

Scope4pc model : SE840

8 channel PC Based Oscilloscope



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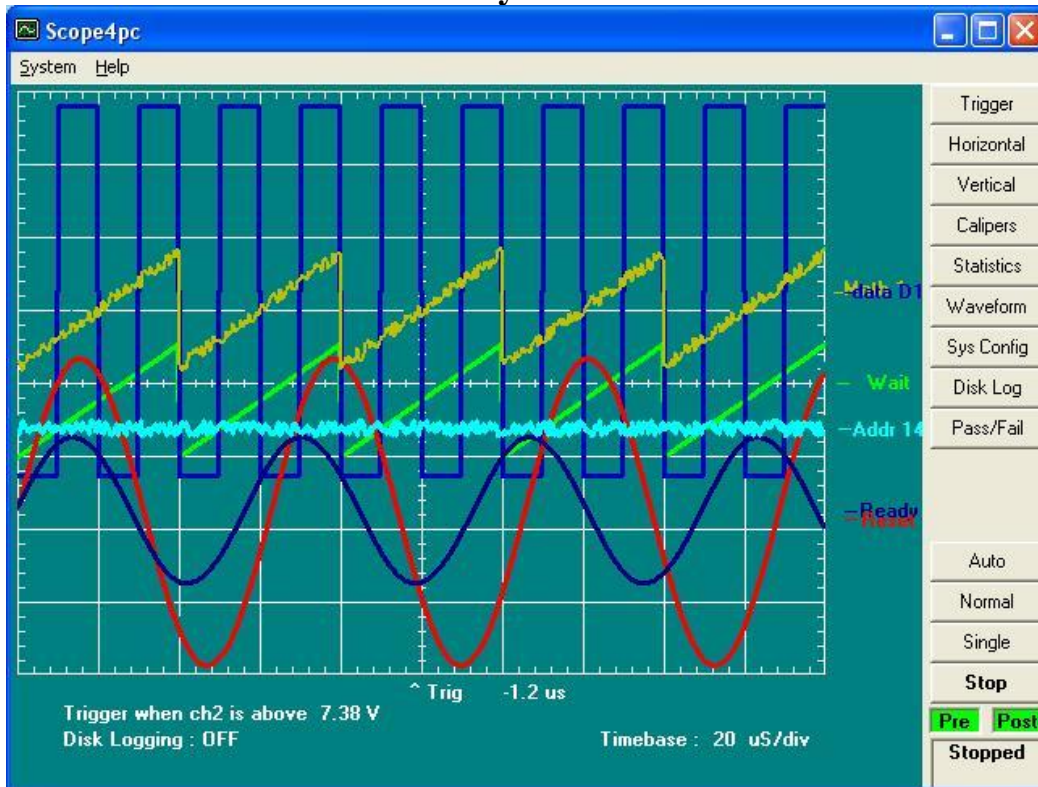
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SE840 Specifications:

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VOLT/DIV Ranges	1X probe : 50,100,200,500 mV/div, 1, 2, and 4 V/div 10X probe : 500 mV/div, 1,2,5,10,20,40 V/div 100X probe : 5,10,20,50, 100,200,400 V/div		
DC gain Accuracy	2% (X1 probe) of full screen		
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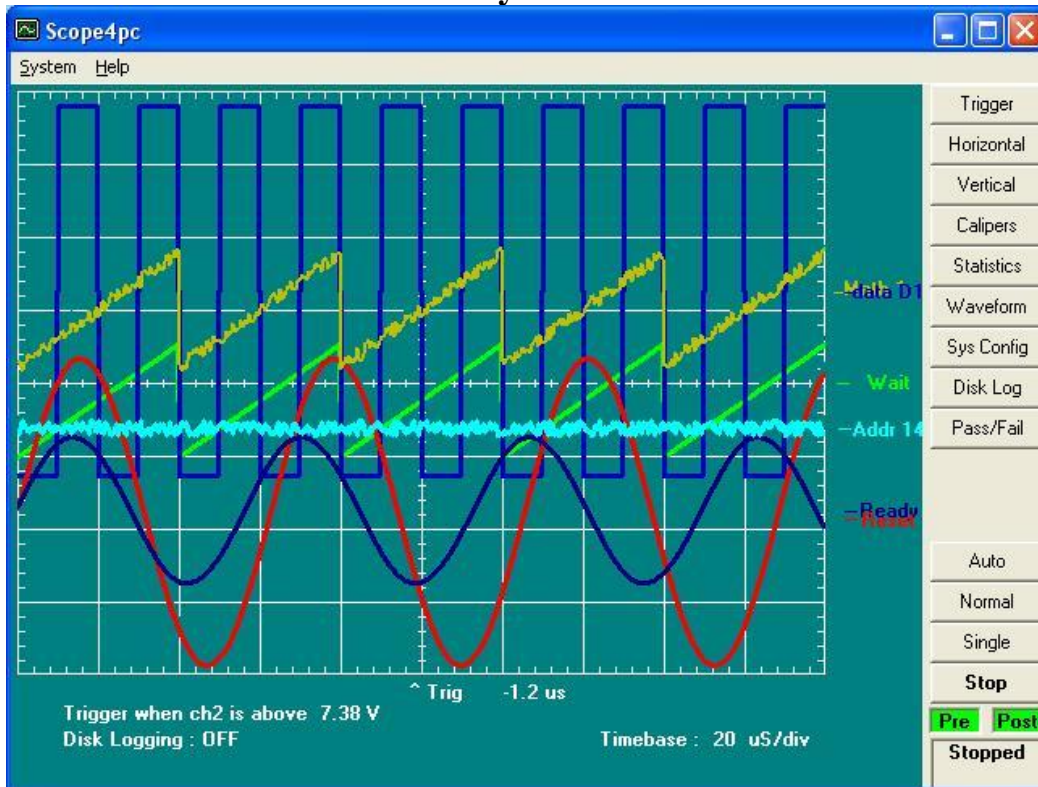
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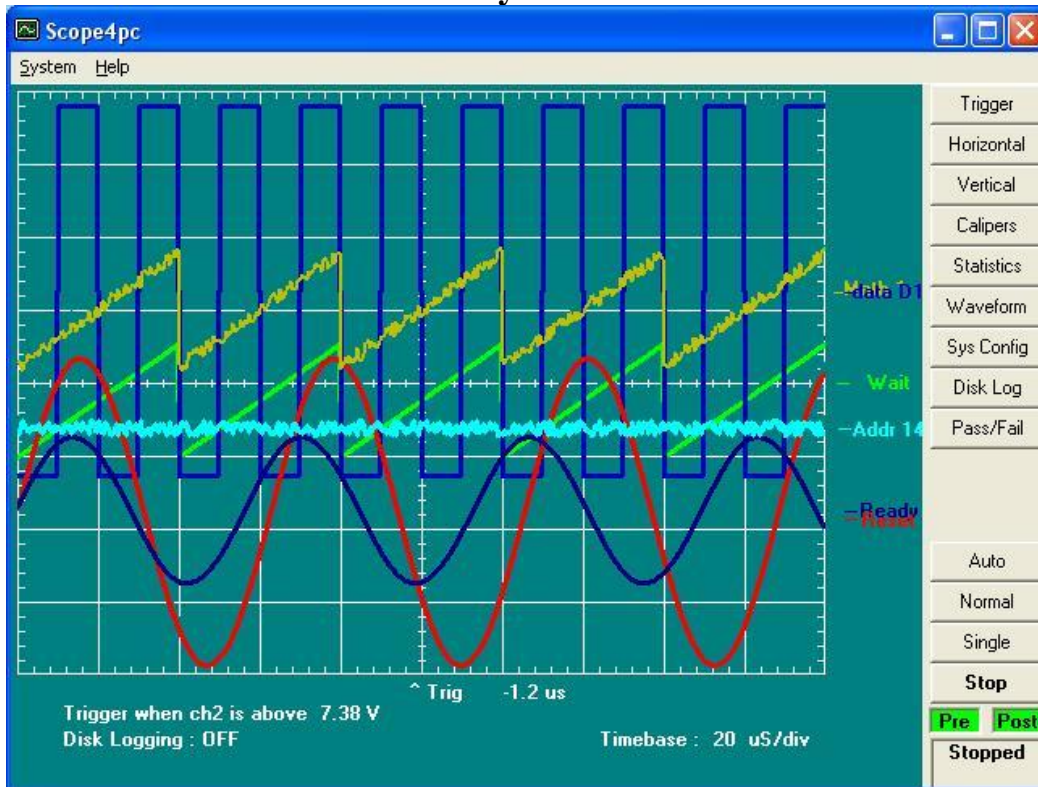
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