OPTION

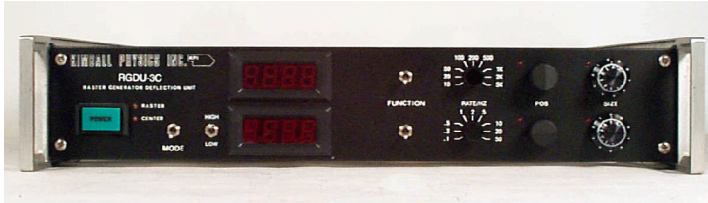


Figure 4.6.1 RGDU-3C Raster Generator Deflection Unit



Figure 4.6.2 Raster cable

Rastering involves movement of the beam in a pattern and is used to cover an area of the target region fairly uniformly over time. It is produced by applying cyclical voltages to the X and Y deflection plates in the gun. These voltages are controlled by a separate power supply, the Raster Generator Deflection Unit (RGDU). The system can be used either to center the spot manually as a deflection unit or to raster the beam.

INSTALLATION OF RASTER GENERATOR DEFLECTION UNIT

1. Follow the Power Supply and Electron or Ion Gun installation procedures in Sections 2.2 and 2.3.
2. On the RGDU, the green **POWER** pushbutton switch should be off, in the out position.
3. Connect the included ground strap onto the grounding screw on the back panel of the RGDU. Then connect the other end of the ground strap to a proper earth ground connection.
4. Plug the 8-pin silver Raster cable into its keyed 8-pin mating connector on the back of the RGDU, tightening the ring by hand. Support the cable along its length and do not twist it.
NOTE: Use the silver raster cable. Although the pinout is the same, do not use the standard black Deflection cable for rastering, as it will not give the proper response.
5. On the back of the RGDU, select either 115 or 230 VAC. Plug the power cord into the LINE outlet.
6. The four output BNCs (X POS, X NEG, Y POS, and Y NEG) on the back panel may be used to connect user-supplied equipment, such as an oscilloscope.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTROLS

The only **Inputs** are Remote Control Inputs (+10 V to -10 V) for X and Y positioning on the back of the RGDU.

The following is a description of the **Manual** controls on the front of the RGDU:

- Power Switch:** A green push button labeled **POWER** that enables or disables the power supplies in the RGDU. (When off, outputs are grounded, so the deflection plates are grounded).
- Mode Switch:** A toggle switch that selects either **Center** or **Raster**.
CENTER: When the Mode Switch is in the Center position, the unit will operate like a Manual Control Deflection Unit (MCDU-4C).
RASTER: When the Mode Switch is in the Raster position, the X Channels and the Y Channels raster according to the preset conditions of rate, position, and size.
- Voltage Switch:** A toggle switch labeled **HI / LOW** that selects the output voltage range of either ± 100 volts peak to peak or ± 10 volts peak to peak.
- Function Switch:** Two toggle switches that select metering of either **Size** or **Position**.

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- Rate:** Two rotary switches labeled **RATE**, one for setting the sweep rate of the X Channels (10 to 5 kHz) and one for the sweep rate of the Y Channels. (0.1 to 50 Hz).
- Digital Meter:** Two DVMs, one labeled **X** and one **Y**, that read either the **position** in volts (0 to 100 V or 0 to 10 V depending on the hi/low voltage switch) or the **size** in percentage of the possible window (0 to 100%).
- Position:** Two potentiometers labeled **POS**, one for offsetting the beam along the X-AXIS, and one for offsetting the beam along the Y-AXIS. These are used to manually control the electron beam position in center mode, or to position the window in raster mode.
- Size:** Two potentiometers labeled **SIZE**, one for setting the sweep amplitude of the X Channels (so setting the sweep angle of deflection along the X-AXIS), and one for setting the sweep amplitude of the Y Channels (so setting the sweep angle of deflection along the Y-AXIS). These control the size of the raster window and do not function in center mode.
- Raster Mode Switch:** A three-position switch, located inside the RGDU under the top cover, that selects the rastering mode: Off, Synchronized, or Free run.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTPUTS

The outputs of the RGDU consist of four channels: +X, -X, +Y, and -Y. In synchronized mode, the X Channels are blanked off during the retracing of the Y Channels.

Figure 4.6.3 shows examples of the output wave forms, where X is set at four times the Rate of Y, Position has zero offset on both X and Y axes, and Size is set at 75 V for both X and Y Channels.

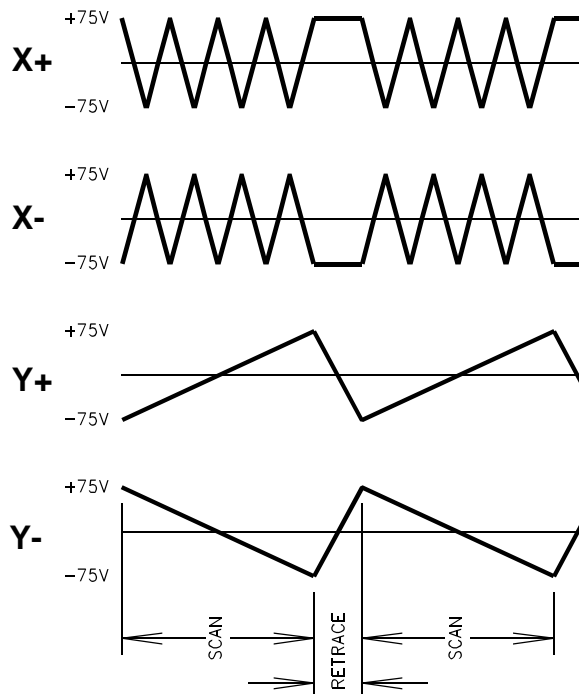
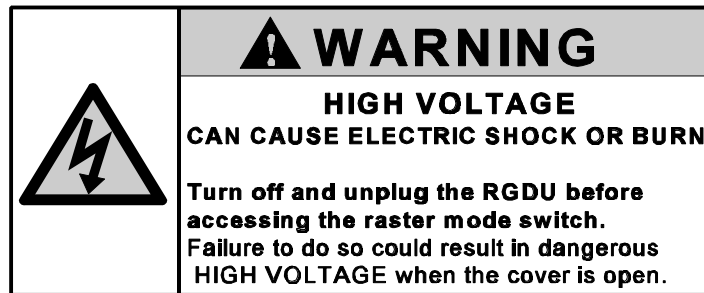


Figure 4.6.3 Synchronized Raster Output Wave Forms

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DESCRIPTION OF OUTPUTS cont.



The raster generator has the possibility of running in one of two modes: synchronized or free run. These modes are selected using a three-position switch located under the top cover of the raster generator, as shown below in Fig. 4.6.4. The raster generator may be shipped in either mode depending on the gun; the mode can be checked by opening the cover and checking the switch position, or by observing the type of raster pattern produced.

In **synchronized mode**, the X-trace signal and the Y-trace signal are synchronized. This yields a raster pattern in which the pattern seen on the target appears to be stationary. During the Y-retrace, the X deflection signal goes to its maximum value producing a line that can be seen outside the target region. Whether the electrons during retrace are included in the total beam current would depend on the size of the target, on whether they fall off the target with maximum X deflection.

In **free run mode**, the X and Y signals are not synchronized; patterns on the target appear to move. This mode probably yields the most uniform electron dose over the target area.

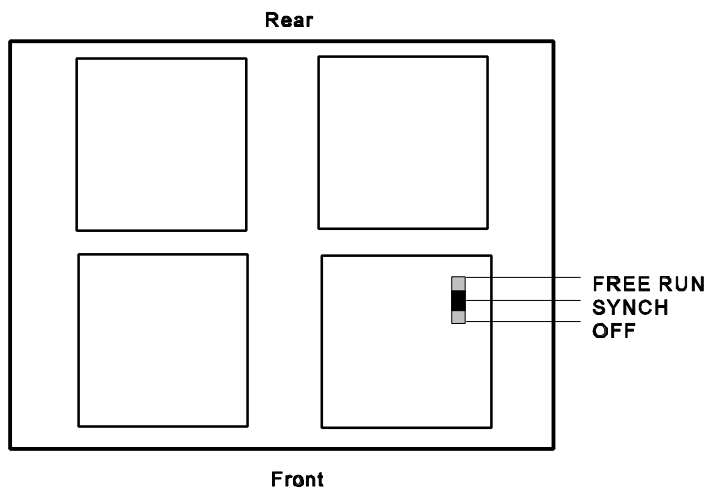


Figure 4.6.4 Top view of opened RGDU, showing Raster Mode Switch Positions

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OPERATION OF RASTER GENERATOR DEFLECTION UNIT (RGDU)

1. Turn on the RGDU: Press the green **POWER** pushbutton switch on.
2. Set the Voltage switch to **HI** (± 100 volts peak to peak) or **LOW** (± 10 volts peak to peak) to set the maximum sweep size or maximum deflection. For low beam energy operation, the unit should be run in the **LOW** mode for increased control to reduce the ripple on the raster outputs.
3. **For manual deflection:**
 - a. Set the mode switch to **CENTER** and function switches to **POS**.
 - b. Adjust the two **POSITION** potentiometers to center the electron beam along the X and Y axes.
 - c. Use the DVM to monitor potentiometer settings.
4. **For rastering:**
 - a. Set the sweep rates for X and Y using the two **RATE** rotary switches.
 - b. Set the mode switch to **RASTER** and function switches to **SIZE**, and then adjust the two **SIZE** potentiometers to give the desired window size of the raster pattern.
 - c. Set the function switches to **POS** and then adjust the two **POSITION** potentiometers to position the raster pattern window within the operating area.
 - d. Use the DVM to monitor potentiometer settings.
5. Run the gun as described in normal or ECC operation, sections 4.2 and 4.3, readjusting deflection or rastering as desired.
6. To change the raster mode (synchronized or free run) if desired:
WARNING: Failure to disconnect the RGDU, could result in HIGH VOLTAGE hazard when the cover is open.
 - a. Turn off the RGDU with the **POWER** switch, and **UNPLUG THE RGDU POWER CORD**.
 - b. Remove the top cover of the RGDU..
 - c. Set the raster mode switch on the front right board to either **synchronized mode (center)** or **free run mode (rear)** position. (See Fig. 4.6.3 above.)
 - d. Replace the top cover, plug in the power cord, and turn on the RGDU again.
7. For computer/ remote control: On the back of the RGDU, set the toggle switch to Remote mode. Use the remote control input terminals (+10 V to -10 V) for X and Y positioning. See Section 4.4.
8. To turn off the RGDU: Press the **POWER** pushbutton switch off, "out" position. Other controls may remain as set to simplify start up.

This completes the Raster Generator Deflection Unit Instructions.