

Mini8[®] Controller

Control, Optimize, Simplify

Unique features

The key features of the Mini8 Controller include:

- 16 control loops
- 32 analog inputs
- Modular & compact
- Setpoint programming
- Math and logic
- Communications protocols
 - Modbus RTU
 - DeviceNet®
 - Profibus DP
 - Modbus TCP
 - EtherNet/IP
 - EtherCAT
- · Help defend OEM knowledge and IP with OEM security

Benefits

- Complements your PLC
- World-class control algorithm
- Accurate analog measurement
- Flexible communication options
- Compact modular design
- Reduction in panel real estate
- Can reduce total system costs



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Mini8 controller

The Mini8[®] loop controller offers high performance control usually only found in Eurotherm® panel-mount PID controllers. It is also a very competitive and compact data acquisition device. Its modular design enables its I/O and feature set to be selected to cater for a wide range of applications from simple to complex.

The Mini8 controller is an ideal partner to a PLC. Able to multi-drop on either serial, DeviceNet or Ethernet communications, it offers a cost-effective alternative to performing analog measurement or loop control in a PLC. Implementing these functions in the Mini8 controller helps reduce the cost of a PLC system, relieving it of the burden of performing analog functions, often allowing a lower specification processor to be used.

The Mini8 controller's feature set is comparable with the Eurotherm EPC3000 programmable controllers including its high performance PID control together with a range of features such as Math, Logic, and Timing blocks. Cascade control function and the ability to use remote I/O with Eurotherm PID blocks extends the control capability.

When used in a data acquisition installation, the controller's high density analog I/O can be combined with the Eurotherm 6000 series paperless graphic recorder.



Recipes

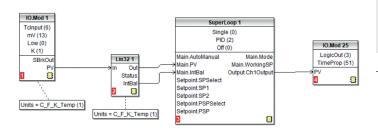
Using a PC tool, recipes can be created that can be used to change the operating parameters of the Mini8 controller simply by selecting a new recipe via a remote HMI. This is very useful where multiple processes use the same controller but require different control parameters.

Heater Failure Detection

The Mini8 controller with a 3-input current transformer (CT3) card fitted has the capability of detecting failures in heater loads connected to its time proportioned outputs. By measuring the current flowing through the heaters via 3 current transformer inputs the Mini8 controller can, for up to 8 loops, detect Partial Load failure, Over Current, as well as solid state relay (SSR) short or open circuit. Individual load current parameters indicate the measurement for each heater. The current monitor block utilizes a cyclic algorithm to measure the current flowing through one heater per measurement interval.

Eurotherm iTools Graphical Wiring Editor (GWE)

The GWE is an extremely easy way to create applications. It allows users to select the function blocks they wish to use in their application, then connect them together using 'Soft Wiring'. The GWE gives users a pictorial view of exactly what has been configured and can also be used to monitor runtime conditions.



Toolkit Blocks

A range of toolkit functions, including Math, Logic, and Timing blocks can be used to create custom solutions and small machine controllers. Additional toolkit blocks are made available as standard for the 360 wire option of Mini8.

Configuration Lock

The configuration lock function helps protect applications from unauthorized inspection, copying, or tampering. This may be used for example by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to protect intellectual property.

Specification

Environmental Performance

Power supply voltage:	17.8 V dc min to 28.8 V dc max.
Supply ripple:	2 Vp-p max.
Power consumption:	15 W max.
Operation temperature:	0 to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)
Storage temperature:	-10 to 70°C (14°F to 158°F)
Operating humidity:	5% to 95% RH non-condensing
Applied voltage any terminal:	42 V pk max.

The Mini8 controller must be mounted in a protective enclosure.

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

This controller conforms with the essential protection requirements of the EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, by the application of EMC standard EN 61326-1. This instrument satisfies the general requirements of the industrial environment defined in EN 61326-1.

Electrical Safety

Safety:

Meets EN 61010-1, installation category II, pollution degree 2

INSTALLATION CATEGORY II

This controller complies with the European Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU, by the application of the safety standard EN 61010-1.

POLLUTION DEGREE 2

Normally, only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation shall be expected.

Physical

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imensions: /eight: lounting:	W 124mm (4.8") x N 108mm (4.2") x D 115mm (4.5") 1Kg (2.2lbs) typical DIN rail to EN 50022 35mm x 7.5mm or 35mm x 15mm horizontally
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Approvals

Appiovais	CE, UKCA, EAC, UL/cUL Listed (File E57766) KC. RoHS REACH, Green
	Premium

Communications

Network Communications Support

Modbus RTU:		EIA422, EIA485 3-wire or 5-wire, user
DeviceNet:	Baud rates:	selectable 4800, 9600, 19200 CAN, 5-pin standard "open connector"
Modbus/TCP:	Baud rates:	with screw terminals 125k, 250k, 500k Standard Ethernet RJ45 connector
	Data rates:	10Base-T 100Base-T
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Modbus, DeviceNet, and Modbus/TCP are mutually exclusive options. Refer to the Mini8 controller order code

Configuration Communications Support

Modbus RTU:	The EIA232 configuration port (RJ-11 socket) is located to the right of the Power connector. The Mini8 Controller is configured using iTools configuration software running on a PC.

Fixed I/ O Resources

The PSU card supports 2 independent and isolated relay contacts.

Relay output types:	On/Off (C/O contacts, "On" closing the N/O pair)	
Contact current:	<1 A (resistive loads)	
Terminal voltage:	<42 V pk.	
Contact material:	Gold	
Snubbers:	Snubber networks are NOT fitted	
Contact isolation:	42 V pk max.	
The PSU card supports 2 independent and isolated logic inputs		

Input types: Input logic 0 (off): Input logic 1 (on): Input current:

Detectable pulse width: Isolation to system:

Logic (24 V dc) -28.8 V to +5 V dc +10.8 V to +28.8 V dc 2.5 mA (approx.) at 10.8 V; 10 mA max at 28.8 V supply 110 ms min. Isolation to system: 42 V pk max.

Input/Output Cards

TC8 8-Channel, ET8 8-Channel and TC4 4-Channel TC Input Card

The TC8 and ET8 support 8 independently programmable and electrically isolated channels, supporting all standard and custom thermocouple types. The TC4 supports 4 channels to the same specification

When subject to the necessary field calibration. Mini8 controllers manufactured by Eurotherm using the ET8 option are suitable for use in Nadcap applications in all furnace classes, as defined in AMS2750F clause clause 3.3.1

Channel types: Input Range: Resolution:	TC, mV -77 mV to $+77$ mV 20 bit ($\Sigma\Delta$ converter), 1.6 μ V with 1.6 s filter time
Temperature coefficient:	 <±50ppm (0.005%) of reading/ °C (TC4/TC8) <±1µV/C ±25ppm/C of measurement, from 25°C ambient (ET8)
Cold junction range: CJ rejection:	-10°C to +70°C (14°F to 158°F) > 30:1 (TC4/TC8) 100:1 (ET8)
CJ accuracy:	±1°C (TC4/TC8) ±0.25°C (ET8)
Linearization types: Total accuracy:	C, J, K, L, R, B, N, T, S, LINEAR mV, custom \pm 1° C \pm 0.1% of reading (using internal CJC) (TC4/TC8) \pm 0.25°C \pm 0.05% of reading at 25°C ambient (ET8)
Channel PV filter:	0.0 seconds (off) to 999.9 seconds, 1st order low-pass
Sensor Break: Input resistance:	AC Detector Off, Low or High resistance. Trip levels >100Mphms
Input leakage current: Common mode rejection: Series mode rejection: Isolation (channel-channel): Isolation to system:	<100 nA (1 nA typical) >120 dB, 47 – 63 Hz >60 dB, 47 – 63 Hz 42 V pk max 42 V pk max

DO8 8-Channel Digital Output Card

The DO8 supports 8 independently programmable channels, the output switches requiring external power supply. Each channel is current and temperature protected, foldback limiting occurring at about 100 mA.

The supply line is protected to limit total card current to 200 mA

The 8 channels are isolated from the system (but not from each other). To maintain isolation it is essential to use an independent and isolated PSU.

Channel types:	On/Off, Time Proportioned
Channel supply (V cs):	15 V dc to 30 V dc
Logic 1 voltage output:	> (V cs – 3 V) (not in power limiting)
Logic 0 voltage output:	< 1.2 V dc no-load, 0.9 V typical
Logic 1 current output:	100 mA max. (not in power limiting)
Min. pulse time:	20 ms
Channel power limiting:	Current limiting capable of driving shortcircuit load
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Terminal supply protection:	Card supply is protected by 200 mA selfhealing fuse
Isolation (channel-channel):	N/A (Channels share common connections)
Isolation to system:	42 V pk max.

RL8 8-Channel Relay Output Card

The RL8 supports 8 independently programmable channels. This module may only be fitted in slot 2 or 3, giving a maximum of 16 relays in a Mini8 Controller.

The Mini8 controller chassis must be earthed (grounded) using the Protective Earth stud.

Channel types: Maximum contact voltage: Maximum contact current: Contact snubber Minimum contact wetting: Min. pulse time: Isolation (channel-channel): Isolation to system:

On/Off, Time Proportioned 264 V ac 2 A ac Fitted on module 5 V dc, 10 mA 220 ms 264 V max, 230 V nominal 264 V max, 230 V nominal

Better than ±2% of range

CT3 3-Channel Current-Transformer Input Card

The CT3 supports 3 independent channels designed for heater current monitoring. A scan block allows periodic testing of nominated outputs to detect load changes (failure).

A (current)

Channel types: Factory set accuracy: Current input range: Transformer ratio: Input load burden: Isolation

Load Failure Detection

Requires CT3 module Max number of loads: Max loads per CT: Alarms:

Commissioning: Measurement interval:

0 mA to 50 mA rms, 50/60 Hz nominal 10/0.05 to 1000/0.05 1 W None (provided by CT)

16 Time Proportioned Outputs 6 loads per CT input 1 in 8 Partial load failure, Over current, SSR short circuit, SSR open circuit Automatic or manual 1 sec – 60 sec

DI8 8-Channel Logic Input Card

The DI8 supports 8 independent input channels.

Input types Input logic 0 (off): Input logic 1 (on): Input current: Detectable pulse width: Isolation (channel-channel):

Isolation to system:

Logic (24 V dc) -28.8 V to +5 V dc +10.8 V to +28.8 V dc 2.5 mA (approx.) at 10.8 V; 10 mA max at 28.8 V supply 110 ms min. 42 V pk max. 42 V pk max.

RT4 Resistance Thermometer Input Card (Pt100)

The RT4 supports 4 independently programmable and electrically isolated resistance input channels. Each channel may be connected as 2 wire, 3 wire, or 4 wire.

Resistance/Pt100 Channel types 0 to 420 ohms, -242.02° C to +850° C for Pt100 (403.6°F to 1562°F) ±0.1 ohms ±0.1% of reading, Input range: Calibration error: 22 to 420 ohms 22 to 420 ohms ±0.3° C ±0.1% of reading, -200° C to +850° C (-328°F to 1562°F) 0.008 ohms, 0.02° C (32.072°F) peak to peak, 1.6 s channel filter0.06 ohms, 0.15° C peak to peak, no filter ±0.02 ohms, ±0.05° C (32.09°F) ±0.002% of ohms reading per °C ambient change relative to normal ambient 25° C (77°F) Resolution: Measurement noise: Linearity error: Temp coefficient: 22 ohms max in each leg. Total resistance including leads is restricted to the 420 ohm Lead resistance: maximum limit. 3 wire connection assumed matched leads. Bulb current: 300 µA 42 V pk max 42 V pk max Isolation (channel-channel): Isolation to system:

RT4 Resistance Thermometer Input Card (Pt1000)

The RT4 supports 4 independently programmable and electrically isolated resistance input channels. Each channel may connected as 2 wire 3 wire or 4 wire.

AO8 8-Channel and AO4 4-Chann	
Bulb current: Isolation (channel-channel): Isolation to system:	maximum limit. 3 wire connection assumed matched leads. 300 μA 42 V pk max 42 V pk max
Lead resistance:	change relative to normal ambient 25° C (77°F) 22 ohms max in each leg. Total resistance including leads is restricted to the 4200 ohm
Linearity error: Temp coefficient:	1.6 s channel filter 0.6 ohms, 0.15° C (32.27°F) peak to peak, no filter ±0.2 ohms, ±0.05° C (32.09°F) ±0.002% of ohms reading per °C ambient
Resolution: Measurement noise:	220 to 4200 ohms ±0.2° C ±0.1% of reading, -200° C to +850° C (-328°F to 1562°F) 0.6 ohms, 0.15° C (32.27°F) 0.2 ohms, 0.05° C (32.09°F) peak to peak,
Calibration error:	for Pt1000 (403.6°F to 1562°F) ±0.6 ohms ±0.1% of reading,
Channel types: Input range:	Resistance/Pt1000 0 to 4200 ohms, -242.02° C to +850° C

AO8 8-Channel and AO4 4-Channel 4-20 mA Analog Output Card

The AO8 supports 8 independently programmable and electrically isolated mA output channels for 4-20 mA current-loop applications. The AO4 supports 4 channels to the same specification. The AO4 and AO8 modules may only be fitted in slot 4.

Channel types: Output range: Setting accuracy: Resolution: Isolation (channel-channel): Isolation to system:

mA (current) Output 0-20 mA, 360 ohms load max. ±0.5% of reading 1 part in 10000 (1 uA typical) 42 V pk max. 42 V pk max.

Software Features

* available with 360 wires

Number of Loops:

Auto manual control:

Setpoint rate limit: Output rate limit:

Other features:

Control modes: Control outputs: Cooling algorithms:

Tuning:

PID Control Loop Blocks

Toolkit Blocks		
User wires:		Orderable options of 30, 50, 120, 250 or 360
User values: 2 input math:	24/32* blocks	32/40* real values Add, subtract, multiply, divide, absolute difference, maximum, minimum, hot swap, sample and hold, power, square root, Log,
2 input logic:	24/40* blocks	Ln, exponential, switch AND, OR, XOR, latch, equal, not equal, greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, less than or equal to
8 input logic:	4 blocks	AND, OR, XOR
8 input multiple o	oerator:	
	4 blocks	Maximum, Minimum, Average. Input/ Outputs to allow cascading of blocks
8 input multiplexe	r: 4/8* blocks	8 sets of 8 values selected by input parameter
BCD input:	2 blocks	2 decades (8 inputs giving 0 to 99)
Input monitor: 32 point linearizat	2 blocks	Max, min, time above threshold
	2/8* blocks	32-point linearization fit
Polynomial fit:	2 blocks	Characterization by poly fit table
Switchover:	1 block	Smooth transition between two
0111010101	1 bioolt	input values
Timer blocks:	8 blocks	OnPulse, OnDelay, OneShot, MinOn Time
Counter blocks:	2 blocks	Up or down, Directional flag
Totalizer blocks:	2 blocks	Alarm at Threshold value
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0, 4, 8, 16 or 24 Loops (order options). 24 loop option for SuperLoop only On/Off, single PID, Dual channel OP Cascade (SuperLoop only) Analog 4-20 mA, Time proportioned logic Linear, water, fan, or oil 3 sets PID, One-shot auto-tune Bumpless transfer or forced manual output available

Ramp in units per sec, per min or per hour Ramp in % change per second Feedforward, Input track, Sensor break

OP, Loop break alarm, remote SP, 2 internal loop setpoints

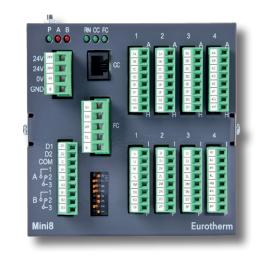
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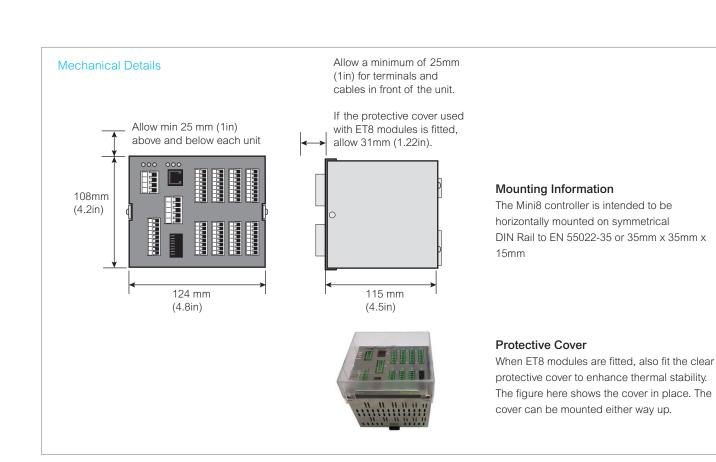
Process Alarms

Number of alarms: Alarm types:	64 General purpose alarms (analog, digital, rate of change), 32 Sensor breal Absolute high, absolute low, deviation high, deviation low, deviation band, sens
Alarm modes:	break, logic high, logic low, rising edge, falling edge, edge Latching or non-latching, blocking, time delay

Recipes

Recipes are a software orderable option.		
Number of recipes:5Tags:40 tags in total		





Communications Interface LEDs

Legend	Color	Function	Action	
RN	Green	Run mode	On - Running Blinking - Standby/Config Off - Not Running	
CC	Green	Configuration activity	On - N/A Blinking - Config Traffic Off - No Traffic	
FC	Green	Field comms activity	Off - No traffic or offline Blinking - Comms Traffic	Modbus, EtherNet
NET	NET Bi-Col Network status Enhanced DeviceNet		Off – Offline Blinking Green - Online but no On Green - Online with conne Blinking Red - Connection tim On Red - Total connection los Blinking Red/Green – Issue w	ections ned out is
MOD	Bi-Col	Module status Enhanced DeviceNet	between network and Device	ce operational to controller or incorrect le fault detected. Comms. loss

LEDs

Le	Legend Color		Function	Action	
P Green		Green	Indicates Power status	On — Power On Off – Power Off	
A Red		Red	Indicates Relay A state	On – Energized Off – De-Energized	
B Red		Red	Indicates Relay B state On – Energized Off – De-Energ		
	RL8 Relay		/ AO8/	'AO4	

RL8 Relay Output

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(slots 2 and/or 3 only)					slot 4 only	/)
Contact voltage/current — 264 V ac/ 2 A RMS max.					utput curre 60 ohm ma	
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	Legend	Function			Legend	F
	А	RLY1 A			А	0
В		RLY1 B			В	0
	С	RLY2 A			С	0
	D	RLY2 B			D	0
	E	RLY3 A			E	0
	F	RLY3 B			F	0
	G	RLY4 A			G	0
	Н	RLY4 B			Н	0
	1	RLY5 A			1	0
	J	RLY5 B			J	0
	К	RLY6 A			K	0
	L	RLY6 B			L	0
	Μ	RLY7 A			Μ	0
	Ν	RLY7 B			Ν	0
	0	RLY8 A			0	0
	Р	RLY8 B			Р	0

CT3

Transformer Input

Channel to Channel: N/A

Channel to system: N/A

NA

NA

NA

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NA

In1 A

In1 B

In2 A

In2 B

In3 A

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No connection

No connection

Isolation provided by current transformers.

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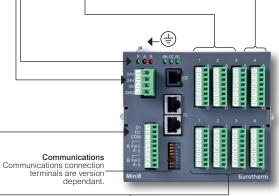
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Output current — 0 to 20 mA 360 ohm max. load.				
Note: AO4 support: 1 to 4 only.	AO4 supports Channels			
Legend	Function			
A	OP1+			
В	OP1-			
С	C OP2+			
D	OP2-			
E	OP3+			
F	OP3-			
G	OP4+			
Н	OP4-			
1	OP5+			
J	OP5-			
K	OP6+			
L	L OP6-			
M	OP7+			
Ν	OP7-			
0	O OP8+			
P OP8-				

Analog Output



	DO8 Logic Output				
• • R	Isolation Channel to Channel: N/A Channel to system: 42 V peak with independant supply Note: Requires 24 V dc supply. * Linked internally.				
	Legend	Function			
Ē	<u>*</u> А	Supply in +			
	— В	Supply in +			
	С	OP1+			
	D	OP2+			
	E	OP3+			
	F	OP4+			
	G	Supply & OP – *			
	Н	Supply & OP –			
┢	— I	Supply in +			
L	— J	Supply in +			
	К	No connection			
	L	In2 A			
	Μ	In2 B			
	Ν	No connection			
	0	Supply & OP			
	Ρ	Supply & OP –			

Power Supply

Legend	Supply			
24 V	24 V dc			
24 V	24 V dc	Linked		
0 V	0 V			
GND Ground				
This terminal can accept wire				

sizes 0.2 – 2.5 mm (24 – 12 AWG).

Power Supply Specification Power supply voltage: 17.8 V dc min. to 28.8 V dc max. Power comsumption: 15 W max.

S	Standard I/O Connections					
	Legend	Function				
	D1	Digital Input 1				
	D2	Digital Input 2	Note:			
	С	Digital Input Common	Digital Inputs: ON requires			
	A1	Relay A n/open	greater than			
	A2	Relay A n/closed	10.8 V with			
	A3	Relay A Common	2 mA drive, 30 V max.			
	B1	Relay B n/open	Relay			
	B2	Relay B n/closed	Contacts: 1 A max.,			
	B3	Relay B Common	42 V dc max.			

DI8

Logic Input

Channel to Channel: 42 V pk.
Channel to system: 42 V pk.

Function

D1+

D1-

D2+

D2-

D3+

D3-

D4+

D4-

D5+

D5-

D6+

D6-

D7+

D7-

D8+

D8-

Input specification as for Standard I/O above.

Isolation

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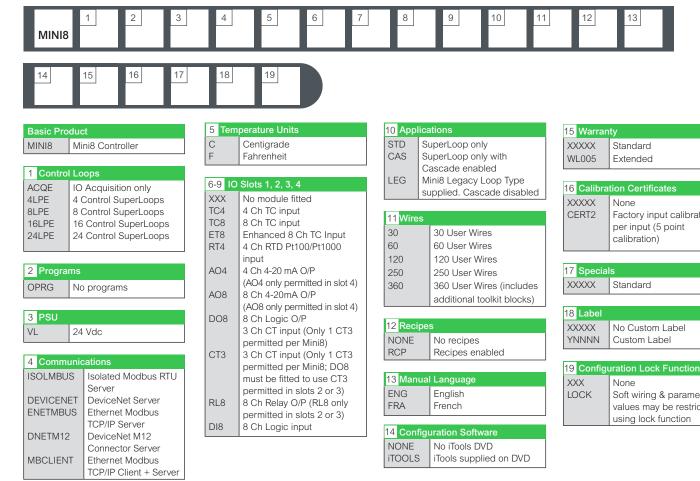
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ET8/TC8/TC4

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Isolation • Channel to Channel: 42 V pk. • Channel to system: 42 V pk. Note : TC4 supports Channels 1 to 4 only.				l to Channe l to system:	42 V pk. Wire
Legend	Function		Legend	Function	Connection 2 3
A	TC1+	_	А	CH1 I+	ברר
В	TC1-		В	CH1 S+	「百百了
С	TC2+		С	CH1 S-	
D	TC2-		D	CH1 I-	
E	TC3+		E	CH2 I+	ברר
F	TC3-		F	CH2 S+	白白白
G	TC4+		G	CH2 S-	무무무
Н	TC4-		Н	CH2 I-	
1	TC5+		1	CH3 I+	
J	TC5-		J	CH3 S+	이 너 너 구
К	TC6+	_	К	CH3 S-	니니니
L	TC6-		L	CH3 I-	
М	TC7+		М	CH4 I+	ברר
Ν	TC7-		Ν	CH4 S+	5 h h
0	TC8+		0	CH4 S-	+ + +
Р	TC8-		Р	CH4 I-	

Order Codes



Accessories

SUBMINI8/SHUNT/249R.1	2.49 ohm Precision resistor
RES250	250 ohm resistor for 0-5 V dc OP
RES500	500 ohm resistor for 0-10 V dc OP
CTR100000/000	10 A Current transformer
CTR200000/000	25 A Current transformer
CTR400000/000	50 A Current transformer
CTR500000/000	100 A Current transformer

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Standard

Extended

None

Factory input calibration

per input (5 point

No Custom Label

Soft wiring & parameter

using lock function

values may be restricted

Custom Label

None

calibration)

Standard

VATLOVV. Powered by Possibility

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