

XH300PKG Crosshair Generator

Users Guide

Rev 1.4

This is the user's guide for the Micrio Associates Inc. XH300PKG crosshair generator. This document contains the complete product description and operating instructions. This describes the new firmware, Revision 2.3. The new revision has new cursor types and a new menu for selecting the various features.



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1. Introduction

The XH300PKG is the most versatile, easy to use, and cost effective video crosshair generator available on the market. The XH300PKG crosshair generator is capable of superimposing a video cursor image on an existing video stream. The cursor can be chosen from a list of available cursors selected through a menu. Single or double crosshair, a circle, or single line cursors are available. The S-Video input and output are 4 pin Mini-DIN connectors. We are adding interfaces such as USB and ASYNC to the XH300 which allows it to be controlled by a computer.

The incoming video is fed into the connector labeled “Video In”. The video input can be in either NTSC or PAL format. The resulting output video is available at the connector labeled “Video Out”. The output video is in exactly the same form as the incoming video except for the superimposed video generated by the XH300PKG.

The XH300PKG supports six different cursor types: crosshair, dashed line crosshair, double crosshair, circle, single vertical line, and single horizontal line. The cursor can also be disabled so that the video stream is unchanged. The firmware generates a crosshair that is superimposed of the existing video stream. While adjusting the cursor position the setting is displayed the bottom of the screen. When the adjustment is complete the position is saved in non-volatile memory. The saved cursor position will be restored when power is applied.

The single line cursors are to support users that want independent controls for the horizontal and vertical cursors. Using two XH300PKG crosshair generators connected in series and one set for a vertical line and to other for a horizontal line the user will have two controls. In this mode you need not press the knob to make adjustments.

2. Specifications.

- Video standards supported NTSC, PAL.
- Power requirements 8 to 15 Volts, 80 mA.
- Input/output Impedance 75 Ohms
- Cursor types Many different types.
- Control Rotary encoder with press switch.
- Video connectors BNC, RCA, or S-Video connectors.
- Power Includes wall power supply.
- ROHS Lead free.
- CE CE compliant.

3. Optional Connectors.

The XH300PKG is available with BNC, RCA, or 4 pin S-Video connectors for the video signals.

Model numbers;

- XH300PKG-B BNC connectors.
- XH300PKG-R RCA connectors.
- XH300PKG-S 4 pin S-Video connectors.





4. Menu system.

The XH300PKG menus allow you to select all features of the crosshair generator. To enter the menu system press and hold the knob down for about 15 seconds. When the message “Select cursor style” appears you are in menu mode and you may release the knob. Rotating the knob will step through the cursor style selections. To move to the next menu press the knob momentarily. The message “Select cursor color” will appear. Rotate to select the color, black or white. Advance through each menu selection in the same way; press the knob momentarily. If you do not move the knob for a time, the menu mode will time out and return to normal mode and discard your choices.

Each menu selection is described below.

3.1 Select cursor style.

There are many different cursor types that can be selected and new ones are being added on occasion. When in the cursor style selection menu rotating the knob will cycle through all of the possible cursor choices. Each cursor type is described below.

3.1.1 Single crosshair cursor.

The single crosshair is composed of a single vertical line and a single horizontal line. The position of each line can be adjusted independently. During adjustment, the horizontal and vertical positions will be displayed in the status line at the bottom of the screen. The cursor position cannot be changed while in menu mode.

3.1.2 Dashed line crosshair cursor.

The dashed line crosshair is the same as the single crosshair cursor but the lines are dashed rather than solid.

3.1.3 Double crosshair cursor.

The double crosshair is composed of two vertical lines and two horizontal lines. The position of each line can be adjusted independently. During adjustment the horizontal and vertical positions will be displayed in the status line at the bottom of the screen. The cursor position cannot be changed while in menu mode.

3.1.4 Circle cursor.

The circle cursor is a single circle that can be moved horizontally and vertically as well as changing the diameter. The circle settings cannot be changed while in menu mode.

3.1.5 Single vertical line.

This is a single vertical line. This cursor operates differently than the crosshair cursors. It will be further explained in a later section. It cannot be adjusted while in menu mode.

3.1.6 Single horizontal line.

This is a single horizontal line. This cursor operates differently than the crosshair cursors. It cannot be adjusted while in menu mode.

3.1.7 Disable cursor.

The cursor is disabled. No cursor will appear on the screen with this setting. This is useful when a cursor is not needed but you do not want to remove the XH300 from your wiring. The menu is still available and the cursor can be re-enabled.

3.2 Select cursor color.

This menu allows the selection of the cursor color, either black or white. As the knob is rotated the text and the cursor will change to the current selection. Press the knob to advance to the next menu selection.

3.3 Select cursor size.

This allows the thickness of the cursor lines to be adjusted. The line thickness can be adjusted from a setting of 0 to 8. The default is 1. This does not affect the circle cursor.

A point to consider with the 0 (thinnest) selection: this causes the horizontal line to appear in only one video field. This means that its refresh rate becomes 30 Hz (25 Hz for PAL). The normal refresh rate is 60 Hz (50 Hz for PAL). This can result in unacceptable flicker on CRT type monitors. It should not be a problem on flat panel displays.

Press the knob to advance to the next menu selection.

3.4 Select font size.

The size of the text of the menu and the position status can be test to one of two sizes. This will make the text easier to read if the display is some distance from the user. The default is 1.

3.5 Set BAUD rate.

This is only available in the XH300 versions that have a serial interface. The BAUD rate can be set to any standard speed between 110 and 9600. The default is 9600 BAUD.

Note: The USB interface does not support 110 BAUD.

3.6 **Save settings?**

Rotating the knob allows you to choose to “Save” the current settings or “Discard” them. If you want to change some of your earlier choices you can cycle back through the menu system in the next menu selection.

3.7 **Exit setup?**

You can choose to leave the menu system and return to normal operation. If you choose “Yes” it will exit the menus and save your selections or discard them depending on your choice in the previous menu. If you choose “No” you will cycle back through the menus from the top.

3.8 Menu lockout.

This is not a menu mode but rather a means of disabling the menu system. You might want to disable menus after setup to prevent users from making inadvertent changes in the settings. After opening the XH300PKG you can disable the menus by soldering a jumper between pads 5 and 6 on DIP connector. You must connect only these two pads, 5 and 6 and no others. Other pads have the unregulated supply voltage on them that will destroy the chip if connected. This DIP connector has no other features that can be selected. There are no other features handled in this way, all other features are handled through the menus. Remove the jumper to restore the menus. The XH300PKG shipped without the jumper in place.

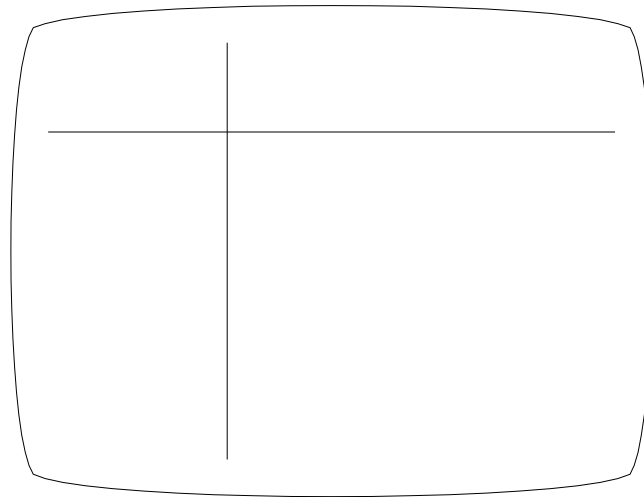


Menu lockout jumper.

5. Cursor types.

4.1 Single crosshair.

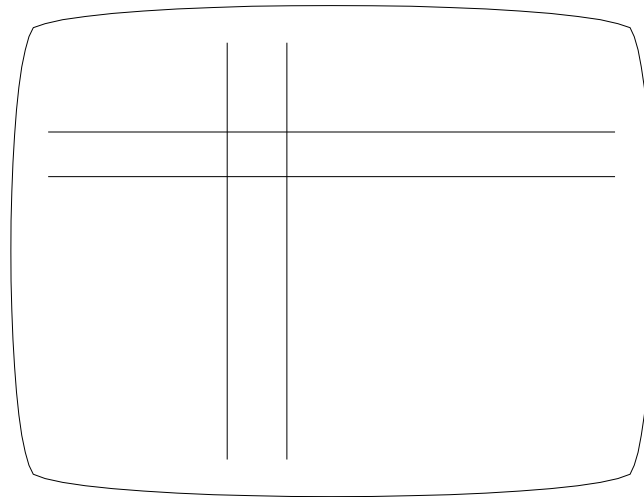
This is a single vertical and a single horizontal line. The position of each line can be adjusted using the knob. The cursor adjustment mode is entered by pressing the knob momentarily. The first press will cause the horizontal cursor to flash. Rotating the knob will move the horizontal line up or down. When the horizontal cursor is at the desired position, press the switch again momentarily. The vertical cursor will begin to flash. Adjust the vertical cursor to the desired position. To exit the adjustment mode press the switch again, the rotary switch will become inactive and the current settings will be saved in permanent memory. When the settings are saved a message “Saved” will momentarily appear. If you do not do the final press the current settings will be saved after a timeout.



Single cursor.

4.2 Double Crosshair.

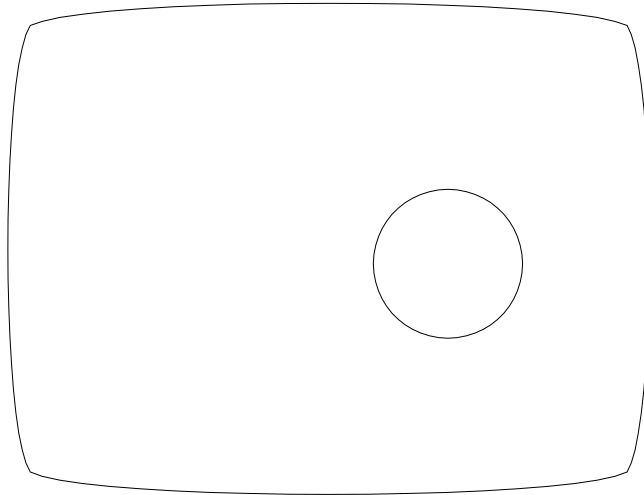
The cursor adjustment mode is entered by pressing the switch momentarily. The first horizontal cursor will begin to flash. Rotating the knob will move the cursor back and forth. When the first horizontal cursor is at the desired position, press the switch again. The second horizontal cursor will begin to flash and can be adjusted. With another press the first vertical cursor will begin to flash. Adjust the first vertical cursor to the desired position. Press again and the second vertical will flash and can be adjusted. To exit the adjust mode press the switch again, the rotary switch will become inactive and the current settings will be saved in permanent memory. If you do not do the final press the current settings will be saved after a timeout.



Double cursor.

4.3 Circle cursor.

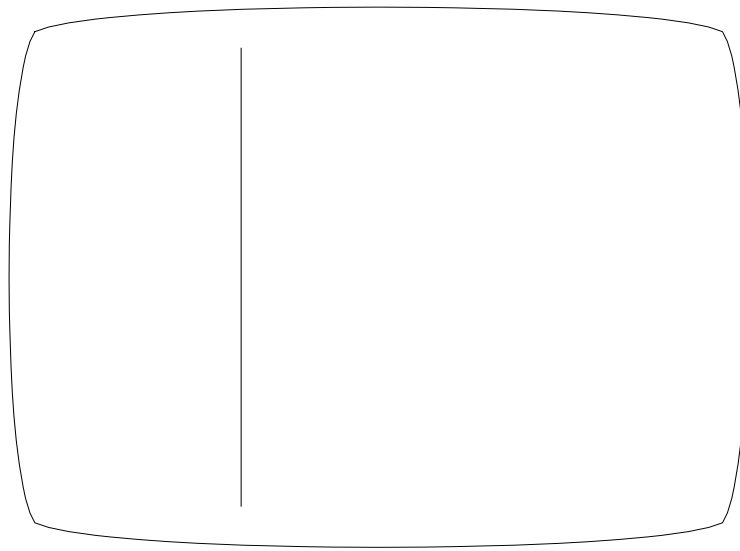
The circle cursor is a single circle that can be moved horizontally and vertically as well as have the diameter changed. The cursor adjustment mode is entered by pressing the switch momentarily. The first press allows the circle to be moved vertically. Rotating the knob will move the circle up and down. When the circle is at the desired position, press the switch again. Now the horizontal position can be adjusted. Press the switch again and the diameter of the circle can be adjusted. To exit the adjust mode press the switch again, the rotary switch will become inactive and the current settings will be saved in permanent memory. If you do not do the final press the current settings will be saved after a timeout.



Circle cursor.

4.4 **Single vertical line.**

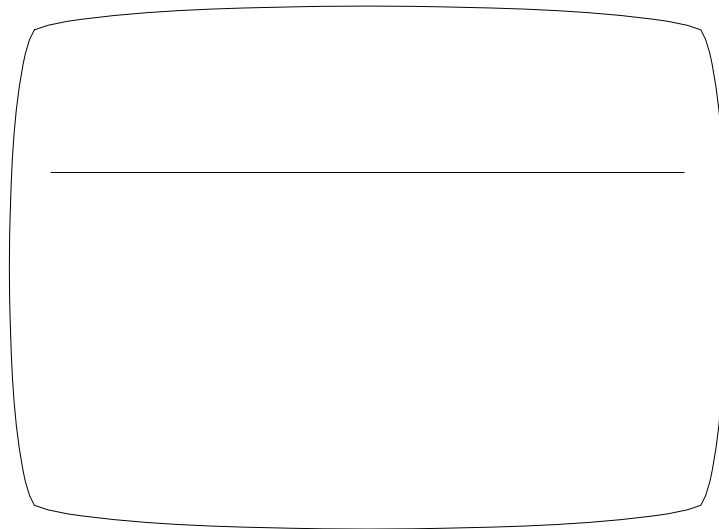
This cursor is a single vertical line that can be moved horizontally across the screen. It operates differently in that you do not need to press the knob to move the cursor. Rotating the knob at any time moves the cursor position. After a timeout period the current position will be saved in permanent memory. This position will be retained after power is cycled.



Single vertical cursor

4.5 **Single horizontal line.**

This operates in the same manner as the single vertical line.



Single horizontal cursor

4.6 **Disable cursor.**

The cursor is disabled. The incoming video will be passed through unchanged. The menus can still be accessed in the normal way.

6. Mechanical drawings.



7. Power supply.



8. Warranty.

This is Micrio's "we understand" warranty. We understand that our products sometimes fail too soon. We also understand that sometimes customers make mistakes and kill our products. We always want our customers to be happy with anything they purchase from Micrio.

If one of our products fails we want to make it right. You don't have to tell us what happened but we would like know what caused our products to fail so that we can improve them. In this spirit Micrio will repair or replace any of our products for a period of one year after the date of purchase. We will do our best to make it right!

9. Customization.

The XH300PKG has been designed with versatility in mind. The crosshair and text are all generated in firmware. This allows a wide range of customizations for specialized needs. Contact www.micrio.com for any special needs.

10. Standards conformance.

