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NI 9481

4 Ch C Series Relay (30 VDC (2 A), 60 VDC (1 A), 250 VAC (2 A))



- 4-channel, EM Form A electromechanical relay outputs
- 30 VDC (2 A), 60 VDC (1 A), 250 VAC (2 A) SPST relay
- 250 Vrms channel-to-channel isolation
- Hot-swappable operation
- -40 to 70 °C operating range

Overview

The NI 9481 is a four-channel, single-pole single throw (SPST) sourcing C Series digital output module for any NI CompactDAQ or CompactRIO chassis. Each channel provides access to an electromechanical relay for switching signals up to 30 VDC (2 A), 60 VDC (1 A), and 250 VAC (2 A), and features 250 Vrms channel-to-channel isolation. Each channel also has an LED that indicates the state of that channel. With the NI 9481, you can directly connect to a wide array of industrial devices such as motors, actuators, and DC devices.

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Product Name	Number of Channels	Relay Type	Switching Levels	Connectivity
NI 9481	4	SPST	30 VDC (2 A), 60 VDC (1 A), 250 VAC (2 A)	Screw Terminal
NI 9485	8	SSR	60 VDC, 30 Vrms switching voltage	Screw Terminal

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Application and Technology

High-performance digital output and switching modules for NI CompactDAQ systems, CompactRIO embedded systems, and R Series expansion chassis provide extended voltage ranges and high-current-switching capacity for direct control of a wide array of industrial and automotive actuators. Each module features an integrated connector junction box with screw-terminal or cable options for flexible, low-cost signal wiring. All modules feature CompactRIO extreme industrial certifications and ratings including -40 to 70 °C operating temperatures and 50 g shock.

When used in CompactRIO, C Series digital output modules connect directly to reconfigurable I/O (RIO) field-programmable gate array (FPGA) hardware to create high-performance embedded systems. The reconfigurable FPGA hardware within CompactRIO provides a variety of options for timing, triggering, synchronization, digital waveform generation, or digital communication. For instance, with CompactRIO, you can implement a circuit to generate pulse-width modulation (PWM) outputs for controlling motors, heaters, or fans as well as to perform pulse code modulation encoding (PCME) for wireless telemetry applications.

The C Series hardware family features more than 50 measurement modules and several chassis and carriers for deployment. With this variety of modules, you can mix and match measurements such as temperature, acceleration, flow, pressure, strain, acoustic, voltage, current, digital, and more to create a custom system. Install the modules in one of several carriers to create a single module USB, Ethernet, or Wi-Fi system, or combine them in chassis such as NI CompactDAQ and CompactRIO to create a mixed-measurement system with synchronized measurements. You can install up to eight modules in a simple, complete NI CompactDAQ USB data acquisition system to synchronize all of the analog output, analog input, and digital I/O from the modules. For a system without a PC, CompactRIO holds up to eight modules and features a built-in processor, RAM, and storage for an embedded data logger or control unit. For higher-speed control, CompactRIO chassis incorporate an FPGA that you can program with NI LabVIEW software to achieve silicon-speed processing on I/O data from C Series modules.

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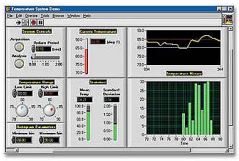
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Products	Part Number	Recommended Accessories	Part Number
		No accessories required.	

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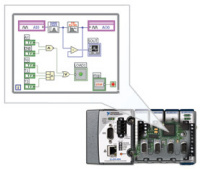
Software Recommendations

LabVIEW Professional Development System for Windows



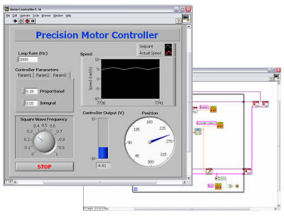
- Advanced software tools for large project development
- Automatic code generation using DAQ Assistant and Instrument I/O Assistant
- Tight integration with a wide range of hardware
- Advanced measurement analysis and digital signal processing
- Open connectivity with DLLs, ActiveX, and .NET objects
- Capability to build DLLs, executables, and MSI installers

NI LabVIEW FPGA Module



- Create your own I/O hardware without VHDL coding or board design
- Graphically configure FPGAs on NI reconfigurable I/O (RIO) hardware targets
- Define your own control algorithms with loop rates up to 300 MHz
- Execute multiple tasks simultaneously and deterministically
- Implement custom timing and triggering logic, digital protocols, and DSP algorithms
- Incorporate existing HDL code and third-party IP including Xilinx CORE Generator functions

NI LabVIEW Real-Time Module



- Design deterministic real-time applications with LabVIEW graphical programming
- Download to dedicated NI or third-party hardware for reliable execution and a wide selection of I/O
- Take advantage of built-in PID control, signal processing, and analysis functions
- Automatically take advantage of multicore CPUs or set processor affinity manually
- Includes real-time operating system (RTOS), development and debugging support, and board support
- Purchase individually or as part of an NI Developer Suite bundle

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Support and Services

System Assurance Programs

NI system assurance programs are designed to make it even easier for you to own an NI system. These programs include configuration and deployment services for your NI PXI, CompactRIO, or Compact FieldPoint system. The NI Basic System Assurance Program provides a simple integration test and ensures that your system is delivered completely assembled in one box. When you configure your system with the NI Standard System Assurance Program, you can select from available NI system driver sets and application development environments to create customized, reorderable software configurations. Your system arrives fully assembled and tested in one box with your software preinstalled.

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Detailed Specifications

The following specifications are typical for the range –40 to 70 °C unless otherwise noted.

Output Characteristics	
Number of channels	4 electromechanical relay channels
Relay type	Single pole single throw (SPST)
Power-on output state	Channels off
Switching capacity (resistive load)	
Switching voltage	60 VDC max, 250 V_{rms} max
Switching current, per channel	
One channel on	4 A max at 30 VDC, 1 A max at 60 VDC, 4 A max at 250 V_{rms}
All channels on	2 A max at 30 VDC, 1 A max at 60 VDC, 2 A max at 250 V_{rms}
Resistance per channel, channel on	50 mΩ
Switching rate	1 operation per second

Relay release time	5 ms max
Relay operate time	10 ms max
Relay bounce time	3 ms
Off state leakage	10 µA max
Life expectancy	
Mechanical (no load)	20,000,000 operations
Electrical (connecting to load)	100,000 operations
MTBF	460,321 hours at 25 °C; Bellcore Issue 2, Method 1, Case 3, Limited Part Stress Method

Note Contact NI for Bellcore MTBF specifications at other temperatures or for MIL-HDBK-217F specifications.

Power Requirements

Power consumption from chassis	
Active mode	580 mW max
Sleep mode	5 mW max
Thermal dissipation (at 70 °C)	
Active mode	1.5 W max
Sleep mode	5 mW max

Physical Characteristics

Screw-terminal wiring	12 to 24 AWG copper conductor wire with 10 mm (0.39 in.) of insulation stripped from the end
Torque for screw terminals	0.5 to 0.6 N · m (4.4 to 5.3 lb · in.)
Ferrules	0.25 mm^2 to 2.5 mm^2
Weight	150 g (5.3 oz)

Safety

If you need to clean the module, wipe it with a dry towel.

Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits.

CHa-to-CHb	250 V_{rms} max, Measurement Category II

Measurement Category II is for measurements performed on circuits directly connected to the electrical distribution system. This category refers to local-level electrical distribution, such as that provided by a standard wall outlet (e.g., 115 V for U.S. or 230 V for Europe). Examples of Measurement Category II are measurements performed on household appliances, portable tools, and similar products.

Caution Do *not* connect the NI 9481 to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories III or IV.

Isolation	
Channel-to-channel	
Continuous	250 V_{rms}
Withstand	1,400 V_{rms}, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test
Channel-to-earth ground	
Continuous	250 V_{rms}
Withstand	2,300 V_{rms}, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

Hazardous Locations

U.S. (UL)	Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nC IIC T4

Safety Standards

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the *Online Product Certification* section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326 (IEC 61326): Class A emissions; Basic immunity

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EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions

- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

Note For the standards applied to assess the EMC of this product, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

Note For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cables.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Note For the standards applied to assess the EMC of this product, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

Online Product Certification

Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for this product, visit ni.com/certification, search by module number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Shock and Vibration

To meet these specifications, you must panel mount the system and either affix ferrules to the ends of the terminal wires or use the NI 9932 backshell kit to protect the connections.

Operating vibration, sinusoidal (IEC 60068-2-6)	5 g, 40 to 500 Hz; 0.062 in. double amplitude, 10 to 40 Hz

Environmental

National Instruments C Series modules are intended for indoor use only but may be used outdoors if installed in a suitable enclosure. Refer to the manual for the chassis you are using for more information about meeting these specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	–40 to 70 °C
Storage temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	–40 to 85 °C
Ingress protection	IP 40
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)	10 to 90% RH, noncondensing
Storage humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)	5 to 95% RH, noncondensing
Maximum altitude	2,000 m
Pollution Degree (IEC 60664)	2

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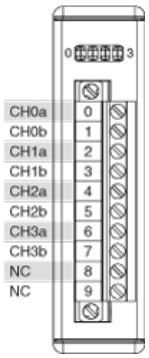
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