

BROADBAND LINEAR AMPLIFIER WITH $A \pm B$ INPUTS AND DC-OFFSET

Model A800X



HIGH VOLTAGE

800Vpp 60mA

FIXED GAIN

100x

BROADBAND

DC to ca 200 kHz

LOW OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

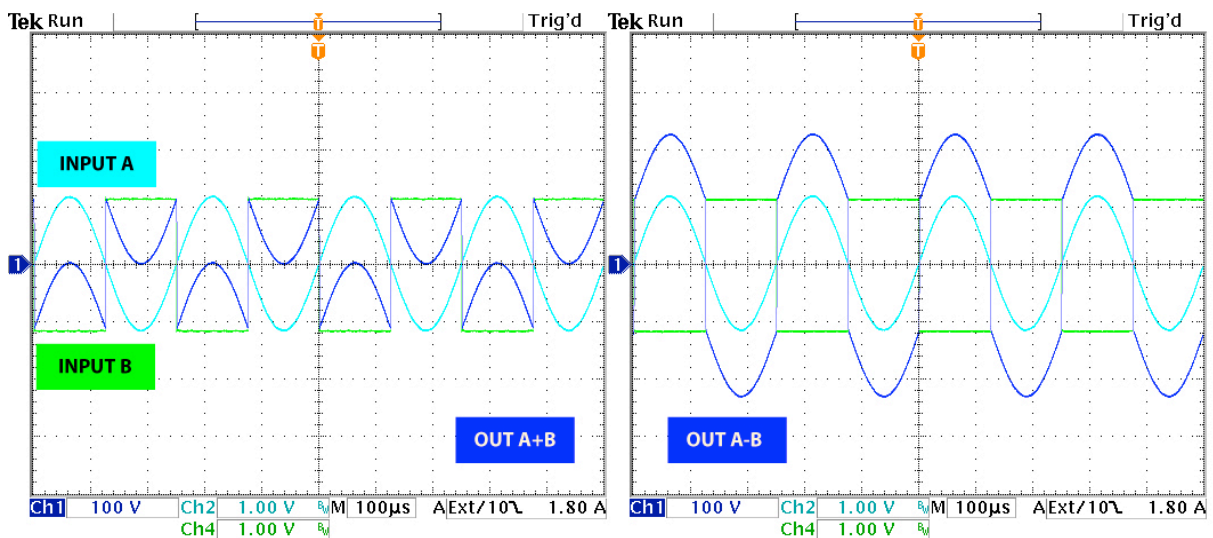
<0.1 Ω

HIGH SLEW RATE

250 V/ μ s

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The **A800X** is a broadband high voltage linear amplifier equipped with two inputs (marked **+A** and **±B**, respectively). The output is a sum or difference of supplied signals, amplified x100, as shown in the following example:



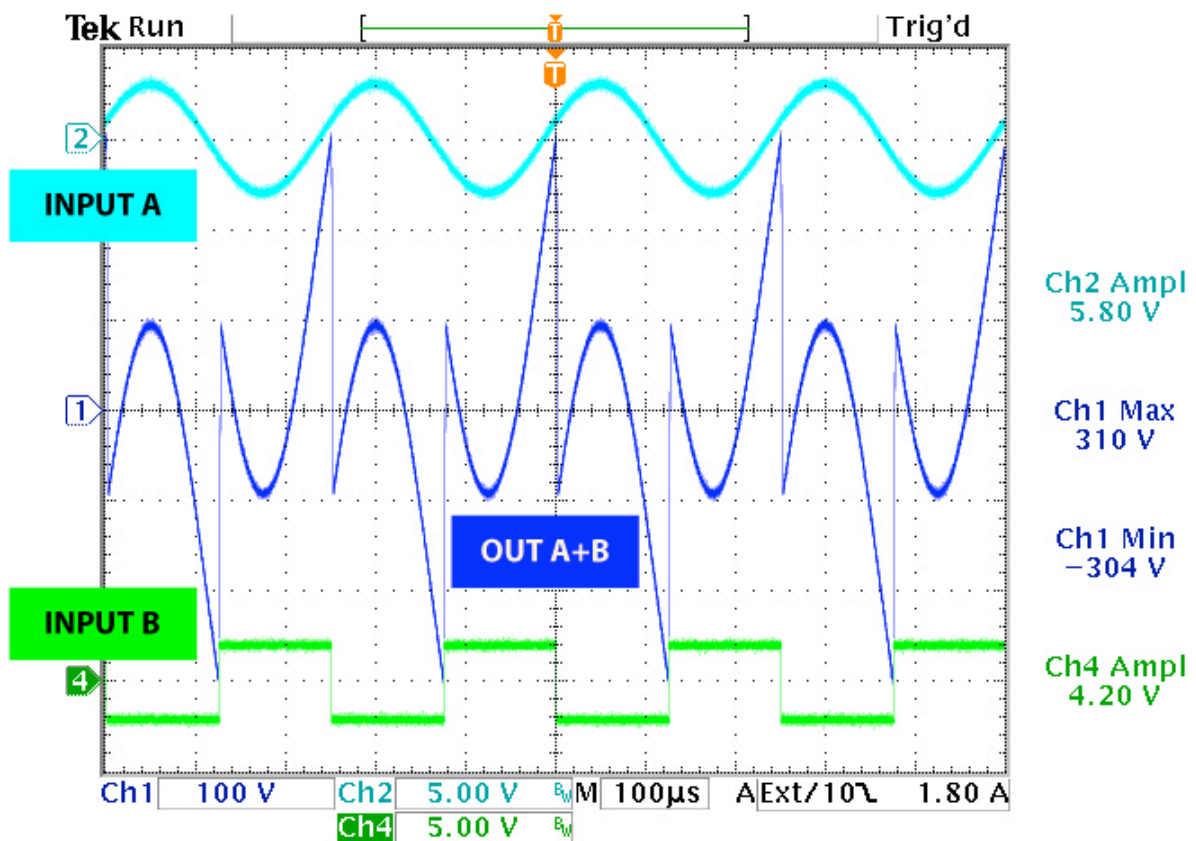
The inverting or non-inverting function of the input B is chosen using a switch on the front panel. The inputs, when used separately, allow the unit to act as inverting or non-inverting amplifier. Any function or arbitrary waveform generator or any other signal source with a voltage up to ± 4 V can be used as an input device.

By means of another switch the output can be attenuated 100 times (-40dB) for safe handling.

A **DC level**, adjustable within 0...+5V range, is provided on the front panel from two BNC contacts marked "OFFSET OUT". Both contacts are internally connected to simplify monitoring of the output. For bipolar operation the DC level should be supplied to $\pm B$ input. The digits on the knob are for orientation purpose only and correspond to ca 5mV/unit. For example, if the knob shows "500" then the DC-offset should be ca 2.5V, repeatable within ca $\pm 1\%$.

Please note that the maximum total amplitude of superposed A and B signals should normally stay within ± 4 V range, otherwise clipping will occur. An exception from this rule is a situation where the resulting $A \pm B$ signal is within ± 4 V range. The input signals

A and B must still be within $\pm 10V$ range. An example of such situation is illustrated on the next screen shot:



The amplifier outputs high voltage signals at high frequency. It is, thus, imperative for the safe operation that the user understands the possibilities and limitations of the instrument.

INPUT AMPLITUDE

The amplitude of the input signal should normally be kept within $\pm 4 V$. The input protection network limits the signal amplitude delivered to the power amplifier to a safe value. It also effectively cuts accidental spikes and overshoots. However, large and prolonged overvoltage at the input may blow the microfuse in the input protection circuit.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Condition	Solution
No output	Power switch does not lit Front panel LED is off	Check the mains fuse located on the back
Small output	Front panel LED is off	Output attenuation switch is in “-40dB” position
No output or very small, distorted signal	Power switch OK	Check the input microfuse located <u>inside</u> the device.
Constant high voltage output	Without any input signal	Amplifier failure. Contact flce@flce.se

You should suspect a blown input microfuse if the output is about zero or the amplifier is producing a very low voltage, distorted copy of the input signal (due to the capacitive coupling through the blown fuse). Make sure that output is not attenuated!

Spare microfuse is provided inside the instrument. They look like small metal cans and are placed in white holders. The resistance of a good fuse is in the order of 46 ohm. It is imperative to disconnect the power cable and wait at least a minute before opening the case. If possible, contact info@flce.se for advice.

Keep the sum of input signals within ± 4 V range.

Never connect a high voltage output to any input or output of the instrument!

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. The slew rate is normally set at the factory to 250 V/ μ s which is appropriate for a small load (for example 5 k Ω in series with 100 pF). Due to the output current limit (60 mA) the slew rate at a higher load like 300 pF drops to ca 160 V/ μ s rising edge and ca 100 V/ μ s falling edge. This load 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, and the overshoot is not acceptable, then the slew should be reduced accordingly. Such an adjustment may be performed by qualified personnel and the

factory should be contacted for advice (preferably by email info@flce.se). Inside the cabinet exist hazardous voltage levels and the amplifier circuit is sensitive to static discharge.

FLC Electronics AB 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 at least 1/100 (please note also the maximum voltage that can be connected to the oscilloscope input and that can be handled by the probe).

Overloading the output may cause an overshoot which might be dangerous for connected devices.

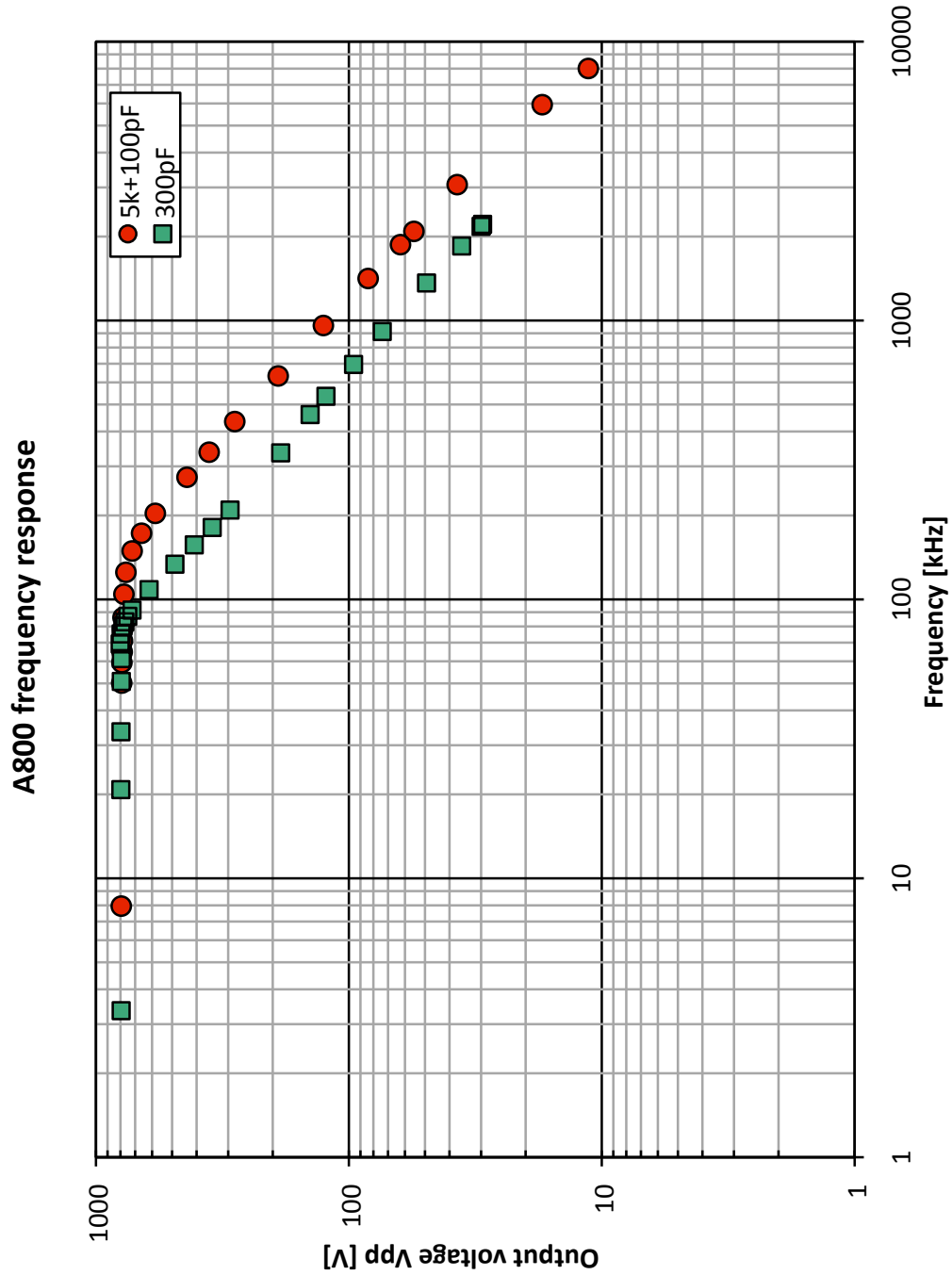
The amplifier cannot be used to drive a purely inductive load.

The continuous output current limit is 60 mA and the output power limit is 30 W. The output is equipped with a current limiting circuit that withstands accidental short-circuits. Prolonged short-circuiting may result in overheating the amplifier.

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

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

The graph below shows full-scale frequency response of A800X with 5 kΩ in series with 100 pF load (red circles) and with 300 pF pure capacitive load (green squares):



SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL DATA

Bandwidth:		DC to about 200 kHz at 800 Vpp
Amplification:		100 times
Load:	type	resistive capacitive
	max	capacitive load 300 pF
Impedance:	input	1 MΩ 30 pF, custom values possible
	output	<0.1 Ω in the linear mode
Voltage:	input	nominal ±4 V
Current:	output	maximum 60 mA
Slew Rate:	output	ca 250 V/μs without load (different adjustments available on request)
Input protection fuse		15 mA (Littelfuse, part number 272.015) one spare fuse provided inside the instrument, additional fuses available from Littelfuse resellers or from FLC Electronics AB.
DC-offset range		0..+5V
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:		100/110 V or 220/230 V, 50/60 Hz
Fuse:		100/110 V: 3.15 A (slow), 220/230 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 15 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...230V 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 designed 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



Inside the amplifier case exist dangerous voltage levels.



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!



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.

EC Declaration of Conformity

We

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declare under sole responsibility that the

Voltage Amplifier A800X

meets the intent of Directive 89/336/EEC for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) and Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC (LVD). Compliance was demonstrated to the following standards as listed in the official Journal of the European Communities:

EN 50081-1	Generic Emissions
EN 55022	Conducted emission (interference voltage), class B
EN 55022	Radiated emission (electric field), class B
EN 50082-1	Generic Immunity
EN 61000-4-4	Electrical fast transient/burst
EN 61000-4-2	Electrostatic discharge
EN 61000-4-3	Radiated E-fields (radio frequency)
EN 61010-1:2001	Electrical Safety



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