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SCXI™-1313 High-Voltage Attenuator Terminal Block

This guide describes how to install and use the SCXI-1313 high-voltage attenuator terminal block with an SCXI-1125 module.

Introduction

The SCXI-1313 high-voltage attenuator terminal block is shielded and has screw terminals that connect to the SCXI-1125 input connector. Each SCXI-1313 channel has a precision 100:1 resistive voltage divider that you can use to measure voltages of up to 300 V_{rms} or ±300 VDC with the SCXI-1125. You can individually bypass these dividers for low-voltage measurement applications.

The terminal block has 18 screw terminals for easy signal connection. One pair of screw terminals connects to the SCXI-1125 chassis ground. When used with the SCXI-1125, the remaining eight pairs of screw terminals connect signals to the eight analog inputs.

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What You Need to Get Started

To set up and use your SCXI-1313 terminal block, you need the following items:

- ❑ SCXI-1313 high-voltage attenuator terminal block
- ❑ *SCXI-1313 High-Voltage Attenuator Terminal Block Installation Guide*
- ❑ SCXI chassis
- ❑ SCXI-1125 module
- ❑ Number 1 and 2 Phillips-head screwdrivers
- ❑ 1/8 in. flathead screwdriver
- ❑ Long-nose pliers
- ❑ Wire cutter
- ❑ Wire insulation stripper

Safety Information

Cautions Do *not* operate the device in an explosive atmosphere or where there may be flammable gases or fumes.

Keep away from live circuits. Do *not* remove equipment covers or shields unless you are trained to do so. If signal wires are connected to the device, hazardous voltages can exist even when the equipment is turned off. To avoid a shock hazard, do *not* perform procedures involving cover or shield removal unless you are qualified to do so and disconnect all field power prior to removing covers or shields.

Do *not* operate damaged equipment. The safety protection features built into this device can become impaired if the device becomes damaged in any way. If the device is damaged, turn the device off and do *not* use it until service-trained personnel can check its safety. If necessary, return the device to National Instruments for service and repair to ensure that its safety is not compromised.

Do *not* operate this equipment in a manner that contradicts the information specified in this document. Misuse of this equipment could result in a shock hazard.

Do *not* substitute parts or modify equipment. Because of the danger of introducing additional hazards, do *not* install unauthorized parts or modify the device. Return the device to National Instruments for service and repair to ensure that its safety features are not compromised.

You *must* insulate all of your signal connections to the highest voltage with which the SCXI-1125 can come in contact.

When using the device with high common-mode voltages, you *must* insulate your signal wires for the highest input voltage. National Instruments is *not* liable for any damages or injuries resulting from inadequate signal wire insulation. Use only 26-14 AWG wire with a minimum voltage rating of 300 V and a temperature value of 60 °C for measuring up to 300 V.

When connecting or disconnecting signal lines to the SCXI terminal block screw terminals, make sure the lines are powered off. Potential differences between the lines and the SCXI ground can create a shock hazard while you connect the lines.

Connections, including power signals to ground and vice versa, that exceed any of the maximum signal ratings on the SCXI device can create a shock or fire hazard, or can damage any or all of the boards connected to the SCXI chassis, the host computer, and the SCXI device. National Instruments is *not* liable for any damages or injuries resulting from incorrect signal connections.

If hazardous voltages (≥30 V_{rms} and 42.4 V_{peak} or 60 VDC) are present, you *must* connect a safety earth-ground wire to the terminal block safety-ground lug, shown in Figure 1. This maintains compliance with UL-3111-1 and IEC-61010-1 and protects against electric shock when the terminal block is not connected to the chassis. To connect the safety earth ground to the safety-ground lug, run an earth-ground wire from the signal source to the

terminal block. National Instruments is *not* liable for any damages or injuries resulting from inadequate safety earth-ground connections.

Do *not* loosen or re-orient the safety-ground lug hardware when connecting the safety ground wire; to do so reduces the safety isolation between the high voltage and safety ground.

Clean the module and accessories by brushing off light dust with a soft non-metallic brush. Remove other contaminants with a stiff non-metallic brush. The unit *must* be completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

The terminal block *must* be used with a UL-listed SCXI chassis.

Configuring the High-Voltage Attenuator

Each channel has a 100:1 high-voltage attenuator. To enable or disable the attenuator, either change the default configuration settings for the SCXI-1313 in Measurement & Automation Explorer or adjust the input limit ranges in your application. When using virtual channels, the input limits configured in the virtual channel configurator are used to set the attenuation circuitry appropriately.

The SCXI-1313 is factory calibrated to the specifications listed in the *Specifications* section of this guide and is shipped with a calibration certificate. The calibration EEPROM on the SCXI-1313 stores calibration constants, which provide software correction values, that the application development software uses to correct your measurements for gain errors in the attenuation circuitry.

Table 1. Input Signal Range Versus Gain

Overall Gain	Overall Voltage Range	Module Gain	Terminal Block Gain
0.01	300 V_{rms} or VDC	1	0.01
0.02	±250 V_{peak} or VDC	2	0.01
0.05	±100 V_{peak} or VDC	5	0.01
0.1	±50 V_{peak} or VDC	10	0.01
0.2	±25 V_{peak} or VDC	20	0.01
0.5	±10 V_{peak} or VDC	50	0.01
1	±5 V_{peak} or VDC	1	1
2	±2.5 V_{peak} or VDC	2	1
2.5	±2.0 V_{peak} or VDC	250	0.01

Table 1. Input Signal Range Versus Gain (Continued)

Overall Gain	Overall Voltage Range	Module Gain	Terminal Block Gain
5	±1 V_{peak} or VDC	5	1
10	±500 mV_{peak} or VDC	10	1
20	±250 mV_{peak} or VDC	20	1
50	±100 mV_{peak} or VDC	50	1
100	±50 mV_{peak} or VDC	100	1
200	±25 mV_{peak} or VDC	200	1
250	±20 mV_{peak} or VDC	250	1
500	±10 mV_{peak} or VDC	500	1
1000	±5 mV_{peak} or VDC	1000	1
2000	±2.5 mV_{peak} or VDC	2000	1

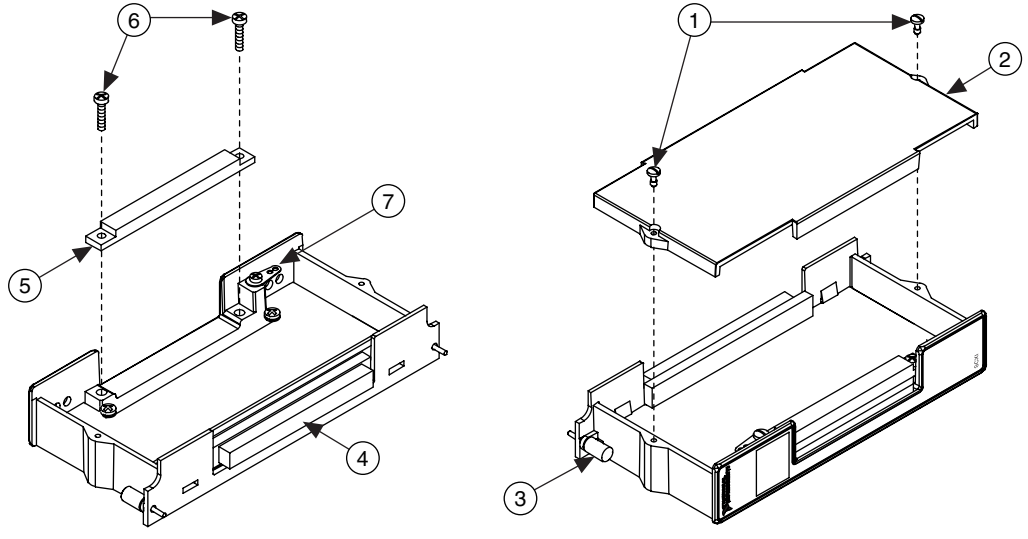
Connecting Signals

Caution Refer to the *Safety Information* section before removing equipment covers or connecting or disconnecting any signal wires.

To connect the signal to the terminal block, perform the following steps, referring to Figures 1 and 2 as necessary:

1. Unscrew the top cover screws and remove the top cover.
2. Loosen the strain-relief screws and remove the strain-relief bar.

3. Prepare your signal wire by stripping the insulation no more than 7 mm.

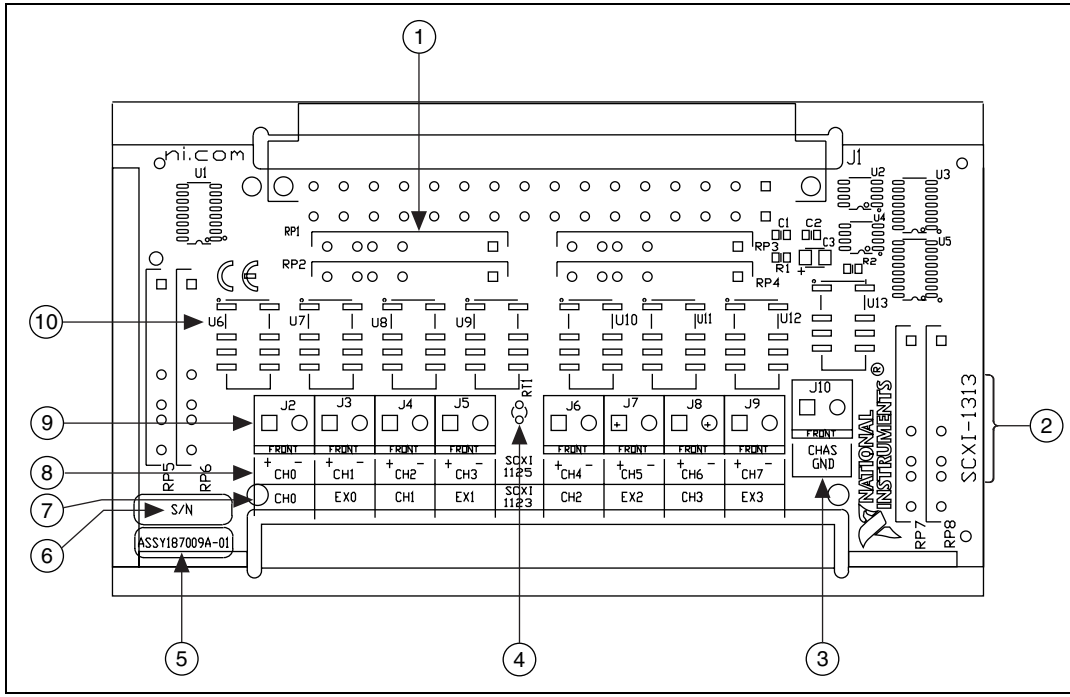


1	Top Cover Screws	3	Thumbscrew	5	Strain-Relief Bar	7	Safety-Ground Lug
2	Top Cover	4	Mating Connector	6	Strain-Relief Screws		

Figure 1. SCXI-1313 Parts Locator Diagram

4. Run the signal wires through the strain-relief opening. You can add insulation or padding if necessary.

Note When connecting your signals to the SCXI-1313, follow the labeling on the SCXI-1313 for the appropriate module, as indicated in Figure 2.



1	Voltage Dividers	6	Serial Number
2	Product Name	7	Channel Labeling for SCXI-1123
3	Chassis Ground	8	Channel Labeling for SCXI-1125
4	Thermistor	9	Screw Terminals
5	Assembly Number and Revision Letter	10	Relays to Enable or Bypass the Attenuator

Figure 2. SCXI-1313 Signal Connections

5. Connect the signal wires to the screw terminals by inserting the stripped end of the wire fully into the terminal. No bare wire should extend past the screw terminal. Exposed wire increases the risk of short circuits and equipment failure.
6. Tighten the screws to a torque of 5–7 in.-lb.
7. Connect the safety earth ground to the safety-ground lug. Refer to the *Safety Information* section for connection information.
8. Reinstall the strain-relief bar and tighten the strain-relief screws.
9. Reinstall the top cover and tighten the top cover screws.
10. Connect the terminal block to the module front connector as explained in the *Installing the Terminal Block* section.

Installing the Terminal Block

To connect the terminal block to the SCXI module front connector, perform the following steps:

1. Connect the module front connector to its mating connector on the terminal block.
2. Tighten the top and bottom thumbscrews on the back of the terminal block to hold it securely in place.

Note For accurate cold-junction compensation, place the SCXI chassis away from an extreme temperature differential.

Cleaning the Terminal Block

Clean the terminal block by brushing off light dust with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Remove other contaminants with deionized water and a stiff nonmetallic brush. The unit must be completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

Calibrating the Terminal Block

For information on calibrating the SCXI-1313, see the *SCXI-1313 High-Voltage Attenuator Terminal Block Calibration Procedure* located online at `ni.com/calibration` and follow the link for *Manual Calibration Procedures*.

Specifications

All specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

Compatible module

SCXI-1125.....8 input channels

Input range

SCXI-1125.....300 V_{rms} or VDC

Cold-junction sensor

- Sensor type ..... Thermistor
- Accuracy[1] ..... ±0.5 °C from 15 to 35 °C
  ±0.9 °C from 0 to 15 °C
  and 35 to 55 °C
- Repeatability ..... ±0.2 °C from 15 to 35 °C
- Output ..... 1.91 to 0.65 V
  from 0 to 50 °C
- Maximum temperature gradient
  between sensor and any terminal .... ±0.4 °C (non-isothermal)

High-voltage divider

- Accuracy ..... ±0.06% (for 100:1 setting)
- Drift ..... 15 ppm/°C
- Resistance ..... 1 MΩ
- Attenuation ratio ..... 100:1 or 1:1
  on programmatic basis

Common-mode isolation

- Channel to channel ..... 300 V_{rms} or ±300 VDC
- Channel to ground ..... 300 V_{rms} or ±300 VDC
- Coupling ..... DC only

Field-wiring connectors

- Screw terminals
  - Signal terminals ..... 16 (8 pairs)
  - Functional ground terminals 2
  - Maximum wire gauge ..... 16 AWG
  - Terminal spacing ..... 0.5 cm (0.2 in.) center-to-center
- Dimensions of front entrance ..... 1.2 by 7.3 cm (0.47 by 2.87 in.)
- Solder pads for
  additional components ..... None
- Safety earth-ground lugs 1
- Strain relief ..... Strain-relief bar at
  terminal-block entrance

[1] The temperature sensor accuracy includes tolerances in all component values, effects caused by temperature and loading, and self-heating. Errors caused by temperature gradients between terminals and the sensor are not included in this specification.

Mechanical

Dimensions .....17.8 by 7.94 by 3.0 cm (7.0 by 3.125 by 1.2 in.)

Weight .....200 g (7 oz)

Environment

Operating temperature .....0 to 50 °C

Storage temperature .....–20 to 70 °C

Relative humidity .....10 to 90% noncondensing

Safety

Designed in accordance with IEC 61010-1, UL 3111-1, and CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1 for electrical measuring and test equipment.
For use at altitudes up to 2000 meters.
Installation category II[1]
Pollution degree 2

Electromagnetic Compatibility

EMC/EMI .....CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15 (Class A) Compliant

Electrical emissions .....EN 55011 Class A at 10 m
FCC Part 15A above 1 GHz

Electrical immunity .....Evaluated to EN 61326:1998, Table 1

Note This device should only be operated with shielded cabling for full EMC and EMI compliance. See the *Declaration of Conformity* for this product for any additional regulatory compliance information.

[1] Category II refers to local-level power distribution, such as that provided by a standard wall outlet.

Temperature Sensor Output and Accuracy

The SCXI-1313 temperature sensor outputs 1.91 to 0.65 V from 0 to 50 °C.

Converting a Thermistor Voltage to a Temperature

National Instruments software can convert a thermistor voltage to the thermistor temperature for the circuit diagram shown in Figure 3. In LabVIEW, you can use the Convert Thermistor Reading VI found in the **Data Acquisition»Signal Conditioning** palette. If you are using CVI or NI-DAQ, use the `Thermistor_Convert` function. The VI takes the output voltage of the temperature sensor, the reference voltage, and the precision resistance and returns the thermistor temperature.

Alternatively, you can use the following formulas:

$$T(°C) = T_K - 273.15$$

where T_K is the temperature in Kelvin

$$T_K = \frac{1}{[a + b(\ln R_T) + c(\ln R_T)^3]}$$

$a = 1.295361 \times 10^{-3}$
$b = 2.343159 \times 10^{-4}$
$c = 1.018703 \times 10^{-7}$

R_T = resistance of the thermistor in ohms

$$R_T = 5,000\left(\frac{V_{TEMPOUT}}{2.5 - V_{TEMPOUT}}\right)$$

$V_{TEMPOUT}$ = output voltage of the temperature sensor

$$T(°F) = \frac{[T(°C)]9}{5} + 32$$

where T(°F) and T(°C) are the temperature readings in degrees Fahrenheit and degrees Celsius, respectively.

Note Use an average of a large number of samples to obtain the most accurate reading. Noisy environments require more samples for greater accuracy.

Reading the Temperature Sensor in LabVIEW

In LabVIEW, to read $V_{TEMPOUT,}$ use the address string:

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obx ! scy ! mdz ! cjtemp
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You can have this channel-address string in the same channel-string array as other channels on the same SCXI-1125 module and call it multiple times within the same channel-string array.

For more information about channel-string arrays and the SCXI channel-addressing syntax, see the *LabVIEW Measurements Manual*.

Temperature Sensor Circuit Diagram

You do *not* need to read this section to operate the SCXI-1313. The circuit diagram in Figure 3 is optional information that you can use if you want more details about the SCXI-1313 temperature sensor.

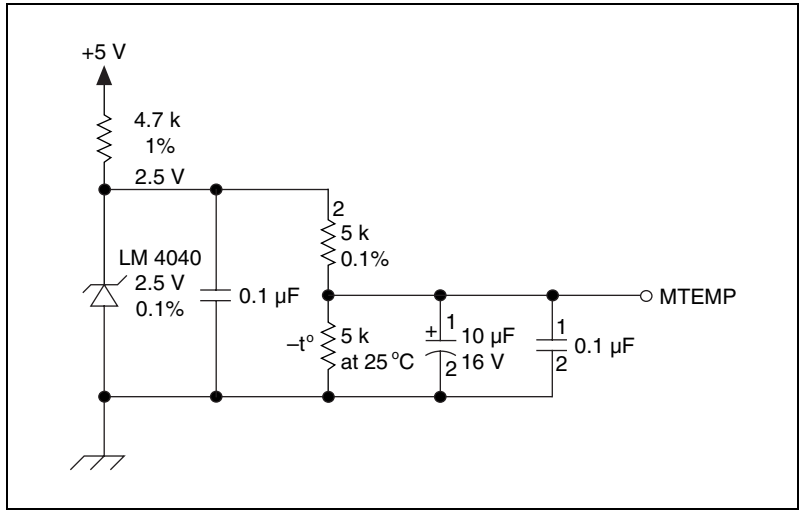


Figure 3. Temperature Sensor Circuit Diagram

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