

Figure 8-3. Common waveforms used on electrotherapy equipment.

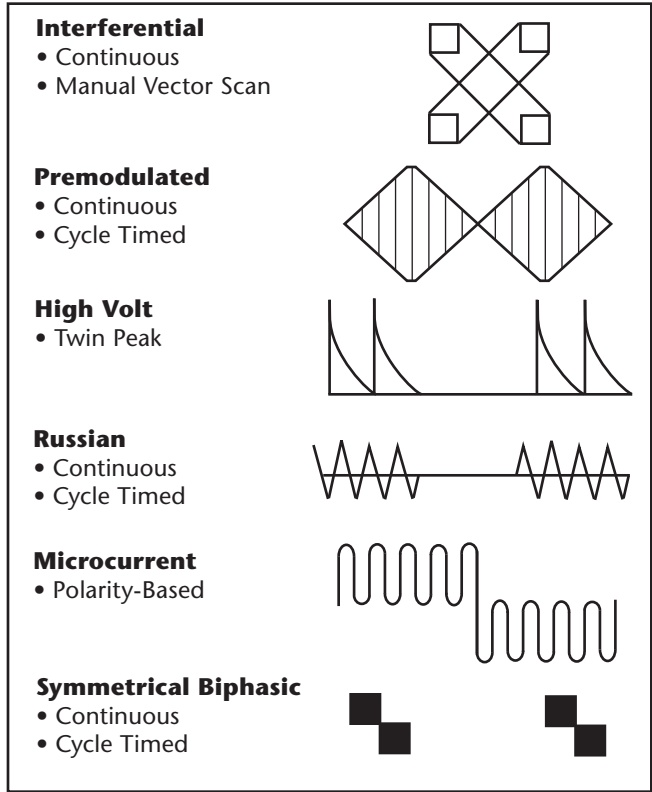
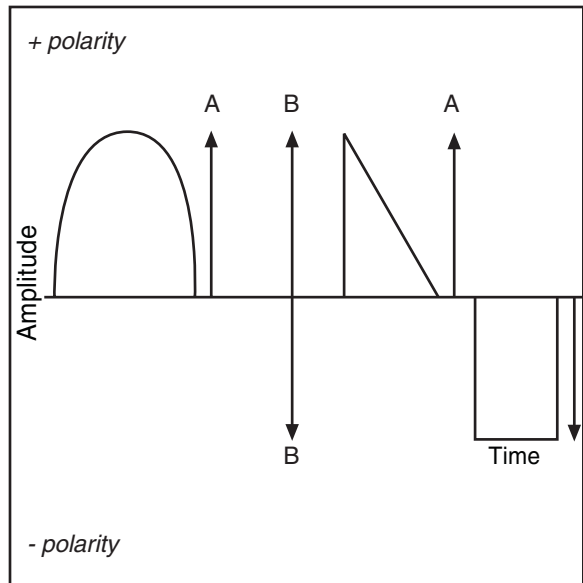


Figure 8-4. A) Peak amplitude and B) peak to peak amplitude (Illustration by Kim Bartlett, used with permission).



appears to provide the highest tolerance and comfort level (Baker, 1979; Karselis, 1973). Three parameters associated with the electrical waveform must be taken into consideration when selecting an appropriate electrotherapeutic unit for clinical use: amplitude, duration, and rate (Figure 8-4).