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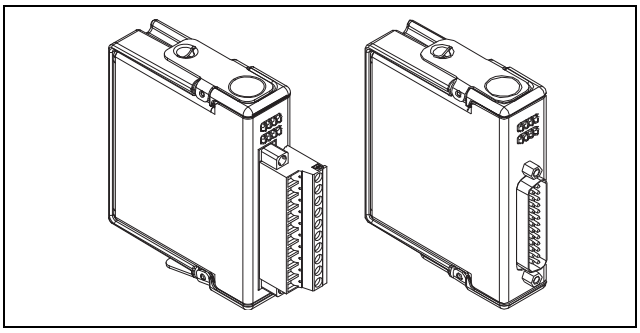
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

NI 9421/9423

8-Channel Sinking Digital Input Modules

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This document describes how to use the National Instruments 9421 and National Instruments 9423 and includes specifications and terminal assignments for the NI 9421/9423. In this document, the NI 9421 with screw terminal, NI 9421 with DSUB, and NI 9423 are referred to inclusively as the NI 9421/9423. 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 9421/9423. 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 9421/9423 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

You can connect hazardous voltages to the NI 9421/9423 with screw terminal only. Do *not* connect hazardous voltages to the NI 9421 with DSUB.

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.

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

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.

Note You can use the NI 9932 connector backshell only with the NI 9421/9423 with screw terminal.

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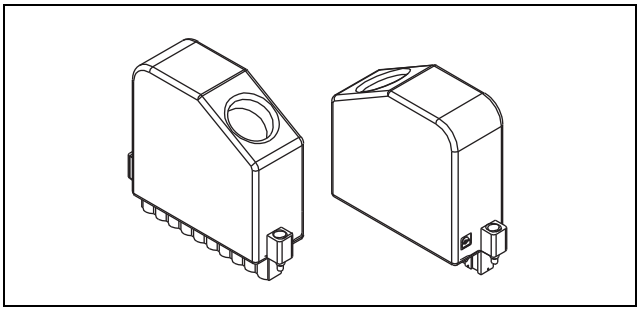


Figure 1. NI 9932 Connector Backshell

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI 9421/9423 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, and Ex nC IIC T4 hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI 9421/9423 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.

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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.

Caution For Zone 2 applications, connected signals must be within the following limit:

Capacitance ..... 0.2 µF max

Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe

This equipment has been evaluated as Ex nC IIC T4 equipment under DEMKO Certificate No. 03 ATEX 0324020X. Each module is marked ⟨Ex⟩ II 3G and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of –40 °C ≤ Ta ≤ 70 °C. If you

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are using the NI 9421/9423 in Gas Group IIC hazardous locations, you must use the device in an NI chassis that has been evaluated as Ex nC IIC T4, EEx nC IIC T4, Ex nA IIC T4, or Ex nL IIC T4 equipment.

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 9421/9423

The NI 9421/9423 provides connections for eight digital input channels.

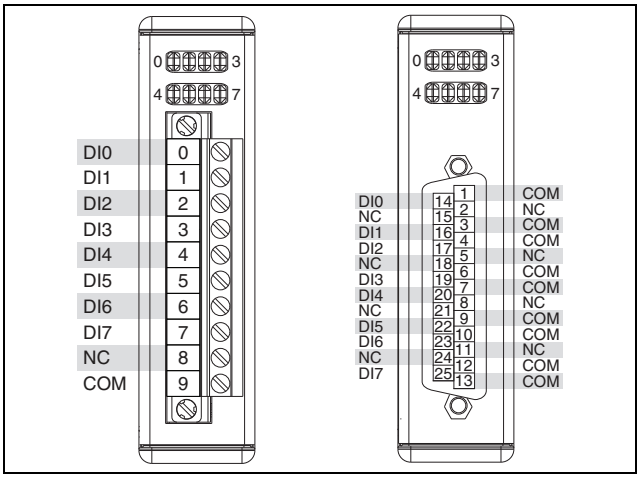


Figure 2. NI 9421/9423 Terminal and Pin Assignments

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The NI 9421/9423 with screw terminal has a 10-terminal, detachable screw-terminal connector. The NI 9421 with DSUB has a 25-pin DSUB connector.

Each channel of the NI 9421/9423 has a DI terminal or pin to which you can connect voltage or current signals. The NI 9421/9423 also has COM, a common terminal or pin that is internally connected to the isolated ground reference of the module.

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 9421/9423 with screw terminal.

The NI 9421/9423 has sinking inputs, meaning that when the external device drives current or applies voltage to the DI terminal or pin, DI provides a path to COM for the current or voltage. The NI 9421/9423 internally limits current signals connected to DI. For more information about input current levels, refer to the *Specifications* section.

You can connect 2-, 3-, and 4-wire sourcing-output devices to the NI 9421/9423. A sourcing-output device drives current or applies voltage to DI. An example of a sourcing-output device is an open collector PNP.

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Connect the output of the sourcing-output device to DI on the NI 9421/9423. Connect the common of the external device to the COM terminal or pin. Refer to Figure 3 for an illustration of connecting a device to the NI 9421/9423.

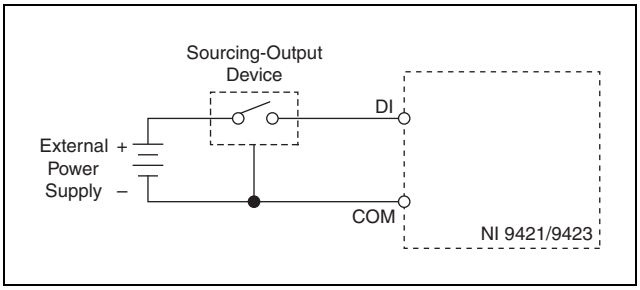


Figure 3. Connecting a Device to the NI 9421/9423 (3-Wire Device Shown)

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The NI 9421/9423 channel registers as ON when the sourcing-output device applies a voltage or drives a current that is in the input ON range to DI. The channel registers as OFF when the device applies a voltage or drives a current that is in the input OFF range to DI. If no device is connected to DI, the channel registers as OFF. Refer to the *Specifications* section for more information about the ON and OFF states.

Each channel has an LED that turns on and off to indicate the state of that 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.

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Wiring for High-Vibration Applications

If an application using the NI 9421/9423 with screw terminal 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.

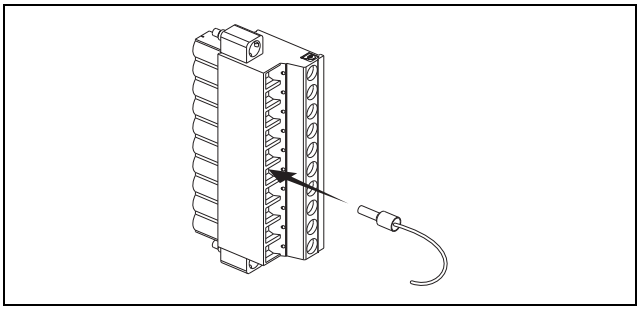


Figure 4. 10-Terminal Detachable Screw-Terminal Connector with Ferrule

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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.

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.

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Specifications

The following specifications are typical for the range –40 to 70 °C unless otherwise noted. The specifications are the same for the NI 9421 and the NI 9423 unless otherwise noted. All voltages are relative to COM unless otherwise noted.

Input Characteristics

Number of channels ..... 8 digital input channels

Input type ..... Sinking

Digital logic levels

- OFF state
  - Input voltage ..... ≤5 V
  - Input current (NI 9421) ..... ≤300 µA
  - Input current (NI 9423) ..... ≤150 µA
- ON state
  - Input voltage ..... 11–30 V
  - Input current ..... ≥3 mA

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I/O protection

- Input voltage
  - NI 9421 ..... 40 V max
  - NI 9423 ..... 35 V max
- Reverse-biased voltage ..... –30 V max
- Input current
  - NI 9421 ..... 7 mA max, internally limited
  - NI 9423 ..... 8.5 mA max, internally limited

Input delay time

- NI 9421 ..... 100 µs max
- NI 9423 ..... 1 µs max

MTBF

- NI 9421 ..... 2,086,204 hours at 25 °C; Bellcore Issue 2, Method 1, Case 3, Limited Part Stress Method

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NI 9423 ..... 979,623 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.

NI 9421 Power Requirements

Power consumption from chassis

- Active mode ..... 240 mW max
- Sleep mode ..... 7 mW max

Thermal dissipation (at 70 °C)

- Active mode ..... 1.3 W max
- Sleep mode ..... 1.1 W max

NI 9423 Power Requirements

Power consumption from chassis

- Active mode ..... 290 mW max
- Sleep mode ..... 7 mW max

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Thermal dissipation (at 70 °C)

Active mode ..... 1.5 W max

Sleep mode ..... 1.3 W max

Physical Characteristics

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

Note For two-dimensional drawings and three-dimensional models of the C Series module and connectors, visit `ni.com/dimensions` and search by module number.

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

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Weight

NI 9421/9423 with screw-terminal ..... 150 g (5.3 oz)

NI 9421 with DSUB ..... 145 g (5.1 oz)

Safety

NI 9421/9423 with Screw-Terminal Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits.

Channel-to-COM ..... 30 V max

Isolation

Channel-to-channel ..... None

Channel-to-earth ground

Continuous ..... 250 V_{rms}, Measurement Category II

Withstand ..... 2,300V_{rms}, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

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 9421/9423 with screw terminal to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories III or IV.

NI 9421 with DSUB Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits.

Channel-to-COM ..... 30 V max

Isolation

- Channel-to-channel ..... None
- Channel-to-earth ground
  - Continuous ..... 60 VDC, Measurement Category I
  - Withstand ..... 1,000 V_{rms}, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as *MAINS* voltage. MAINS is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for

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measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.

Note Do *not* connect the NI 9421 with DSUB to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories II, III, or IV.

Hazardous Locations

U.S. (UL)	Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nC IIC T4
Canada (C-UL)	Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4; Class I, Zone 2, Ex nC IIC T4
Europe (DEMKO)	Ex 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; Industrial 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 double-shielded cables.

CE Compliance CE

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. If you are using the NI 9421/9423 with screw terminal, you also must either affix ferrules to the ends of the terminal wires or use the NI 9932 backshell kit to protect the connections.

Operating vibration

Random (IEC 60068-2-64)..... 5 g_{rms}, 10 to 500 Hz

Sinusoidal (IEC 60068-2-6) ..... 5 g, 10 to 500 Hz

Operating shock
(IEC 60068-2-27)..... 30 g, 11 ms half sine,
50 g, 3 ms half sine,
18 shocks at 6 orientations

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

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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

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