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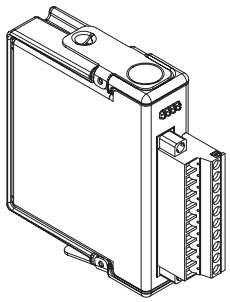
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

NI 9481

4-Channel SPST Electromechanical Relay Module

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This document describes how to use the National Instruments 9481 and includes specifications and terminal assignments for the NI 9481. Visit `ni.com/info` and enter `rdsoftwareversion` to determine which software you need for the modules you are using. For information about installing, configuring, and programming the system, refer to the system documentation. Visit `ni.com/info` and enter `cseriesdoc` for information about C Series documentation.

Note The safety guidelines and specifications in this document are specific to the NI 9481. The other components in the system might not meet the same safety ratings and specifications. Refer to the documentation for each component in the system to determine the safety ratings and specifications for the entire system. Visit `ni.com/info` and enter `cseriesdoc` for information about C Series documentation.

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Safety Guidelines

Operate the NI 9481 only as described in these operating instructions.



Hot Surface This icon denotes that the component may be hot. Touching this component may result in bodily injury.

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Voltages

If hazardous voltages are connected to the module, take the following precautions. A hazardous voltage is a voltage greater than 42.4 V_{pk} or 60 VDC to earth ground.



Caution Ensure that hazardous voltage wiring is performed only by qualified personnel adhering to local electrical standards.



Caution Do *not* mix hazardous voltage circuits and human-accessible circuits on the same module.



Caution Make sure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact.

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Caution When module terminals are hazardous voltage LIVE (>42.4 V_{pk}/60 VDC), you must ensure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact. You must use the NI 9932 connector backshell kit to ensure that the terminals are *not* accessible.

Figure 1 shows the NI 9932 connector backshell.

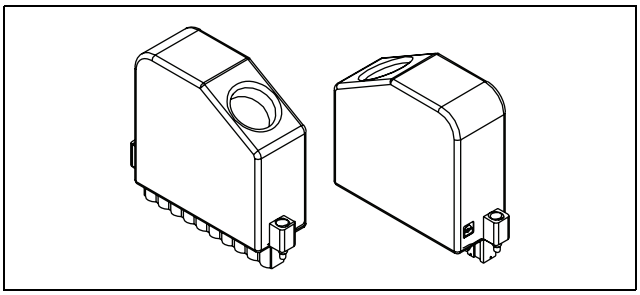


Figure 1. NI 9932 Connector Backshell

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Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI 9481 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4 hazardous locations; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nC IIC T4 hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI 9481 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.

Caution Do *not* disconnect I/O-side wires or connectors unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

Caution Do *not* remove modules unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

Caution Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2.

Caution For Zone 2 applications, install the system in an enclosure rated to at least IP 54 as defined by IEC 60529 and EN 60529.

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Special Conditions for Marine Applications

Some modules are Lloyd's Register (LR) Type Approved for marine applications. To verify Lloyd's Register certification, visit `ni.com/certification` and search for the LR certificate, or look for the Lloyd's Register mark on the module.

Caution To meet radio frequency emission requirements for marine applications, use shielded cables and install the system in a metal enclosure. Suppression ferrites must be installed on power supply inputs near power entries to modules and controllers. Power supply and module cables must be separated on opposite sides of the enclosure and must enter and exit through opposing enclosure walls.

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Connecting the NI 9481

The NI 9481 has a 10-terminal detachable screw-terminal connector that provides connections for 4 electromechanical relay channels.

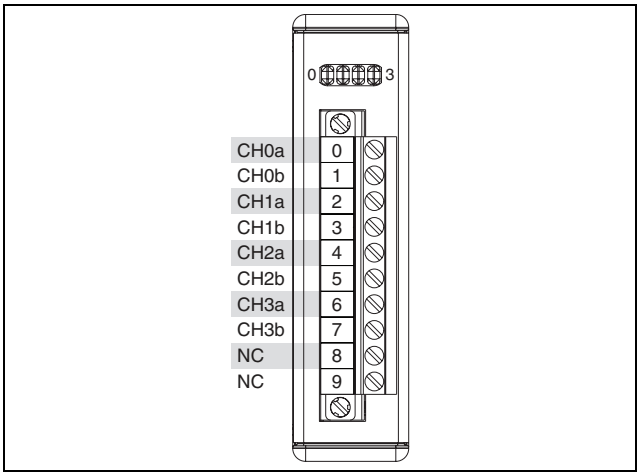


Figure 2. NI 9481 Terminal Assignments

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Each electromechanical relay channel has two interchangeable terminals, CHa and CHb.

Each channel has an LED that indicates the state of the channel. When a channel LED is lit, the channel is on. When the LED is dark, the channel is off. The LEDs are disabled when the chassis is in sleep mode. Refer to the *Sleep Mode* section for more information about sleep mode.

When connecting a load to the NI 9481, connect the positive lead of the load to either the CHa or the CHb terminal, and the ground of the load to one of the leads of the power supply. Connect the remaining CHa or CHb terminal to the other lead of the power supply. Figure 3 shows a possible configuration.

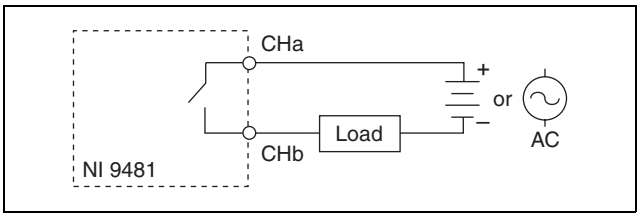


Figure 3. Connecting a Load to the NI 9481

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Note You must use 2-wire ferrules to create a secure connection when connecting more than one wire to a single terminal on the NI 9481.

When the channel is turned on, the terminal connected to the load drives current or applies voltage to the load. When the channel is off, the terminal does not drive current or apply voltage to the load.

Wiring for High-Vibration Applications

If an application is subject to high vibration, National Instruments recommends that you either use ferrules to terminate wires to the detachable screw-terminal connector or use the NI 9932 backshell kit to protect the connections. Refer to Figure 4 for an illustration of using ferrules. Refer to Figure 1 for an illustration of the NI 9932 connector backshell.

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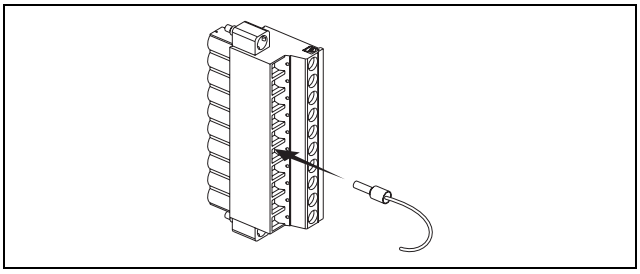


Figure 4. 10-Terminal Detachable Screw-Terminal Connector with Ferrule

Sleep Mode

This module supports a low-power sleep mode. Support for sleep mode at the system level depends on the chassis that the module is plugged into. Refer to the chassis manual for information about support for sleep mode. If the chassis supports sleep mode, refer to the software help for information about enabling sleep mode. Visit `ni.com/info` and enter `cseriesdoc` for information about C Series documentation.

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Typically, when a system is in sleep mode, you cannot communicate with the modules. In sleep mode, the system consumes minimal power and may dissipate less heat than it does in normal mode. Refer to the *Specifications* section for more information about power consumption and thermal dissipation.

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

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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

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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

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Physical Characteristics

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

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

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

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that provided by a standard wall outlet, for example, 115 V for U.S. or 230 V for Europe.

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

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Safety Standards

This product meets 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
- 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

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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 cabling.

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This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

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

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.

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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

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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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