Intrinsic Safety Solutions

Protecting Investments in Hazardous Areas Worldwide
1.1 Introduction

Intrinsic safety (IS) is a low-energy signalling technique that prevents explosions from occurring by ensuring that the energy transferred to a hazardous area is well below the energy required to initiate an explosion. The energy levels made available for signalling are small but usable and more than adequate for the majority of instrumentation systems. The two mechanisms being considered that could initiate an explosion are:

- A spark
- A hot surface

1.2 The advantages of intrinsic safety

The major advantage of intrinsic safety is that it provides a solution to all the problems of hazardous areas (for equipment requiring limited power) and is the only technique which meets this criterion. The significant factors are as follows:

a) The IS technique is accepted throughout the world. There is an increasing acceptance of international certificates issued under the IEC Ex scheme but this has some way to go. Intrinsic safety is an acceptable technique in all local legislation such as the ATEX Directives and OSHA. The relevant standards and code of practice give detailed guidance on the design and use of intrinsically safe equipment to a level which is not achieved by any of the other methods of protection.

b) The same IS equipment usually satisfies the requirements for both dust and gas hazards.

c) Appropriate intrinsically safe apparatus can be used in all zones. In particular, it is the only solution that has a satisfactory history of safety for Zone 0 instrumentation. The use of levels of protection (‘ia’, ‘ib’ and ‘ic’) ensures that equipment suitable for each level of risk is available (normally ‘ia’ is used in Zone 0, ‘ib’ in Zone 1 and ‘ic’ in Zone 2).

d) Intrinsically safe apparatus and systems are usually allocated a group IIC gas classification which ensures that the equipment is compatible with all gas/air mixes. Occasionally, IIB systems are used, as this permits a higher power level to be used. (However, IIB systems are not compatible with acetylene, hydrogen and carbon disulfide.)

e) A temperature classification of T4 (135°C) is normally achieved, which satisfies the requirement for all industrial gases except carbon disulfide (CS2) which, fortunately, is rarely used.

f) Frequently, apparatus, and the system in which it is used, can be made ‘ia IIC T4’ at an acceptable cost. This removes concerns about area classification, gas grouping and temperature classification in almost all circumstances and becomes the universal safe solution.

g) The ‘simple apparatus’ concept allows many simple pieces of apparatus, such as switches, thermocouples, RTD’s and junction boxes to be used in intrinsically safe systems without the need for certification. This gives a significant amount of flexibility in the choice of these ancillaries.

h) The intrinsic safety technique is the only technique that permits live maintenance within the hazardous area without the need to obtain ‘gas clearance’ certificates. This is particularly important for instrumentation, since fault-finding on de-energised equipment is difficult.

i) The installation and maintenance requirements for intrinsically safe apparatus are well documented, and consistent regardless of level of protection. This reduces the amount of training required and decreases the possibility of dangerous mistakes.

j) Intrinsic safety permits the use of conventional instrumentation cables, thus reducing costs. Cable capacitance and inductance is often perceived as a problem but, in fact, it is only a problem on cables longer than 400 metres, in systems installed in Zones 0 and 1, where IIC gases (hydrogen) are the source of risk. This is comparatively rare and, in most circumstances, cable parameters are not a problem.

Figure 1.1 - Available power curves
1.3 Available power
Intrinsic safety is fundamentally a low energy technique and consequently the voltage, current and power available is restricted. Figure 1.1 is a simplified illustration of the available power in intrinsically safe circuits and attempts to demonstrate the type of electrical installation in which the intrinsically safe technique is applicable.

The blue and green curves are the accepted design curves used to avoid spark ignition by resistive limited circuits in Group IIC and IIB gases. The ‘ic’ curves are less sensitive because they do not require the application of a safety factor in the same way as for ‘ia’ and ‘ib’ equipment. In general the maximum voltage available is set by cable capacitance (400 metres corresponds to 80nF which has a permissible voltage of 29V in ‘IIC ia’ circuits) and the maximum current by cable inductance (400 metres corresponds to 400µH which has a permissible current of 300 mA in IIC ia circuits). A frequently used limitation on power is the 1.3W, which easily permits a T4 (135°C) temperature classification. These limits are all shown in Figure 1.1.

A simple approach is to say that if the apparatus can be operated from a source of power whose output parameters are within the (blue) hatched area then it can readily be made intrinsically safe to ‘IIC ia T4’ standards. If the parameters exceed these limits to a limited degree then it can probably be made intrinsically safe to IIB or ‘ic’ requirements.

The first choice, however, is always to choose ‘IIC ia T4’ equipment, if it provides adequate power and is an economic choice, as this equipment can be used in all circumstances (except if carbon disulfide (CS₂) is the hazardous gas, in which case there are other problems).

In practice almost all low voltage instrumentation can be made ‘IIB ic T4’ as the limits are set by the least sensitive of the ignition curves in Figure 1.1 (typically 24V 500 mA). The ‘IIB ic’ specification does restrict application to Zone 2 and where the hazardous gas is not hydrogen, acetylene or carbon disulfide but is still applicable to a large range of installations.

1.4 Conclusion
Intrinsic safety is the natural choice for all low voltage instrumentation problems. Adequate solutions exist which are compatible with all gases and area classifications. The technique prevents explosions rather than retains them which must be preferable, and the ‘live maintenance’ facility enables conventional instrument practice to be used.
2.1 Definition of Intrinsic Safety

The definition of intrinsic safety used in the relevant IEC apparatus standard IEC 60079-11 is a ‘type of protection based on the restriction of electrical energy within apparatus and of interconnecting wiring exposed to the potentially explosive atmosphere to a level below that which can cause ignition by either sparking or heating effects’. This is a concise statement of intent to introduce a multi-faceted subject.

2.2 Typical intrinsically safe system

Figure 2.1 illustrates a typical intrinsically safe (IS) system where the safe performance of each piece of apparatus is dependent on the integrity of all the equipment in the system. For example, the safety of the Temperature Transmitter (Tx) depends upon the amount of energy supplied by the IS Interface.

In most process control applications, each piece of apparatus in a system is individually certified. A document that confirms the safety of the whole system is then produced using the information from the individual apparatus certificates, in accordance with the system standard IEC 60079-25. This system document also includes details of cable types and simple apparatus used in the system.

It is important to recognise that where pieces of intrinsically safe apparatus are interconnected, it is the safety of the system that must be established. There are however some examples of apparatus which stand alone, such as mobile radios and portable gas detectors, where the system approach is not relevant.

2.3 Levels of protection

Intrinsic safety utilises three levels of protection, ‘ia’, ‘ib’ and ‘ic’ which attempt to balance the probability of an explosive atmosphere being present against the probability of an ignition capable situation occurring.

‘ia’
This offers the highest level of protection and is generally considered as being adequately safe for use in the most hazardous locations (Zone 0) because the possibility of two ‘faults’ (see opposite) and a factor of safety of 1.5 is considered in the assessment of safety.

‘ib’
‘ib’ apparatus, which is adequately safe with one fault and a factor of safety of 1.5 is considered safe for use in less frequently hazardous areas (Zone 1).

‘ic’
‘ic’ apparatus which is assessed in ‘normal operation’ with a unity factor of safety is generally acceptable in infrequently hazardous areas (Zone 2). The ‘ic’ concept is relatively new (2005) and will replace the ‘energy-limited’ (nL) of the type ‘n’ standard IEC 60079-15 and possibly the ‘non-incendive’ concept of North American standards.

It is usual for a system to be allocated a level of protection as a whole, depending on the level of protection of the apparatus in the system. However it is possible for different parts of a system to have different levels of protection where suitable segregation exists. This must be made clear in the system documentation.
2.4 Faults
If a fault can adversely affect the safety of the equipment it is called a ‘countable’ fault. The situation is further complicated because the apparatus standard permits some specially designed components to be regarded as infallible and some inadequately designed features to be failed in normal operation. Consequently there are faults that are not considered to happen, faults, which are counted, and faults, which are imposed but not counted.

One of the major advantages of intrinsic safety is that ‘live maintenance’ on equipment is permitted without the necessity of obtaining ‘gas clearance’ certificates. A consequence of this is that during the safety analysis the possibility of open circuiting and short-circuiting any field wiring is regarded as normal operation. Fortunately understanding the apparatus standard and faults is only necessary for apparatus designers and certifying authorities.

The apparatus certificates remove the necessity to consider faults, except for field wiring faults, in system design.

2.5 Simple apparatus
In general, intrinsically safe apparatus is certified; usually by an independent body such as an Accredited Certification Body (ACB) under the IEC Ex scheme. Self-certification by the manufacturer of ‘ic’ equipment is also quite commonly accepted.

The exception to the rule is ‘simple apparatus’, which is considered not to appreciably affect the intrinsic safety of the system. This apparatus is exempted from the requirement for certification. The simple requirements are clearly specified in the apparatus standard. ‘Simple apparatus’ should always be readily demonstrable to be adequately safe. The usual examples are switches, thermocouples, RTD’s and junction boxes.

2.6 Cables
Because cables have inductance and capacitance, and hence energy storage capabilities, they can affect system safety. Consequently the system design imposes restrictions on the amount of each of these parameters. A great deal has been written on this subject but only rarely is there a serious limitation placed on the available cable.

As cable faults are taken into account during the system analysis, the type of cable in individual installations is not closely specified in the system standard. The choice is therefore determined by the need for reliable system operation.

Where intrinsically safe systems are combined in a multi-core, there are special requirements. These determine which additional faults have to be considered.

2.7 Gas classification
The amount of energy required to ignite a particular gas/air mixture varies for each gas. Industrial gases capable of being ignited are divided, in the UK, into three classes, IIA, IIB and IIC.

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Table 2.1: Typical gases, their classification & ignition energies

Table 2.1 shows a representative gas for each group and the minimum energy required to ignite it. IIC is clearly the most sensitive. Apparatus can be designed to be acceptably safe in any of these groups. Usually apparatus is designed to be safe in IIC, because it can then be used in any gas atmosphere. Sometimes a IIB classification is used as this permits slightly higher powers to be available. Only very rarely however is apparatus designed for the IIA classification because this restricts its use to this group alone.

Apparatus is usually assessed using the curves and tables included in the apparatus standard which lists acceptable levels of current and voltage. More complex circuits are checked with ‘spark test’ apparatus; normally the preserve of certifying authorities.

2.8 Temperature classification
The second method of causing an explosion is normally considered to be ignition by a hot surface. When a gas is heated above its ignition temperature it may spontaneously ignite. The ignition temperature varies with the gas and is not correlated to ignition energy. Consequently, when selecting apparatus, both properties of the explosive gas have to be considered.

Apparatus is classified into temperature (‘T’) classes depending on its maximum permitted surface temperature.

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Table 2.2 The ‘T’ classes

The standard enables almost all apparatus, dissipating not more than 1.3W, to be allocated a temperature classification of T4 (135°C). Almost all intrinsically safe field mounted apparatus meets the requirements of T4 temperature classification, which permits its use in all industrial gas atmospheres except in those comprising carbon disulfide (CS₂) and air. These require a T6 classification, which is difficult to achieve at high ambient temperatures. There are also toxicity problems associated with carbon disulfide.

The other temperature that needs to be considered for each piece of apparatus is its ambient temperature rating, which does directly affect the safety of the apparatus in several ways.

Apparatus normally mounted in the safe area but which affects the safety of the intrinsically safe system (such as the intrinsically safe interface in Figure 2.1) is called ‘associated apparatus’. Such apparatus does not need to be temperature classified but must be used within its specified ambient temperature range.
2.9 Categories and equipment safety levels
When the European Directive (ATEX) for apparatus for use in hazardous areas (94/9/EC) was created, it introduced the concept of categories, which was intended to clarify the Zone(s) in which apparatus could safely be used. Unfortunately, and for nothing more than pedantic reasons, it was decided that a category 0 would not be used and the result was the confusing situation illustrated in Table 2.3, where the category and Zone numbers differ.

More recently (2004) the IEC took up the concept of identifying the level of protection offered by a piece of apparatus and also paid a little more attention to risk analysis as a method of determining the acceptable use of equipment. The result was the creation of equipment protection levels (EPLs), which are similar to ATEX categories but have numbers that align with their normal Zones of use.

In practice both categories and EPLs align with the levels of protection ‘ia’, ‘ib’ and ‘ic’ as indicated in Table 2.3 and, as far as intrinsic safety is concerned, they can largely be ignored, as the level of protection is already defined as ‘ia’, ‘ib’ or ‘ic’. They do however appear on apparatus marking and certificates and consequently need to be explained.

2.10 Summary
Intrinsic safety offers an acceptable level of safety in all hazardous locations. Arguably it is safer and less prone to accidental errors than other methods of protection. This combined with its flexible use of available apparatus and the ability to do ‘live working’ means that it is the natural choice for instrumentation systems in hazardous areas. For example it is the only technique which is readily applicable to Zone 0 locations.

The introduction of the ‘ic’ concept completes the picture. The essential requirements of an intrinsically safe system are:

- The system must work.
- The apparatus in the system must be ‘certified’ or ‘simple’.
- The compatibility of the apparatus must be established.
- The level of protection of the system established.
- The temperature classification and ambient temperature rating of each piece of apparatus established.
- The requirements of the cable established.

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Table 2.3 Relationships between different methods of assessing safety levels

MTL4500/5500 backplane and DIN-rail mounted safety isolators.
3.1 General

The long term continued safety of an intrinsically safe system depends on adequate inspection and maintenance. The relevant IEC standard is IEC 60079-17, which deals comprehensively with all methods of protection. Where installations are required to comply with the European ‘user’ Directive 1999/92/EC a documented inspection procedure becomes a part of the required risk analysis.

Any work on a hazardous plant needs to take into account overall plant safety. Consequently it is necessary to comply with the safety practices of the particular installation (for example work permits), even though the risk of ignition from the intrinsically safe circuits is minimal, and gas clearance certificates are not necessary. In some ways this is even more important in the pre-commissioning stage.

If there are significant changes in the plant operation, which for example modify the area classification then the safety analysis must be reviewed, the documentation modified, and possibly the inspection procedure changed and/or repeated.

The procedure places the onus for ensuring that the equipment used is suitable for its location on the creator of the installation drawing. The nature of an inspection depends on how well the installation drawing, which changes the system design drawing into a drawing specific to a particular installation, has been carried out.

If the documentation is inadequate then any inspection can only be carried out by someone with detailed knowledge of the plant and exceptional expertise in hazardous area practice. Because such a person rarely exists, this analysis assumes that the documentation is adequate, and uses Figure 3.1 to illustrate the process.

If the person doing an inspection does not understand some aspect of the drawing, or believes it could be wrong, then they should be encouraged to question the document. IEC 60079-17 requires the identification of ‘a technical person with executive function’ to be responsible for inspection related matters in each installation. This person should be known to the technician doing the inspection, and should be available and able to answer questions.

The installation drawing should take into account what can be checked on the installation. For example, quoting permissible capacitance and inductance for a cable is not useful, because although it is possible to check these parameters, it is not easy to do so. Stating an acceptable type and length is much more useful.

The use of information available from ‘intelligent’ instruments can considerably reduce the routine inspection considered necessary on an intrinsically safe system. The use of this intelligence to reduce the inspection requirement is recognised in IEC60079-17 clause 5.3.1 but not discussed in detail.

The ability to identify a specific field instrument from the safe area, without having to go and read the label on the instrument, is a significant advantage. Almost all of the digital, “intelligent” instruments (HART, Foundation Fieldbus, etc) enable the serial number of an instrument to be read remotely. The computer record can then be used to confirm that it is the specified instrument, thus ensuring it satisfies all the requirements of the particular installation.

This type of check can be done at frequent intervals without interfering with operational requirements. The inspection of an instrument is then reduced to looking for mechanical damage or excessive corrosion which is comparatively easy and significantly less tedious.

![Figure 3.1 - Typical installation drawing for IS system](image-url)
3.1 General - continued
A remote check that the instrument is functioning correctly does not necessarily ensure that it is still safe but it does confirm that it has not been significantly damaged and is probably still safe. This does imply that any malfunction should be quickly corrected or the defective equipment removed or at least made safe. A frequent check on functionality is a significant factor in further reducing the risk associated with any hazardous area apparatus. How far this type of automatic inspection can simplify the inspection procedure is a decision for the end-user. But it is arguably a more reliable technique than manual inspection and simplifies the recording of the process. A relatively simple computer system can give ready access to the relevant installation and system drawings, which may be required if further investigation is thought to be necessary.

Some users may consider it desirable to do an occasional thorough spot check as reassurance that the system is functioning but this is a counsel of perfection. These techniques, combined with the availability of certificates and manuals on manufacturers’ web sites, can lead to safer installations and a reduction in the bureaucratic load created by safety legislation.

3.2 Initial inspection
An initial inspection to ensure that the installation complies with the installation drawing is critical. Where an adequate drawing such as Figure 3.1 exists, the initial inspection should ensure that the actual installation conforms to the drawing. Usually this involves checking each individual loop stage by stage, which involves a good deal of opening enclosures and clambering over structures. Where the technician involved is suitably qualified this inspection can be combined with the operational checks. However some organisations separate the two requirements, preferring ‘independent’ safety inspections. This separation of functions is not conducive to shortening start up times. Frequently the initial inspection demonstrates the inadequacy of plant labelling, and the opportunity to improve this feature should not be missed.

3.3 Periodic inspections
The objective of periodic inspections is to ensure the system has not appreciably deteriorated and has not been modified in an unauthorised way. The required frequency of periodic inspections is influenced by many factors, such as the immediate environment, the presence of corrosive atmospheres and the susceptibility to mechanical damage. A usual starting point is to consider a three-year cycle, inspecting a third of the apparatus every year. If the inspection shows widespread deterioration then the inspection period should be shortened and remedial action taken.

Establishing that the intended apparatus is still in place is relatively easy providing that the apparatus has a unique identity. Usually the manufacturers type number is adequate. Much has been written about checking the marking on the labels but except, as an intellectual exercise there is little point. Providing that the inspector is convinced that the apparatus is the intended apparatus then he has fulfilled his function. He should be encouraged to ask questions if he is unhappy about the apparatus or if the circumstances of use have changed but fundamentally it is not reasonable to expect a detailed analysis of every loop.

It is usually worth creating separate drawings of such things as interface cabinets and junction boxes so that they can be readily checked for any sign of unauthorised modification. Similarly preparing short lists of field equipment grouped in a particular area with their essential points of inspection can shorten the time required. Most modern (smart) instruments can be identified from the safe area computer. It is relatively simple for the computer to check that the field instrument is unchanged and raise a flag if it is changed. This can be done frequently. The periodic inspection for that apparatus is then reduced to checking for deterioration.

There is a strong link between the need for periodic inspections for operational and safety reasons and it is usual to combine the requirements. For example, the short piece of field wiring used for the final connection to the instrument is often prone to mechanical damage and consequently is usually included in the inspection procedure even though its open or short-circuit failure would not create an incendive spark. The check for mechanical deterioration is usually a quick check for corrosion, impact damage, efficiency of seals, security of mounting and adequacy of cable glands. Some judgement on the need for repair or replacement is required, and the need for operational reliability usually determines the necessary action. There is however no substitute for a well-trained technician with the right attitude.

3.4 Testing of apparatus
Sometimes it is suggested that apparatus should be removed for periodic testing. In practice, if an intrinsically safe loop is functional then it is very unlikely to have failed in a dangerous mode. Components critical to safety are derated, so the probability of external circumstances causing them to fail without causing a malfunction is small.

There is a bigger risk that a mistake could be made during the removal and replacement of the apparatus being tested. The argument for not interfering with a system, which has survived the initial inspection and is still functional, is very powerful. A particular case sometimes cited is regarding shunt-diode safety barriers. Failure rate statistics can always be questioned, but the undetected failure rate to danger of a barrier (i.e. the shunt diodes not failing to an open circuit condition), can be readily demonstrated to be in better than 10^{-10}/annum. With this probability of failure they should remain untouched forever. If they are removed for any other reason a simple continuity check has some merit.

If a malfunction does occur, there is a risk that safety components could also have been damaged and power to the system should be removed as a precaution. A repair should be carried out as quickly as possible. Apparatus or wiring which remains damaged is not in use for a considerable time, should be removed from the hazardous area as it represents an unnecessary risk.

3.5 Testing of earth connections
It is always difficult to balance the traditional methods of testing earth connections with the need to ensure that an unacceptable risk to the plant is not introduced. Injecting significant voltages and currents into ill-defined circuits is not compatible with avoiding unnecessary risks.

In almost all intrinsically safe installations cable screens contribute to system safety and need to be earthed. In some apparatus such as shunt diode safety barriers and apparatus using a particular type of transformer, the earth connection is an important part of the method of protection.

Where surge protection against induced voltages (usually from lightning) is introduced then this introduces a further complication. The design of the earthing system needs to be done with some care and provision made to enable the system to be tested safely.
This is frequently done by providing duplicate leads. The subject is considered in detail in the section on earthing and it is not possible to adequately summarise the process.

If you believe in testing earths by injecting a significant current then think very hard about the possible paths that the current will use to come back to its point of origin. If you are confident that the path is well defined and safe - then there is no point in testing it!

3.6 Testing insulation

Insulation testing is usually carried out using a high voltage (500V or more), which is not compatible with the intrinsic safety concept. (The ignition capable capacitance corresponding to 500V rms in IIC is 160pF. This is the capacitance of approximately 1m of cable).

Where insulation testing is considered essential, it should be carried out using a suitably certified instrument. This instrument will apply a low voltage only (less than 6V) and have a low current capability (less than 10mA). However, bear in mind that it is difficult to ensure that there is no flammable gas at all points along an instrument circuit during the period of test.

If high voltages are applied, care should be taken to ensure that the connected equipment can not be damaged by the testing. For example, it may be necessary to disconnect any surge suppression devices that are connected in the circuit. It will also be necessary to take care to discharge any charge that may have accumulated in the equipment during testing.

Intrinsically safe circuits are usually fully floating or earthed at one point. The reason for this is that if a circuit is earthed at more than one point, the differential potential between the two points will cause an undefined current to flow through an unknown inductance.

On a well-bonded plant the voltages are low and the resultant current may not be incendive, but it is still unknown, could possibly be incendive and is therefore not desirable. Many intrinsically safe circuits that use shunt-diode safety barriers are designed to ‘fail-safe’ in the presence of an earth fault, and consequently there is no need to test the insulation.

Some circuits, but not many, are provided with earth leakage detection systems and these do not need testing. Fully isolated circuits would require two separate faults to earth points some distance apart before the circuit could possibly be dangerous.

The probability is that two such faults would also create an operational failure and consequently routine insulation testing of these circuits is not considered necessary.

There are a few remaining circuits that are not covered by the above, but the level of voltage and current necessary to cause an earth fault to be incendive (arguably greater than 9V and 100mA) would almost always cause an operational failure. Consequently, routine insulation testing of a functioning circuit on a well-bonded plant is not necessary or desirable.

The overall conclusion is that routine insulation testing of intrinsically safe circuits, which are functional, is not necessary. The emphasis on ‘functioning circuits’ does however reinforce the argument for rapid repair of non-functional circuits discussed elsewhere.

Theoretically, just removing the power from a circuit with multiple earth connections does not make it safe if significant differences in plant potential exist. If insulation testing is thought to be desirable for other reasons it should be carried out with care using a suitably approved tester. Where apparatus has to be disconnected during the testing process then special care is required to ensure that the reconnection is correct, since this is an obvious risk. This usually involves at least a functional check.

3.7 Reference to apparatus certificates

Occasionally it will be thought desirable to refer to the certificate of a piece of apparatus. Sometimes a copy is available but the preferred technique is to check on the web for the latest version. Most manufacturers and some certification authorities make their certificates available by this means. For example, MTL certificates are available on the web-site http://www.mtl-inst.com/support and IEC Ex certificates are available on the web-site http://www.iecex.com. The use of the web ensures that the most recent version of the certificate is available and that the certificate is complete.
Design of intrinsically safe systems

4.1 General
Where intrinsically safe apparatus is interconnected by wiring, the safety of each piece of apparatus is affected by the performance of the other pieces of apparatus in the circuit. The safety technique relies on the system being correctly designed and intrinsic safety becomes a system concept. Other methods of protection are also dependent on the system concept to some extent, but it is a fundamental requirement of intrinsic safety.

For example flameproof equipment is only adequately safe when provided with the correct electrical protection and a means of isolation, but this is not generally regarded as being as significant as ensuring that the apparatus within an intrinsically safe system is compatible. There are some pieces of intrinsically safe apparatus, usually portable equipment, that are used in isolation, for example torches and radios. The following analysis of intrinsically safe systems does not apply to these types of apparatus.

In addition, some Fieldbus systems are constructed to the FISCO/FNICO standard IEC 60079-27, which introduces some simplification of the system rules. These requirements are discussed in MTL application note AN9026 but not in this document. This document concentrates on point-to-point wired systems, which are the predominant form of instrumentation.

The relevant IEC system standard is IEC 60079-25, which interacts with the IEC code of practice IEC 60079-14 to provide comprehensive coverage of the subject.

The system designer must accept responsibility for the adequacy of the design and the safety implications of the use of the system in association with hazardous areas. The designer must have an appropriate level of knowledge and training and the analysis should not be done without recognising the importance of getting it right. The analysis of simple systems is relatively easy and can be done by any competent professional engineer.

However some of the more complex systems such as those using a combination of non-linear and linear sources of power require a greater degree of experience and it may be desirable to approach an ‘approved certification body’ to provide an analysis for such a system.

4.2 Compliance with ATEX Directives and DSEAR
Unless they are considered to be ‘simple apparatus’ (see section 4.4), individual pieces of equipment are required to comply with the ATEX equipment directive (94/9/EC). However, the majority of intrinsically safe systems combine equipment from one or more suppliers and these systems become an ‘installation’ and do not need to be certified to the equipment directive. There might, however, be rare occasions when a manufacturer places a complete system on the market, in which case the system will have to comply with the equipment directive.

The installations directive (1999/92/EC), and the DSEAR regulations, require a risk analysis (within their jurisdiction) of any installation that contains one or more hazardous areas and the system documentation becomes an essential part of that analysis. In almost all other parts of the world similar requirements exist either for legal or insurance reasons. Where no such requirements exist there is still the fundamental requirement to operate safely and to be able to demonstrate that all reasonable precautions have been taken. For these reasons the preparation of adequate system documentation is an essential part of the design of an intrinsically safe installation.

The preparation of documentation for a new installation, to satisfy the installations directive and DSEAR, is usually relatively simple as all the equipment will comply with the apparatus directive or be simple apparatus and the necessary data will be readily available.

A slightly more complex situation arises when it is thought desirable to incorporate existing equipment, which is not certified to the apparatus directive.

For example, such a situation arises if it becomes necessary to replace a central processor and its related interfaces but not to replace the field devices. In these circumstances, provided the field devices are considered to have an adequate level of safety and their documentation contains the necessary information to enable a system document to be prepared, an acceptable system document can be created.

To be considered as “adequately safe”, older equipment must achieve a level of safety of the same order as equipment that has recently acquired documents of conformity to the ATEX apparatus directive. In the particular case of intrinsically safe equipment there has been no fundamental change in the standards, which has thrown into doubt the safety of equipment conforming to any of the CENELEC based standards. Arguably, even equipment conforming to the older SFA 3012 and SFA 3004 standards that were used in the UK is probably adequately safe.

NOTE: There is a problem regarding equipment spares that do not have documents of conformity to the ATEX apparatus directive, as they can no longer be supplied by the original manufacturer for use in association with hazardous areas. Only apparatus already in the possession of the end-user or ‘in the supply chain’ can be utilised. It seems prudent therefore to take this potential difficulty into account when considering the continued use of older equipment.

4.3 Simple systems
The majority of intrinsically safe systems are simple systems that contain a single source of power in associated apparatus connected to a single piece of intrinsically safe apparatus out in the field. Such a system is discussed in detail in an appendix of IEC 60079-11.

Here, we use the combination of a temperature transmitter and an intrinsically safe interface, shown in Figure 4.1, to illustrate the technique.

The first step is to obtain the safety data of the two pieces of apparatus in the circuit. This data is best derived from a copy of the certificate, which should be available to the system designer. In particular, any special conditions of use should be taken into account in the system design. The information placed on the system drawing should be the result of a clearly justifiable analysis making it relatively simple to create the installation drawing from this reference drawing.

NOTE:
Copies of MTL Certificates are available from web site: http://www.mtl-inst.com/support
Copies of IEC Ex Certificates are available from web site: http://www.iecex.com
The compatibility of two pieces of apparatus should be established by comparing the data of each apparatus. The sequence is usually as follows.

a) Compare the levels of protection. If they differ then the system takes the least sensitive level. For example if one device is 'ia' and the other 'ib' then the system becomes 'ib'. A source of power that is certified 'ib' will have permitted output parameters for use in 'ic' circuits. If these higher values are used in the system design then the system becomes 'ic'.

b) Compare gas classifications. If they differ then the system takes the least sensitive classification. For example if one device is IIC and the other IIB then the system becomes IIB. It is usual for a source of power certified as IIC to have permissible output parameters (Lo, Co and Lo/Ro) for IIB and IIA gas groups. If these larger values are used then the parameters used determine the system gas group.

c) Determine the temperature classification of the field mounted equipment. Apparatus may have different temperature classifications for different conditions of use (usually ambient temperature) and the relevant one should be selected and recorded. It should be noted that it is the apparatus that gets temperature classified not the system.

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**“The safety technique relies on the system being correctly designed and intrinsic safety becomes a system concept”**
4.3 Simple systems - continued

This concern is confined to fixed inductance and capacitance and not to the distributed parameters of a cable. Consequently on those rare occasions when BOTH the lumped inductance (the sum of Li of the source of power and the field device) and the lumped capacitance (the sum of Ci of the source of power and the field device) are greater than 1% of the respective output parameters of the source of power Lo and Co then the permissible output parameters are both to be divided by two. It should be stressed that this reduction in output parameters is only applicable on very rare occasions since it is unusual for field devices to have BOTH inductive and capacitive input parameters which are significantly large. Frequently the Li and Ci of a source of power are not quoted in the documentation and in these circumstances it can be assumed that they are negligible. There is no suggestion that it is considered necessary to go back and check the safety documentation on existing installations for this most recent requirement. However new analyses should take this remote possibility into account.

To summarise, check that either the lumped capacitance or inductance is less than 1% of the respective output parameters. If it is, then the original calculation is valid. If BOTH parameters are greater than 1% of the output parameters then Co and Lo of the system should be reduced by a factor of two. If this reduction seems to be necessary then go back and check the information used, as this is an unusual situation.

Where a source of power is certified ‘ia’ or ‘ib’, the permitted output parameters Lo, Co and Lo/Ro are derived using a factor of safety of 1.5. When such a source of power is used in an ‘ic’ circuit then the permitted output parameters may be derived using a unity safety factor. This results in a significant change, which usually removes the necessity to consider cable parameters in detail. Accurate values can be ascertained using the methods and tables in the apparatus standard. An acceptable conservative technique is to multiply the Lo and Lo/Ro by two and the Co by three, which normally removes any concern about cable parameters.

g) Check that the level of insulation from earth is acceptable, or that the system earthing requirements are satisfied.

If these criteria are all satisfied the compatibility of the two pieces of apparatus will have been established. A convenient way of recording the analysis is to create a table. Table 4.1 is an example that uses values from the typical system drawing (see Figure 4.1) and compares the intrinsically safe interface and the temperature transmitter.

4.4 The use of simple apparatus in systems

The apparatus standard (IEC 60079-11) distinguishes between complex apparatus, which normally requires some form of certification and ‘simple apparatus’ which is not required to be certified. This distinction is intended to permit the use of apparatus that does not significantly affect the intrinsic safety of a system, without the need for ‘third party’ certification.

There is an implication that it is possible to demonstrate that simple apparatus is obviously safe without recourse to the detail application of the remainder of the standard. For example, if any current or voltage limiting components are necessary then the apparatus is not considered to be simple. In practice it is relatively easy to decide which components are simple apparatus at the system design stage. If the decision is not easy then the apparatus is not simple.

NOTE: Although it is not considered essential that simple apparatus is certified by a third party, it is not unusual for simple apparatus that is used in significant quantities to be certified.

This is reassuring to the end user and is a significant marketing advantage. In these circumstances the apparatus is marked as required by the apparatus standard, but can be used in the same way as other simple apparatus.

The apparatus standard imposes limits of 1.5V, 100mA and 25mW on the values generated by simple apparatus, and it is accepted that simple apparatus can be added to an intrinsically safe system without the need to recalculate the safety of the system. It must be understood however, that any limitations on simple apparatus apply to the combination of all the pieces of simple apparatus in a system. For example, the use of one or two thermocouples in a system is permitted but a combination of a large number used in a single, average temperature circuit might not meet this criterion.

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This is reassuring to the end user and is a significant marketing advantage. In these circumstances, the apparatus is marked as required by the apparatus standard, but can be used in the same way as other simple apparatus.
The standard also allows capacitive and inductive components to be used in simple apparatus, provided that these components are included in the system evaluation. It is not usual to include inductors or capacitors of significant size, but the simple apparatus concept does permit the use of small radio-frequency (r.f.) decoupling components without undertaking a further analysis of the system. A useful rule-of-thumb is to ensure that the total capacitance and inductance added to the system is less than 1% of the respective output parameters of the source of power, in which case, their effect can be ignored. If BOTH the added capacitance and inductance, together with any other ‘jammed’ capacitance in the circuit are greater than 1% of the specified output parameters of the source of power then the permitted output parameters must be halved, as explained in Section 4.3. This is another very good reason for ensuring that the ‘energy storing’ components in simple apparatus are kept small.

It is also necessary to temperature classify simple apparatus when it is intended for hazardous area. The apparatus standard allows a T6 temperature classification for switches, plugs, sockets and terminals used within their normal rating at an ambient temperature of not greater than 40°C.

In practice, it is not easy to design a system that can be used with gases requiring a T6 (85°C) temperature classification and a T4 (135°C) classification is normally the level achieved. In reality, the only gas listed in the available documentation requiring a T6 temperature classification is carbon disulfide (CS₂). Fortunately, the use of this gas in industry is becoming rare because of its toxicity. A T4 temperature classification is therefore adequate normally and a claim of T6 is predominantly a marketing ploy rather than a requirement.

The temperature classification of other pieces of apparatus (with a surface area not less than 20mm²) normally relies on the input power being no greater than 1.3W when the maximum ambient temperature required is 40°C. The corresponding powers for higher ambient temperatures are 1.2W at 60°C and 1W at 80°C. If this rule is not applicable then the possible maximum surface temperature has to be measured or assessed. If for any reason it is not obvious that the maximum surface temperature is considerably lower than 135°C (say 100°C) then the apparatus is probably not simple.

Simple apparatus is usually isolated from earth. However, the apparatus standard requires a 500V insulation test and if the simple apparatus cannot meet this then it introduces an earth on to the system and the system design must take this into account.

A typical example of simple apparatus is the resistance thermometer (RTD) shown as the sensor in the typical system drawing. The RTD is a temperature sensitive resistor. It has negligible inductance (less than 4µH) because it is bifilar wound and negligible capacitance (less than 10pF). The matched power from the transmitter terminals is 2.5mW, which is considerably less than the 25mW considered negligible for simple apparatus.

This low level of power ensures that the temperature classification of the RTD is determined by the temperature being measured. (A T6 temperature sensor measuring 450°C is a common advertising phenomenon.) The RTD does not meet the required 500V insulation test and consequently this sub-circuit is considered to be earthed at this point. The installation is satisfactory because of the isolation in the temperature transmitter.

The ignition energy of a gas decreases at elevated temperatures and consequently the very low fault voltage and power available to the RTD is a beneficial factor in ensuring the safety of any measurement of high temperatures.

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**Figure 4.2 - RTD and transmitter sub-system**

- Classification is IIC
- Cable parameters 1000µF, 350mH
- Earthed at RTD

*Note: T’ class determined by maximum measured temperature.*

**RTD Type: 350L (example)**
Peter Pty, Sydney, Australia
Simple Apparatus to IEC 60079-11
Passive component to subclause 5.4a)
Type: PS061
Maximum operating temperature 450°C
Temperature classification determined by maximum measured temperature.

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**Temperature Transmitter**
Type: 365S (example)
Pan Inc., Boston, USA
Ex ia IIC T4 by FUML No. 983065
Ambient temperature –40°C to +80°C
Terminals ‘A’
Uo: 1.0 V
Io: 10 mA
Po: 2.5 mW
Co: 1000µF
Lo: 350 mH

*Note: If cable ‘x’ becomes part of a multicore, then this multicore cable must be a Type ‘A’ or ‘B’, as specified in IEC 60079-14.*
4.5 The use of apparatus with 'simple apparatus' input description

The other common use for the simple apparatus clause is to permit the use of certified apparatus with input parameters equivalent to simple apparatus, to be added to an existing intrinsically safe circuit with only a minor change in the documentation. The most frequent uses of this technique are for test equipment, indicators and trip amplifiers.

A typical example of this type of application is the MTL 5314 trip amplifier which is frequently used to monitor the 4-20 mA signals from a transmitter as illustrated in Figure 4.3. The input terminals satisfy the requirements of simple apparatus and hence the insertion of this apparatus does not require that the safety analysis of the existing system is modified. The presence of the trip amplifier and the fact that it is regarded as simple apparatus is all that needs to be recorded.

Where more than one piece of apparatus with simple apparatus output characteristics is included in a circuit then care should be taken to ensure that the permitted simple apparatus parameters are not exceeded. Advantage can sometimes be taken of the fact that the output voltage only appears under fault conditions and that it is permitted to apply the fault count to the system as a whole. For example if more than one piece of simple apparatus is connected in the circuit, then it can be argued that only one piece of apparatus is considered to fail at any one time, and hence only the most adverse set of output parameters needs to be considered. This type of argument is acceptable in 'ib' systems but needs to be carefully documented. For such an argument to be valid for 'ia' systems detailed knowledge of the derivation of the output parameters is required. This information is not usually readily available and hence the technique is not normally applicable to 'ia' systems. If it is known that the apparatus terminals are purely resistive in normal operation (as is frequently the case) then any number of these devices can be incorporated in an 'ic' system.

Figure 4.3 MTL5314 used as monitor

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Simple Apparatus, Intrinsically Safe interface, Trip Amplifier MTL5314.

The Trip Amplifier connects in series with the 4/20 mA transmitter circuit, giving alarm signals to the safe area via changeover relays.

Using the Simple Apparatus (Non-energy Storing) rule the device may be connected in series with the hazardous side of the MTL5541.

Certification & Safety Parameters

Terminals 1 and 3 meet the Simple Apparatus rules having output parameters:

Uo: 1.0V, Io: 88mA, Po: 22mW
Certified [Ex ia] IIC by EECS
No. BAS 98 ATEX 7136
Tamb –20°C to +60°C
Um: 250 V
5.1 General
The ability to do live maintenance on an intrinsically safe system is a major benefit of the technique. It is difficult to test an instrument system with the power removed, and difficult to obtain a meaningful ‘gas clearance certificate’ that covers the whole of the area affected by a system. Consequently live working is very desirable. There are however factors, other than gas ignition, that have to be considered whenever an instrument system is taken out of commission and consequently local safety practices such as ‘permits to work’ have still to be observed.

5.2 Permitted practices on the plant
The design of intrinsically safe apparatus and systems ensures that the short circuit and open circuit of field wiring cannot cause ignition of a gas atmosphere. The concept of live maintenance uses this feature but does not extend to carrying out detailed repairs; for example, repairing printed circuit boards within the hazardous areas. In practice, the permissible actions are restricted by the available tools hence deciding what is permissible is not difficult. IEC 60079-17 restricts live ‘working’ to:

i) disconnection of, and removal or replacement of electrical apparatus and cabling

ii) adjustment of any controls which is necessary for the calibration of the electrical apparatus or system

iii) removal and replacement of any plug in components or assemblies

iv) use of any test instruments specified in the relevant documentation. Where test instruments are not specified in the relevant documentation, only those instruments, which do not affect the intrinsic safety of the circuit, may be used

v) any other maintenance activity specifically permitted by the “relevant documentation”

These requirements are in line with the normal practice of maintenance on field mounted equipment and hence create no problem. Work on associated safe area apparatus, such as the intrinsically safe interface is restricted in the same way, except that there is greater freedom to operate on the safe area terminals. Recently developed interfaces tend to operate from 24V supplies and there is no risk of electrocution. However it is not unusual for interfaces with relay outputs to be switching higher voltages, which may create a significant shock risk. Where this risk occurs, adequate warning labels are required and the relevant precautions should be taken during the maintenance process.

There is no risk of a significant electric shock being received by a technician working on an intrinsically safe circuit. There is a hypothetical possibility but in practice this is not a real problem actions are permitted, they are frequently embodied in the apparatus certificate and manufacturer’s instruction. This information should be made available to the relevant technician on the work sheet, as he is not likely to have ready access to the certificate and/or instructions. The apparatus marking would carry the ubiquitous ‘X’ marking but this is almost universally applied and consequently largely ignored.

5.3 Permitted practice in the workshop
The repair and testing of intrinsically safe and associated apparatus should only be carried out in favourable conditions and by adequately trained technicians. The IEC standard IEC 60079-19 provides some guidance on the approach to repair of intrinsically safe equipment.

There are always practical and economic limitations on what is practicable. For example, shunt diode safety barriers are invariably encapsulated and not repairable. Isolating interfaces are usually in boxes that are difficult to open, coated in varnish and impossible to test in detail without specialist test equipment and knowledge of the circuit. In general replacement by an identical unit is preferred for both economic and safety reasons. Some repairs can be carried out without affecting the safety of equipment and, usually, it is obvious what limitations apply. For example, damage to enclosures does not usually directly affect the intrinsic safety of apparatus and consequently a repair which restores the enclosure to its original level of integrity (IP rating) is acceptable. The repair of printed circuit boards is sometimes considered but is usually impracticable. Removing components without damaging the board is difficult, repairing the coating on reassembly is messy and maintaining the original creepage and clearance distances may not be possible. A recent further complication is that if lead free solder has been used, the use of solder containing lead usually results in unsatisfactory joints.

A record of any repairs should be maintained. The use of before and after photographs (stored digitally) frequently simplifies the process.

5.4 Testing of IS apparatus using non-certified test apparatus
There are two circumstances under which non-certified test apparatus is used to test intrinsically safe and associated apparatus and systems. One is where apparatus is tested in the safe area, usually disconnected from the IS system, and, less frequently, when apparatus and the system is tested in the hazardous area using a gas clearance certificate.

It is sometimes questioned whether connecting non-certified apparatus during such procedures can result in the intrinsic safety of the apparatus or system being impaired by damage to the safety components. In the past, testing has not required any special precautions to be taken to avoid this possibility. The current standard on inspection and maintenance IEC 60079-17 does not address this question, consequently the following is only a considered opinion and should be regarded as such.
5.4 Testing of IS apparatus using non-certified test apparatus - continued

A relevant point is that during the manufacturing of intrinsically safe products, the equipment used for both operational and safety testing relies on good engineering practice and regular inspection to achieve adequate safety. It is not subject to third party certification or any similar constraints. The apparatus design standards address some of the more obvious risks, such as the charging of batteries, but do not make any other recommendations to cover less frequently used facilities.

The factors, which justify the use of conventional test equipment when working on intrinsically safe apparatus, are:

- **a)** Repair and maintenance should only be carried out by ‘skilled personnel’. Such personnel should be adequately trained to recognise whether a mistake could have caused damage, which might lead to a dangerous situation, and be capable of taking any necessary corrective action.

- **b)** Test equipment should be checked to ensure that it is operational before connecting it to the apparatus. Particular care should be taken to ensure that any variable controls, such as output voltage and current limits on power supplies, are set to the correct values before making the interconnection. The test equipment should be checked at the end of the test. Since the test equipment is only connected for a short time the probability of it failing in a way that can cause a potentially hazardous fault in that time is acceptably low.

- **c)** The apparatus should be functioning correctly and be free of mechanical damage at the end of the test or re-calibration. It is possible that a safety component failure will not affect operational capability but usually an operational failure will also occur.

- **d)** The more complex operations such as re-programming and downloading of apparatus memories are normally done using test rigs with specific plugs and sockets and hence the probability of incorrect connection is reduced.

- **e)** Test equipment that satisfies the personnel safety requirements of IEC 61010, is not likely to produce currents or voltages, which will damage safety components. For example a functioning oscilloscope with high impedance probes is extremely unlikely to cause a problem.

There are some operations which do require special care, of which the most obvious is high voltage insulation testing. This should only be done when a special work instruction is available. In practice such tests are best avoided and if an insulation test is thought to be necessary it should be done at a low voltage. It is generally accepted that the testing, calibration and programming of intrinsically safe apparatus in a safe area, or under gas clearance conditions by a competent person using conventional high quality test equipment does not invalidate its intrinsic safety certification.

5.5 Re-use of intrinsically safe field devices

The question is sometimes raised as to whether intrinsically safe apparatus which has been used in circuits which are not intrinsically safe, such as non-incendive or safe area circuits can subsequently be used in intrinsically safe circuits. The perceived problem is that use in the non-intrinsically safe circuits could cause damage, which is not self-revealing but would reduce the level of protection offered by the original certification. The relevant IEC standards do not give any guidance on this topic and hence the following text is only a considered opinion, which may not be universally accepted.

The question normally arises because it is common practice on most petrochemical installations to purchase a single type of instrument, for example a pressure transmitter, for use in all locations on a plant. An intrinsically safe transmitter can then be used on a temporary installation in a safe area in a conventional safe area loop, and after some time be returned to the store as a spare instrument. From the store it could be used to replace a defective instrument in an intrinsically safe loop.

It can be assumed that the replacing instrument is functional, and not mechanically damaged (the majority of instrument technicians would check this in the workshop before putting the instrument in the stores as a spare) and therefore the concern is that there is some fault which reduces the safety integrity but does not affect the operation of the instrument. Almost all faults from an external source would cause sufficient damage to the apparatus for it to malfunction, rather than cause the conservatively rated safety components to fail to danger without damaging any other components. This type of undetected failure is just possible but is sufficiently improbable to be ignored. In the particular case of a non-incentive installation then the selection of apparatus, and the installation code followed further reduce the probability of the IS apparatus being stressed.

There are a number of circumstances where a very similar risk occurs, and the risk is considered acceptable. A very clear example is that the IEC standard on inspection and maintenance (IEC 60079-17), permits the use of non-certified test equipment under ‘gas clearance certificate’ conditions. Similar risks are accepted during fault-finding procedures in instrument workshops. There are also significant risks of such faults occurring during the repair procedures permitted by the same standard on repairing this type of apparatus. The test equipment used in the final stages of manufacturing of IS equipment is not designed to be fault tolerant and could produce undetected faults. These risks illustrate the point that where a risk is small it can be, and is, accepted.

With the recent introduction of the “ic” concept, this question becomes more relevant to intrinsically safe circuits; for example, the use of an ‘ia’ certified transmitter in an ‘ia’ system after it has been used in an ‘ic’ system may be questioned. The question of the transfer of apparatus from an ‘ib’ system to an ‘ia’ system has never been raised as far as is known.

The conclusion is therefore that the safety status of a field device is not changed provided that the device is both functioning correctly and not mechanically damaged after being used in any type of circuit. If these two requirements are met, the field device can be used in an intrinsically safe circuit without further consideration.
6.1 General
A number of finely divided materials can be ignited to create an explosion when they form a cloud in air. Almost all organic and food product dusts together with metallic dust can readily be ignited. Dust explosions are generally more difficult to initiate than gas/air explosions but can be devastating. The initial explosion frequently disturbs and entrains layered dust to create one or more secondary explosions, thus creating a rolling explosion and extensive damage.

Dust explosions can be initiated by electrical sparks or by hot surfaces. There are numerous factors, which influence ignition energy and temperature of a particular material. For example the air to particle ratio, the particle size, humidity, and the melting temperature of the material.

Note: For those requiring a comprehensive reference ‘Dust explosions in the process industries’ by Rolf. K. Eckhoff published by Butterworth Heinemann. ISBN 0 7506 3270 4 is recommended. The ignition energy of a dust/air mixture is high compared with that of a gas/air mixture. For example, some sensitive materials such as rubber, sulfur and fine wood dust require 1 to 10 mJ while less sensitive materials, such as coffee, require more than 500 mJ.

There is some concern that some very finely divided particles, for example those associated with nano-technology, may have even lower ignition energies. Consequently, the decision has been made to use the IIB gas as the test mixture (ignition energy 80µJ) for intrinsically safe apparatus for use in dust atmospheres. This is a very conservative decision but presents very little operational difficulty.

The current state of knowledge on the spark ignition characteristics of dusts and the difficulty of creating a satisfactory test apparatus for dust atmospheres justifies a cautious prudent decision.

The principal difficulty is the possibility of causing smouldering within a dust layer, which when disturbed bursts into flames and initiates an explosion. The mechanism of causing smouldering is complex but can be simplified into keeping the dust below its ‘glow temperature’. The majority of materials have a glow temperature, ranging from 250°C to 500°C, that is lower than the minimum ignition temperature of the corresponding dust cloud.

There are also some flammable dust layers that have the fortunate characteristic of melting before attaining their theoretical glow temperature and consequently they do not create this ignition risk (for example polystyrene).

6.2 Intrinsically safe apparatus and dusts
Intrinsically safe apparatus certified for use in hazardous gas atmospheres has been used to ensure safety in dust atmospheres for many years. Currently a great deal of activity is taking place to formalise the requirements for apparatus specifically for use in dusts. An apparatus standard IEC 61241-11 is now published. The ultimate intention is to amalgamate the dust and gas requirements within the relevant IEC standards but this will take a number of years (five?). Eventually there will be three levels of protection ‘iaD’, ‘ibD’, and ‘icD’ corresponding to the equivalent gas levels of protection (see Table 6.1). The intention is that ‘iaD’ equipment will achieve the ‘very high’ level of protection required by equipment designated as ‘EPL Da’ (where EPL means ‘Equipment Protection Level’ as defined in IEC60079-0). ‘ibD’ with a ‘high’ level of protection will achieve an ‘EPL Db’ and ‘icD’ with an ‘enhanced’ level of protection will be ‘EPL Dc’.

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Table 6.1 - Comparison of different levels of risk
6.2 Intrinsically safe apparatus and dusts - continued

The risk of spark ignition is avoided by satisfying the requirements for apparatus intended for use in IIB gases. To avoid the risk of thermal ignition, the preferred technique for apparatus, which is intended to be located in the hazardous area, is to exclude the dust by using an IP 6X enclosure or by encapsulation. This involves determining a maximum temperature rise of the exposed surface, which in the case of most intrinsically safe apparatus will be very small. The preference for a dust tight enclosure is because the ‘dust fraternity’ has implicit faith in this technique. It can be argued that the restriction of the available power is a more reliable technique as it is less prone to maintenance errors. There is an exemption to the enclosure rule for apparatus that is difficult to operate inside an enclosure, such as some sensors. In these circumstances the power level is restricted to avoid the possibility of temperature ignition (750mW at 400°C). In practice all intrinsically safe associated apparatus such as barriers and isolated interfaces, which are IIC or IIB certified for gases are suitable for use in intrinsically safe systems. It is has been common practice for several years for interfaces to be certified for both gas and dust applications. For example, the current MTL range of barriers (MTL7700) and isolators (MTL4500/5500) are certified for both gas and dust applications in accordance with the requirements of the ATEX Directive and FM standards. The design of intrinsically safe apparatus for use in dusts is the subject matter of Part 11 of IEC 61241.

6.3 Risk analysis

Analysing the risk associated with a flammable dust differs from the analysis of a gas risk largely because dust does not disperse in the same way as a gas, it has to be removed. A decision was made some years ago to only area classify dust clouds and to treat the possibility of a smouldering dust layer as a source of ignition. (a decision largely influenced by the ATEX Directives). The area classification of dust clouds follows the pattern of gas clouds. Zone 20 corresponds to Zone 0 (where the hazard is present continuously or for long periods) Zone 21 to Zone 1 and Zone 22 to Zone 2 as the probability of the dust cloud being present reduces. Area classification of dusts is the subject matter of Part 10 of IEC 61241. If the combination of area classification and sources of ignition is pursued too diligently this can create some tortuous thinking. Fortunately, the application of a little pragmatic common sense solves most instrumentation problems. For example, if a temperature sensor is buried in a mound of grain for a considerable length of time, then it is reasonable to use a level of protection ‘iaD’ since deciding the area classification is difficult and if the grain is smouldering it will probably burst into flame when disturbed and could possibly explode. As it is not expensive to make the system ‘iaD’, this becomes the obvious solution. However if a temperature monitor is measuring temperature in a location where it is infrequently covered by dust and can be readily and frequently cleaned then a level of protection ‘icD’ is adequate. It might still be expedient to use ‘iaD’ equipment but it is not essential to do so.

6.4 Why use intrinsic safety?

The principal reason for using intrinsic safety is because it is essentially a low power technique. Consequently, the risk of ignition is minimised, and adequate safety can be achieved with a level of confidence that is not always achieved by other techniques. It is difficult to assess the temperature rise, which can occur if equipment is immersed in a dust because of the many (frequently unpredictable) factors, which determine the temperature rise within the dust layer. The safest technique is therefore to restrict the available power to the lowest practical level. A major factor in favour of intrinsic safety is that the power level under fault conditions is controlled by the system design and does not rely on the less well-specified limitation of fault power. Intrinsic safety also has the advantage that the possibility of ignition from immersed or damaged wiring is minimised. It is desirable to be able to do ‘live maintenance’ on an instrument system, and the use of the intrinsically safe technique permits this without the necessity of special ‘dust free’ certificates. There is a need to clear layers of dust carefully and to avoid contamination of the interior of apparatus during maintenance but this is apparent to any trained technician. (There is no significant possibility of a person, in a dust cloud that can be ignited, surviving without breathing apparatus).

To summarise, intrinsic safety is the preferred technique for instrumentation where dust is the hazard because:

- the inherent safety of intrinsic safety gives the greatest assurance of safety and removes concern over overheating of equipment and cables
- the installation rules are clearly specified and the system design ensures that all safety aspects are covered
- live maintenance is permitted
- equipment is available to solve the majority of problems
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Intrinsic Safety Interfacing

MTL provides two simple means of connecting instrument loops into hazardous areas of process plant using zener barriers or isolators.

- Zener Barriers - industry standards for more than 30 years.

Our range of shunt-diode safety barriers are the simplest type of IS interface for protecting electrical circuits in hazardous areas. The compact and inexpensive units are mounted and earthed in one operation, ensuring the safest possible installation with ultra-high reliability.

- Intrinsically safe isolating interfaces for every application

MTL isolating interfaces are alternatives to shunt-diode safety barriers for protecting electrical circuits in hazardous areas. They need no high-integrity earth and provide extra features such as signal amplification and relay functions. The isolation of hazardous- and safe-area circuits allows each to be earthed at any convenient point, simplifying installation and avoiding earth-loop problems.

MTL offers the best choice in DIN-rail and backplane mounting isolators to meet the requirements of modern control interfacing systems. The DIN-rail mounting isolator ranges provide a wide choice of functions with high accuracy and reliability, while the backplane mounting products are established as the leading IS system interface with solutions for all the major DCS companies.

The MTL4500 Series is the latest generation of backplane mounting products, building upon the heritage of MTL4000 and introducing many key application benefits. The MTL5500 Series launches a new industry standard for DIN rail mounting products, ideally suited to a wide variety of interface tasks for process instrumentation, complemented by the well proven MTL5000 Series.

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In most applications MTL4500 modules can directly replace MTL4000 models but check with MTL if you have any concerns. Similarly, MTL5500 supplants MTL5000 Series as the DIN rail interface family of choice. With this mounting arrangement, it is practical for models from both families to be used alongside each other during the transition phase from the old range to the new.

Visit the MTL web site, www.mtl-inst.com, where you will find the latest version of any of the material given here together with relevant certification details and application information.
The DIN-rail mounting MTL5500 Series meets the needs of the IS interface market for "application focussed" projects, ranging from single instrument loops, through to fully equipped cabinets, across all industries where hazardous areas exist.

The MTL5500 clips quickly onto DIN rail, so it is compatible with the industry-standard mounting system. Wiring is simplified by plug-in safe- and hazardous-area connectors, and a power plug which accepts a power bus; it all leads to quicker insertion, fewer wiring errors and trouble-free, tidier installations.

Line fault detection (LFD) facilities are provided across the range of I/O functions; on the switch/proximity detectors, the MTL4523/5523 solenoid/alarm drivers and the isolating drivers. Analogue input units such as the MTL4541/5541 provide line fault detection by repeating o/c or s/c currents to the safe-area control system.

Status LEDs, configuration switches and ports are located on the top or side of individual modules, as appropriate, for easy access.

Both new series have been designed for compatibility with earlier models. The MTL4500 series provides plug-replacements for earlier MTL4000 series units, while the MTL5500 models can easily replace MTL5000 series units. Each offer the latest in modern technology and efficiency without compromise.
## ISOLATOR FUNCTION SELECTOR

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## Digital Output

| MTL4521      | MTL5521  | 1        | loop powered solenoid driver                 |
|              | MTL5522  | 1        | loop powered solenoid driver, IIB            |
| MTL4523      | MTL5523  | 1        | solenoid driver with LFD                     |
| MTL4523L     | MTL5524  | 1        | solenoid driver with reverse LFD             |
| MTL4524      | MTL5524  | 1        | switch operated solenoid driver              |
| MTL4525      | MTL5525  | 1        | switch operated solenoid driver, low power   |
| MTL4526      | MTL5526  | 2        | switch operated relay                        |

## Pulse & Vibration

| MTL4531      | MTL5531  | 1        | vibration probe interface                    |
| MTL4532      | MTL5532  | 1        | pulse isolator, digital or analogue output   |
| MTL4533      | MTL5533  | 2        | vibration probe interface                    |

## Analogue Input

| MTL4541      | MTL5541  | 1        | 2/3 wire transmitter repeater                |
| MTL4541A     | MTL5541A | 1        | transmitter repeater, passive input          |
| MTL4541AS    | MTL5541AS| 1        | transmitter repeater, passive input, current sink |
| MTL4544      | MTL5544  | 2        | 2/3 wire transmitter repeater, current sink  |
| MTL4544A     | MTL5544A | 2        | transmitter repeater, passive input          |
| MTL4544AS    | MTL5544AS| 2        | transmitter repeater, passive input, current sink |
| MTL4544S     | MTL5544S | 2        | 2/3 wire transmitter repeater, current sink  |
| MTL4544D     | MTL5544D | 1        | 2/3 wire transmitter repeater, dual output   |

## Analogue Output

| MTL4546      | MTL5546  | 1        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + LFD          |
| MTL4546C     | MTL5546C | 1        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + oc LFD       |
| MTL4546Y     | MTL5546Y | 1        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + oc LFD       |
| MTL4549      | MTL5549  | 2        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + LFD          |
| MTL4549C     | MTL5549C | 2        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + oc LFD       |
| MTL4549Y     | MTL5549Y | 2        | 4-20mA smart isolating driver + oc LFD       |

## Fire & Smoke

| MTL4561      | MTL5561  | 2        | loop-powered, for fire and smoke detectors  |

## Temperature Input

| MTL4575      | MTL5575  | 1        | temperature converter, THC or RTD            |
| MTL4576-RTD  | MTL5576-RTD| 2        | temperature converter, RTD                   |
| MTL4576-THC  | MTL5576-THC| 2        | temperature converter, THC                   |

## General

| MTL4599      | MTL5599  | –        | dummy module                                 |
| MTL4599N     | –        | –        | general purpose feed-through module          |

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MTL4501-SR – MTL5501-SR
FAIL-SAFE SWITCH/PROXIMITY-DETECTOR INTERFACE
with LFD

With the MTLx501-SR, a fail-safe switch/proximity detector located in the hazardous area can control an isolated fail-safe electronic output. The MTLx501-SR also provides relay alarm contacts to signal line-fault conditions. The MTLx501-SR is for use with approved fail-safe sensors in loops that require operation up to SIL3 according to the functional safety standard IEC 61508.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of switches
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Location of proximity detector
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6, hazardous location
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location

Voltage applied to sensor
8.6V dc max from 1kΩ

Input/output characteristics

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Note: Is = sensor current

Fail-safe electronic output
Output on: 24V nominal
Output off: 0V dc, max < 5V dc
Load: 750Ω to 10kΩ
Maximum on-state current: 25mA (at 750Ω)
Short-circuit current: 30mA

Line fault detection (LFD)
LFD relay output: contacts open when line fault detected
Switch characteristics: 0.3A 110V ac/dc; 1A 35V dc; 30W/33VA

Safety integrity level (SIL)
Highest level in single in-line subsystem SIL3
(in accordance with IEC61508-2)

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: channel status, on when fail-safe output energised
Red: LFD indication, flashing when line fault detected

Power requirements, Vs
@ Supply voltage 750Ω load typ. load
20V dc 100mA 70mA
24V dc 90mA 60mA
35V dc 65mA 45mA

Power dissipation within unit
@ Supply voltage 750Ω load typ. load
20V dc 1232mW 1160mW
24V dc 1392mW 1200mW
35V dc 1507mW 1335mW

Safety description
Uo = ±9.7V, Io = 30mA, Po = 0.07W, Ci = 0nF, Li = 0mH
Ulm = 253V

Note: switch-type sensors must be fitted with resistors as shown
MTL4510 – MTL5510
SWITCH/PROXIMITY DETECTOR INTERFACE
four-channel, digital input

The MTLx510 enables four solid-state outputs in the safe area to be controlled by up to four switches or proximity detectors located in a hazardous area. Each pair of output transistors shares a common terminal and can switch +ve or –ve polarity signals. A range of module configurations is available (see Table 1) through the use of selector switches. When proximity detector modes are selected, LFD is enabled and the output switches to OFF if a line fault is detected.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
4, configured by switches

Location of switches
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location

Location of proximity detectors
Zone 0, IIC, T4-6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location

Hazardous-area inputs
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)

Voltage applied to sensor
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%

Input/output characteristics

Normal phase
Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (< 2kΩ in input circuit)
Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)

Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)
User-selectable via switches on the side of the unit.
Open-circuit alarm on if Iin < 50µA
Open-circuit alarm off if Iin > 250µA
Short-circuit alarm on if Rin < 100Ω
Short-circuit alarm off if Rin > 360Ω
Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input. 500Ω to 1kΩ in series with switch. 20kΩ to 25kΩ in parallel with switch.

Safe-area outputs
Floating solid-state outputs compatible with logic circuits
Operating frequency: 0 to 500Hz
Max. off-state voltage: ± 35V
Max. off-state leakage current: ± 50µA
Max. on-state resistance: 25Ω
Max. on-state current: ± 50mA

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: four: on when output active
Red: LFD indication: faulty channel’s yellow LED flashes

Maximum current consumption
40mA at 24V (with all output channels energised)

Power dissipation within unit
0.96W at 24V, with 10mA loads

Safety description (each channel)
V0=10.5V I0=14mA P0=73mW Un = 253V rms or dc

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See Instruction Manual INM4500 for further mode information.

MTL4510

MTL5510

See also common specification

Number of channels
4, configured by switches

Location of switches
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location

Location of proximity detectors
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Safe-area outputs
Floating solid-state outputs compatible with logic circuits
Operating frequency: 0 to 500Hz
Max. off-state voltage: ± 35V
Max. off-state leakage current: ± 50µA
Max. on-state resistance: 25Ω
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Yellow: four: on when output active
Red: LFD indication: faulty channel’s yellow LED flashes

Maximum current consumption
40mA at 24V (with all output channels energised)

Power dissipation within unit
0.96W at 24V, with 10mA loads

Safety description (each channel)
V0=10.5V I0=14mA P0=73mW Un = 253V rms or dc

See Instruction Manual INM4500 for further mode information.
The MTL4510B enables four solid-state outputs in the safe area to be controlled by up to four switches or proximity detectors located in a hazardous area. Each pair of output transistors shares a common terminal and can switch +ve or –ve polarity signals. A range of module configurations is available (see Table 1) through the use of selector switches. These include start/stop operations and pulse output modes.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

**Number of channels**
4, configured by switches

**Location of switches**
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div 1, Group A hazardous location

**Location of proximity detectors**
Zone 0, IIC, T4-6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div 1, Group A, hazardous location

**Hazardous-area inputs**
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)

**Voltage applied to sensor**
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%

**Input/output characteristics**
- **Normal phase**
  - Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (< 2kΩ in input circuit)
  - Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)
- **Hysteresis**: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

**Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)**
User-selectable via switches on the side of the unit.
- Open-circuit alarm on if Iin < 50µA
- Short-circuit alarm on if Rin < 100Ω
- Short-circuit alarm off if Rin > 360Ω

Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input 500Ω to 1kΩ in series with switch
20kΩ to 25kΩ in parallel with switch

**Safe-area outputs**
Floating solid-state outputs compatible with logic circuits
- **Operating frequency**: dc to 500Hz
- **Max. off-state voltage**: ± 35V
- **Max. off-state leakage current**: ± 50µA
- **Max. on-state resistance**: 25Ω
- **Max. on-state current**: ± 50mA

**LED indicators**
- Green: power indication
- Yellow: four, on when output active
- Red: LFD indication + faulty channel’s yellow LED flashes

**Maximum current consumption**
40mA at 24V (with all output channels energised)

**Power dissipation within unit**
0.96W at 24V, with 10mA loads

**Safety description (each channel)**

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* Note that terminal connections may not be the same on these models, and x can mean either ‘4’ or ‘5’.

See Instruction Manual INM4500 for further mode information.
MTL4511 – MTL5511
SWITCH/ PROXIMITY
DETECTOR INTERFACE
single channel, with line fault detection

The MTLx511 enables a safe-area load to be controlled by a switch or proximity detector located in a hazardous area. When selected, open or short circuit conditions in the field wiring are detected by the line-fault-detect (LFD) facility and also indicated on the top of the module. Phase reversal for the channel is selected by a switch on the side of the module and output is provided by changeover relay contacts.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of switches
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Location of proximity detector
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Hazardous-area inputs
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)

Voltage applied to sensor
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%

Input/output characteristics
Normal phase
Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (< 2kΩ in input circuit)
Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)
Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)
User-selectable via switches on the side of the unit. A line fault is indicated by an LED. The channel output relay is de-energised if an input line fault is detected.
Open-circuit alarm on if lin < 50µA
Open-circuit alarm off if lin > 250µA
Short-circuit alarm on if Rin < 100Ω
Short-circuit alarm off if Rin > 360Ω

Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input

Safe-area output
Single pole relay with changeover contacts
Note: reactive loads must be adequately suppressed

Relay characteristics

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<td>Contact rating</td>
<td>10W, 0.5A, 35V dc</td>
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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: channel status, on when output energised
Red: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

Maximum current consumption
25mA at 24V

Power dissipation within unit
0.6W at 24V

Safety description (each channel)
Vum=10.5V Im=14mA Pum=37mW Uum = 253V rms or dc

SIL capable
These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
The MTLx513 enables two solid-state outputs in the safe area to be controlled by two switches or proximity detectors located in the hazardous area. The Ch1/Ch2 output transistors share a common terminal and can switch +ve or -ve polarity signals. Independent output phase reversal and line fault detection are enabled via switches for each output. LFD indication is provided on the top of the module.

**SPECIFICATION**

*See also common specification*

**Number of channels**
- Two

**Location of switches**
- Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

**Location of proximity detectors**
- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

**Hazardous-area inputs**
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)

**Voltage applied to sensor**
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%

**Input/output characteristics**
- Normal phase:
  - Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (> 2kΩ in input circuit)
  - Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)
- Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

**Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)**
- User-selectable for each channel via switches on the side of the unit.
- Line faults are indicated by an LED for each channel.
- Open-circuit alarm off if input > 250µA
- Short-circuit alarm on if Rin < 10kΩ
- Short-circuit alarm off if Rin > 360Ω
- Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input. 500Ω to 1kΩ in series with switch
- 20kΩ to 25kΩ in parallel with switch

**Phase reversal**
- Independent for each channel, user-selectable

**Safe-area outputs**
- Floating solid-state outputs compatible with logic circuits
- Operating frequency: dc to 500Hz
- Max. off-state voltage: ± 35V
- Max. off-state leakage current: ± 50µA
- Max. on-state resistance: 25Ω
- Max. on-state current: ± 50mA

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MTL4514 – MTL5514
SWITCH/PROXIMITY-DETECTOR INTERFACE
single channel with line fault detection and phase reversal

The MTLx514 enables a safe-area load to be controlled, through a relay, by a proximity detector or switch located in a hazardous area. Line faults are signalled through a separate relay and indicated on the top of the module. Switches are provided to select phase reversal and to enable the line fault detection.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of switch
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

Location of proximity detector
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area, if suitably certified
Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

Hazardous-area inputs
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)

Voltage applied to sensor
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%

Input/output characteristics
Normal phase
Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (< 2kΩ in input circuit)
Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)
Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)
User-selectable via switches on the side of the unit. Line faults are indicated by an LED. Line fault relay is energised and channel output relay de-energised if input line-fault detected
Open-circuit alarm on if Iin < 50µA
Open-circuit alarm off if Iin > 250µA
Short-circuit alarm on if R<sub>in</sub> < 100Ω
Short-circuit alarm off if R<sub>in</sub> > 360Ω
Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input
500Ω to 1kΩ in series with switch
20kΩ to 25kΩ in parallel with switch

Safe-area output
Channel: Single pole relay with changeover contacts
LFD: Single pole relay with changeover contacts
Note: reactive loads must be adequately suppressed

Relay characteristics

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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: channel status, on when output energised
Red: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

Maximum current consumption
25mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit
0.6W at 24V

Safety description
V<sub>r</sub>=10.5V  I=14mA  P=3.7mW  U<sub>in</sub>= 253V rms or dc

SIL capable
These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
MTL4516/C – MTL5516C
SWITCH/PROXIMITY DETECTOR INTERFACE
two-channel, with line fault detection

The MTLx516/C enable two safe-area loads to be controlled by a switch or proximity detector located in a hazardous-area. When selected, open or short circuit conditions in the field wiring are detected by the line-fault-detect (LFD) facility and also indicated on the top of the module. Phase reversal for each channel is selected by a switch on the side of the module and output is provided by changeover relay contacts.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
Two

Location of switches
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Location of proximity detector
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Hazardous-area inputs
Inputs conforming to BS EN60947–5–6:2001 standards for proximity detectors (NAMUR)
Voltage applied to sensor
7 to 9V dc from 1kΩ ±10%
Input/output characteristics
Normal phase
Outputs closed if input > 2.1mA (< 2kΩ in input circuit)
Outputs open if input < 1.2mA (> 10kΩ in input circuit)
Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal

Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)
User-selectable via switches on the side of the unit. Line faults are indicated by an LED for each channel. The channel output relay is de-energised if an input line fault is detected.
Open-circuit alarm on if I<sub>c</sub> < 50µA
Open-circuit alarm off if I<sub>c</sub> > 250µA
Short-circuit alarm on if R<sub>s</sub> < 100Ω
Short-circuit alarm off if R<sub>s</sub> > 360Ω
Note: Resistors must be fitted when using the LFD facility with a contact input
500Ω to 1kΩ in series with switch
20kΩ to 25kΩ in parallel with switch

Safe-area output
Two single-pole relays with changeover contacts
Note: reactive loads must be adequately suppressed

Relay characteristics

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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: two: channel status, on when output energised
Red: two: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

Maximum current consumption
35mA at 24V

Power dissipation within unit
0.84W at 24V

Safety description (each channel)
V<sub>o</sub>=10.5V  I<sub>c</sub>=14mA  P<sub>o</sub>=37mW  U<sub>in</sub> = 253V rms or dc

SIL capable
These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
MTL4517 – MTL5517
SWITCH/PROXIMITY DETECTOR INTERFACE
two-channel with line fault detection and phase reversal

The MTLx517 enables two safe-area loads to be controlled, through a relay, by proximity detectors or switches located in a hazardous area. Line faults are signalled through a separate relay and indicated on the top of the module. Switches are provided to select phase reversal and to enable the line fault detection.

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<td>Input/output characteristics</td>
<td>Normal phase</td>
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<td>Outputs closed if input &gt; 2.1mA (&lt; 2kΩ in input circuit)</td>
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<td>Outputs open if input &lt; 1.2mA (&gt; 10kΩ in input circuit)</td>
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<td>Hysteresis: 200µA (650Ω) nominal</td>
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<td>Line fault detection (LFD) (when selected)</td>
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<td>Contact rating: 10W, 0.5A, 35V dc</td>
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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: two: channel status, on when output energised
Red: two: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

Maximum current consumption
35mA at 24V

Power dissipation within unit
0.84W at 24V

Safety description (each channel)

- Vcc=10.5V  Io=1mA  Pcc=37mW  Um = 253V rms or dc
- SIL capable

These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
## Isolator Applications:

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<td>IIB gas groups, loop powered</td>
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<td>Independent LFD output</td>
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<td>Independent LFD output</td>
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<td>Loop powered, independent LFD output</td>
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<td>Safety override feature, separately powered</td>
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<td>override, low power output</td>
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### DIGITAL OUTPUT - SWITCH OUTPUT TO HAZARDOUS AREA

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The MTLx521 is a loop-powered module which enables a device located in the hazardous area to be controlled from the safe area. The MTLx521 can drive a certified intrinsically safe low-power load, as well as non-energy-storing simple apparatus such as an LED.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

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<td>Hazardous-area output</td>
<td>Minimum output voltage: 12.8V at 48mA</td>
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<td>Maximum output voltage: 24V from 180Ω</td>
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<td>Current limit: 48mA</td>
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<td>Output ripple</td>
<td>&lt; 0.5% of maximum output, peak to peak</td>
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<td>Response time</td>
<td>Output within 10% of final value within 100ms</td>
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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

**LED indicator**

Yellow: output status, on when output active

**Maximum current consumption**

90mA at 24V

**Power dissipation within unit**

1.4W at 24V

**Safety description**

V<sub>0</sub>=25V  I<sub>0</sub>=147mA  P<sub>n</sub>=919mW  U<sub>n</sub>= 253V rms or dc

**SIL capable**

These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
The MTL5522 is a loop-powered module which enables a device located in the hazardous area to be controlled from the safe area. The MTL5522 can drive a certified intrinsically safe low-power load, as well as non-energy-storing simple apparatus such as an LED. The unit's input/output isolation allows the control switch to be connected into either side of the 24V dc supply circuit.

**SPECIFICATION**

*See also common specification*

**Number of channels**
One

**Location of load**
Zone 0, IIB, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified Div. 1, Group C hazardous location

**Minimum output voltage**
9.9V @ 70mA

**Equivalent output circuit**

- Input voltage: 20 to 35V dc
- Hazardous-area output:
  - Minimum output voltage: 9.9V @ 70mA
  - Maximum output voltage: 24V from 158Ω
  - Current limit: 70mA
- Output ripple
  - < 0.5% of maximum output, peak to peak
- Response time
  - Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

**LED indicator**
- Yellow: output status, on when output active

**Maximum current consumption**
125mA (typ.) at 24V

**Power dissipation within unit**
1.4W at 24V

**Safety description**

- Vo=25V  Io=166mA  Po=1.04W  Um = 253V rms or dc
- SIL capable
  - These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.

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MTL4523/R – MTL5523
Solenoid/Alarm Driver
with line fault detection, IIC

With the MTLx523 interface, an on/off device in a hazardous area can be controlled by a voltage signal in the safe area. It is suitable for driving loads such as solenoids. Line fault detection (LFD), which operates irrespective of the output state, is signalled by a safe-area solid-state switch which de-energises MTLx523, or energises MTL4523R, if a field line is open or short-circuited. Earth fault detection can be provided by connecting an MTL4220 earth leakage detector to terminal 3.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

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**Hazardous-area output**

Minimum output voltage: 12.8V at 48mA
Maximum output voltage: 24V from 180Ω
Current limit: 48mA
Output ripple: < 0.5% of maximum output, peak to peak

**Control input**

Suitable for switch contacts, an open collector transistor or logic drive
Output turns on if input switch closed, transistor on or < 1.4V applied across terminals 11 & 12
Output turns off if input switch open, transistor off or > 4.5V applied across terminals 11 & 12

**Response time**

Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

**Line fault detection (LFD)**

Open or short circuit in field cabling de-energises solid state line-fault signal.
LFD transistor is switched on, provided that the field circuit impedance is > 55Ω and < 6kΩ.

**Line fault signal characteristics**

Maximum off-state leakage current: 10µA
Maximum on-state voltage drop: 2V
Maximum on-state current: 50mA
Note: LFD signal is Zener-diode protected against inductive loads

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

**LED indicators**

Green: power indication
Yellow: output status, on when output active
Red: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

**Maximum current consumption**

100mA at 24V dc

**Power dissipation within unit**

1.2W with typical solenoid valve, output on
2.0W worst case

**Safety description**

V_{in}=25V \ I_{in}=1.47mA \ P_{in}=919mW \ U_{in}=253V rms or dc

SIL capable

These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
MTL4523L
Solenoid/ Alarm Driver
loop-powered with line fault detection, IIC

With the MTL4523L interface, an on/off device in a hazardous area can be controlled by a voltage signal in the safe area. It is suitable for driving loads such as solenoids. Line fault detection (LFD), which operates when the output is energised, is signalled by a safe-area solid-state switch which energises if a field line is open or short-circuited. Earth fault detection can be provided by connecting an MTL4220 earth leakage detector to terminal 3.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of load
Zone 0, IIC, 14–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

Minimum output voltage        Equivalent output circuit
21.4V minimum

Input voltage
20 to 35V dc

Hazardous-area output
Minimum output voltage: 12.8V at 48mA
Maximum output voltage: 24V from 180Ω
Current limit: 48mA

Output ripple
< 0.5% of maximum output, peak to peak

Response time
Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

Line fault detection (LFD)
Open or short circuit in field cabling energises solid state line fault signal
LFD transistor is switched on, provided that the field circuit impedance is > 550Ω and < 6kΩ.

Line fault signal characteristics
Maximum off-state voltage: 35V
Maximum off-state leakage current: 10μA
Maximum on-state voltage drop: 2V
Maximum on-state current: 50mA
Note: LFD signal is Zener-diode protected against inductive loads

LED indicators
Yellow: output status, on when output active
Red: LFD indication, on when line fault detected

Maximum current consumption
100mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit
1.2W with typical solenoid valve, output on

Safety description
Vo=25V   Io=147mA  Po=919mW  Um = 253V rms or dc
SIL capable
These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

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MTL4524 – MTL5524
SOLENOID/ALARM DRIVER
switch operated with override, IIC

The MTL524 enables an on/off device in a hazardous area to be controlled by a volt-free contact or logic signal in the safe area. It can drive loads such as solenoids, alarms, LEDs and other low power devices that are certified as intrinsically safe or are classified as non-energy storing simple apparatus.

The MTL4524 allows a second safe-area switch or logic signal to be connected that enables the output to be disabled to permit, for example, a safety system to override a control signal.

The MTL5524 may have its phase reversed by connecting a wire link between pins 8 and 9.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of load
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

Minimum output voltage
12.8V at 48mA

Hazardous-area output
Minimum output voltage: 12.8V at 48mA
Maximum output voltage: 24V from 180Ω
Current limit: 48mA

Output ripple
< 0.5% of maximum output, peak-to-peak

Control input
Suitable for switch contacts, an open collector transistor or logic drive
0 = input switch closed, transistor on or <1.4V applied
1 = input switch open, transistor off or >4.5V applied

Override input on MTL4524
An open collector transistor or a switch connected across the terminals can be used to turn the output off whatever the state of the control input
0 = transistor on or switch closed
1 = transistor off or switch open

Control and override inputs on MTL4524

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Response time
Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: output status, on when output active

Maximum current consumption
100mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit
1.3W with typical solenoid valve, output on
1.9W worst case

Safety description
Vo=25V  I=147mA  Po=919mW  Um = 253V rms or dc

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

MTL4524

Hazardous area
To earth leakage detector

Safe area

To earth leakage detector

MTL5524

Hazardous area
To earth leakage detector

Safe area

20 to 35V dc

Solenoid, alarm or other IS device

Override

Control

Control input

Override input

Output state

Current limit: 48mA

Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

COOPER Crouse-Hinds
MTL4524S
Solenoid/Alarma
Driver
switch operated with 24V override, IIC

The MTL4524S enables an on/off device in a hazardous area to be controlled by a volt-free contact or a floating logic signal in the safe area. It can drive loads such as solenoids, alarms, LEDs and other low power devices that are certified as intrinsically safe or are classified as non-energy storing simple apparatus. By connecting a second safe-area voltage, the output can be disabled to permit, for example, a safety system to override a control signal.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

**Number of channels**
One

**Location of load**
- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

**Minimum output voltage**
12.8V at 48mA

**Equivalent output circuit**

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**Hazardous-area output**
- Minimum output voltage: 12.8V at 48mA
- Maximum output voltage: 24V from 180Ω
- Current limit: 48mA

**Output ripple**
< 0.5% of maximum output, peak-to-peak

**Control input (must be fully-floating)**
- Suitable for switch contacts or an opto-isolator
- 0 = input switch closed, transistor on or < 1.4V applied
- 1 = input switch open, transistor off or > 4.5V applied

**Override input**
A 24V logic signal applied across the terminals allows the solenoid/alarm to be operated by the control input. If it is disconnected, the solenoid/alarm is off.
- 0 = < 2.0V applied across terminals 8 & 9
- 1 = > 9.0V applied across terminals 8 & 9
  (nominal switching point 4.5V)

**Control and override inputs**

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**Response time**
Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

**LED indicators**
- Green: power indication
- Yellow: output status, on when output active

**Maximum current consumption**
- 100mA at 24V dc

**Power dissipation within unit**
- 1.3W with typical solenoid valve, output on
- 1.9W worst case

**Safety description**
- $V_o=25V$, $I_o=1.47mA$, $P_o=919mW$, $U_m=253V$ rms or dc
MTL4525 – MTL5525
Solenoid/Alarm Driver
switch operated with override, IIC, low power

The MTL4525 enables an on/off device in a hazardous area to be controlled by a volt-free contact or logic signal in the safe area. It can drive loads such as solenoids, alarms, LEDs and other low power devices that are certified as intrinsically safe or are classified as non-energy storing simple apparatus.

The MTL4525 allows a second safe-area switch or logic signal to be connected that enables the output to be disabled to permit, for example, a safety system to override a control signal.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of load
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

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Hazardous-area output
- Minimum output voltage: 7V at 48mA
- Maximum output voltage: 24V from 300Ω
- Current limit: 48mA

Output ripple
< 0.5% of maximum output, peak-to-peak

Control input on MTL4525
- Suitable for switch contacts, an open collector transistor or logic drive
- 0 = input switch closed, transistor on or < 1.4V applied
- 1 = input switch open, transistor off or > 4.5V applied

Override input on MTL4525
An open collector transistor or a switch connected across the terminals can be used to turn the output off whatever the state of the control input
- 0 = transistor on or switch closed
- 1 = transistor off or switch open

Control and override inputs on MTL4525

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Response time
Output within 10% of final value within 100ms

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: output status, on when output active

Maximum current consumption
100mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit
1.3W with typical solenoid valve, output on
1.9W worst case

Safety description
V_o=25V  I_o=83.3mA  P_o=0.52W  U_n = 253V rms or dc

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

COOPER
Crouse-Hinds
MTL4526 – MTL5526
SWITCH-OPERATED RELAY
two–channel IS–output

The MTLX526 enables two separate IS circuits in a hazardous area to be relay-contact controlled by two on-off switches or logic signals in a safe area. Applications include the calibration of strain–gauge bridges; changing the polarity (and thereby the tone) of an IS sounder; the testing of IS fire alarms; and the transfer of safe-area signals into an annunciator with IS input terminals not segregated from each other. The output-relay contacts are certified as non–energy–storing apparatus, and can be connected to any IS circuit without further certification, provided that separate IS circuits are such that they would remain safe if connected together.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
Two, fully floating
Location of control circuit
Safe area
Input/output characteristics
Contact/Logic mode
(Inputs suitable for switch contacts, an open–collector transistor or logic drive
Relay energised if < 450Ω or < 1V applied
Relay de–energised if > 5kΩ or > 2V applied (35V max.)
Loop powered mode
Relay energised if >20V
Relay de–energised if <17V
Power supply failure protection
Relays de–energised if supply fails
Response time
25ms nominal
Contacts (suitable for connection to IS circuits)
1–pole changeover per channel
Contact rating
250V dc, limited to 30V dc for IS applications, 2A (reactive loads must be suppressed)
Contact life expectancy
2 x 10^7 operations at maximum IS load
Relay drive (see switch setting table)
Switch selection of loop powered or contact/logic control for both channels. Further switch selects "1in2out" mode

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*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function

LED indicators
Green: power indication
Yellow: two: output status, on when relay energised

Power requirement, Vs
41mA at 20V dc
44mA at 24V dc
60mA at 35V dc

Power dissipation within unit
1.1W maximum at 24V

Safety description (each channel)
Non-energy–storing apparatus: relay contacts may be connected to any IS circuit without further consideration

User switch settings for operating mode

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MTL4531 – MTL5531
VIBRATION TRANSDUCER INTERFACE

The MTLx531 repeats a signal from a vibration sensor in a hazardous area, providing an output for a monitoring system in the safe area. The interface is compatible with 3-wire eddy-current probes and accelerometers or 2-wire current sensors; the selection is made by a switch on the side of the module.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of signal source
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

Hazardous-area input
Input impedance
(terminals 2 & 3): 10kΩ

Transducer supply voltage, 3-wire (terminals 3 & 1)

Transducer supply current, 2-wire
3.3mA (nom.) for 2-wire sensors, user selectable by switch

Signal range
Minimum –20V, maximum –0.5V

DC transfer accuracy at 20°C
<±50mV

AC transfer accuracy at 20°C
0Hz to 1kHz: ±1%
1kHz to 10kHz: ±5% to +1%
10kHz to 20kHz: ±10% to +1%

Temperature coefficient
±50ppm/°C (10 to 65°C)
±100ppm/°C (–20 to 10°C)

Voltage bandwidth
–3dB at 47kHz (typical)

Phase response
<1.4μs, equivalent to:
–1° at 200Hz
–3° at 600Hz
–5° at 1kHz
–50° at 10kHz
–100° at 20kHz

Safe-area output impedance
<20Ω

LED indicator
Green: power indication

Supply voltage
20 to 35V dc

Maximum current consumption (10mA transducer load)
96mA at 24V

Maximum power dissipation within unit
2W

Safety description
Terminals 3 to 1
V=26.6V I=94mA Po=0.66W Um = 253V rms or dc
Terminals 3 to 2
Non-energy-storing apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW

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The MTLx532 isolates pulses from a switch, proximity detector, current pulse transmitter or voltage pulse transmitter located in a hazardous area. It is ideal for applications involving high pulse rates and fast response times, by repeating the pulses into the safe area. An analogue output proportional to frequency is also provided, together with a relay output, which may be configured to act as an alarm. Configuration is carried out with a personal computer.

**SPECIFICATION**

**See also common specification**

**Number of channels**
One, fully floating

**Sensor type**
Switch or proximity detector (NAMUR/BS EN 60947-5-6:2001)
2- or 3-wire voltage or pulse transmitter

**Location of switch**
Zone 0, IIC, T6 hazardous area
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

**Location of proximity detector or transmitter**
Zone 0, IIC, T4–T6 if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

**Input**
Switch input:
Output ON if switch is closed

**Proximity detector input:**
Excitation: 7.0 to 9.0V dc from 1kΩ nominal
Output ON if input > 2.1mA * ( < 2kΩ)
Output OFF if input < 1.2mA * ( > 10kΩ)
Switching hysteresis: 0.2mA (650Ω) nominal
* NAMUR and BS EN 60947-5-6:2001 standards

**Current pulse input:**
Transmitter supply: 16.5V dc at 20mA
Short circuit current: 24mA
Output: Lin > 9.0mA = ON, Lin < 7.0mA = OFF
Switching hysteresis: 0.5mA

**Voltage pulse input**
Input impedance: > 10kΩ
Switching point voltage [V<sub>±</sub>]: 3, 6, or 12V nominal
(User selectable by switches on the side of the module)
Output: Vin > V<sub>±</sub> = ON, Vin < V<sub>±</sub> = OFF
Switching hysteresis: 100mV + (0.1 x V<sub>±</sub>) typical

**Safe-area pulse output**
Maximum off-state voltage: 35V
Maximum off-state leakage current: 10µA
Maximum on-state resistance: 25Ω
Maximum on-state current: 50mA
Output OFF if supply fails
Note: the output is zener diode protected against inductive loads

**Safe-area current output**
Signal range: 4 to 20mA
Under/over range: 0 to 22mA
Load resistance: 0 to 450Ω @ 20mA
Output resistance: > 1MΩ
Ripple: < 50µA peak-to-peak
Accuracy: better than 20µA at 20°C
Temperature drift: < 1µA/°C
Response delay: TBA ms

**Alarm output**
Relay ON in alarm, 0.5A @ 35Vdc max.

**MTL4532 – MTL5532**

**PULSE ISOLATOR**

**pulse & 4/20mA current outputs**

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**MTL4532**

**Hazardous area**

- Current pulse
- Voltage pulse
- Pulse
- Inhibit

**Safe area**

- Configuration socket
- Alarm
- Load
- Pulse
- 4/20mA

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**MTL5532**

**Hazardous area**

- Current pulse
- Voltage pulse
- Pulse
- Inhibit

**Safe area**

- Configuration socket
- Alarm
- Load
- Pulse
- 4/20mA

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**Pulse width**
High: 10µs min
Low: 10µs min

**Frequency range**
0 – 50kHz - pulse output mode
0 – 10kHz - for analogue output

**LED indicators**
- Green: power indication
- Yellow: on when output circuit is on
- Red: flashing when line fault or error

**Power requirement**
- 65mA at 24V dc
- 70mA at 20V dc
- 55mA at 35V dc

**Power dissipation within unit**
- 1.35W maximum at 24V
- 1.75W maximum at 35V

**Safety description (U<sub>n</sub> = 253V rms or dc)**

- Terminals 2 to 1 and 6 to 1
  - V<sub>+-</sub> = 10.5V, I = 1.4mA, P<sub>n</sub> = 37mW
- Terminals 4 to 3 and 1
  - V<sub>+-</sub> = 28V, I = 93mA, P<sub>n</sub> = 651mW

**Terminals 3 to 1**
Non-energy-storing apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW; can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage <28V

**Terminals 5 to 4 and 1**
- V<sub>-</sub> ≤ 28V, I<sub>-</sub> ≤ 94mA, P<sub>-</sub> ≤ 0.66W

**Configurator**
A personal computer running MTL PCS45 software with a PCL45USB serial interface.
The MTLx533 repeats signals from vibration sensors in a hazardous area, providing outputs for a monitoring system in the safe area. The interface is compatible with 3-wire eddy-current probes and accelerometers or 2-wire current sensors, the selection is made by switches on the side of the module.

**SPECIFICATION**
*See also common specification*

**Number of channels**
Two

**Location of signal source**
- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

**Hazardous-area input**
- Input impedance: terminals 2 & 3, 5 & 6: 10kΩ
- Transducer supply voltage, 3-wire (terminals 3 & 1 and 6 & 4)
- Transducer supply current, 2-wire (terminals 3 & 1 and 6 & 4)

**Signal range**
- Minimum –20V, maximum –0.5V
- DC transfer accuracy at 20°C ≤±50mV
- AC transfer accuracy at 20°C 0Hz to 1kHz: ±1% 1kHz to 10kHz: –5% to +1% 10kHz to 20kHz: –10% to +1%
- Temperature coefficient ±50ppm/°C (10 to 65°C) ±100ppm/°C (–20 to 10°C)

**Voltage bandwidth**
–3dB at 47kHz (typical)

**Phase response**
<14μs, equivalent to:
- 1° at 200Hz
- 3° at 600Hz
- 5° at 1kHz
- 50° at 10kHz
- 100° at 20kHz

**Safe-area output impedance**
<20Ω

**LED indicator**
- Green: power indication

**Supply voltage**
20 to 35V dc

**Maximum current consumption (10mA transducer load/ch)**
130mA at 24V

**Maximum power dissipation within unit**
2.7W

**Safety description**
- Terminals 3 to 1 and 6 to 4
  Vo=26.6V Io=94mA Po=0.66W Um = 253V rms or dc
- Terminals 3 to 2 and 6 to 5
  Non-energy-storing apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW

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## Isolator Applications:

**ANALOGUE INPUT - TRANSMITTERS, 4-20mA CONVENTIONAL AND ‘SMART’**

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Two Terminal Input - High Density

Three Terminal Input
The MTLx541 provides a fully-floating dc supply for energising a conventional 2- or 3-wire 4/20mA transmitter, which is located in a hazardous area, and repeats the current in another floating circuit to drive a safe-area load. For HART 2-wire transmitters, the unit allows bi-directional communications signals superimposed on the 4/20mA loop current. Alternatively, the MTLx541S acts as a current sink for a safe-area connection rather than driving a current into the load.

**SPECIFICATION**

*See also common specification*

**Number of channels**

One

**Location of transmitter**

- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

**Safe-area output**

- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 0 to 24mA
- Safe-area load resistance (MTLx541):
  - @ 24mA: 0 to 360Ω
  - @ 20mA: 0 to 450Ω
- Safe-area load (MTLx541S):
  - Current sink: 600Ω max.
- Maximum voltage source: 24V dc
- Safe-area circuit output resistance: > 1MΩ

**Safe-area circuit ripple**

< 50µA peak-to-peak

**Hazardous-area input**

- Signal range: 0 to 24mA (including over-range)
- Transmitter voltage: 16.5V at 20mA

**Transfer accuracy at 20°C**

- Better than 15µA
- Temperature drift
  - < 0.8µA/°C

**Response time**

- Settles to within 10% of final value within 50µs

**Communications supported**

- HART (terminals 1 & 2 only)

**LED indicator**

- Green: power indication

**Maximum current consumption** (with 20mA signal)

- 51mA at 24V

**Power dissipation within unit** (with 20mA signal)

- MTLx541: 0.7W @ 24V dc
- MTLx541S: 1.0W @ 24V dc

**Safety description**

**Terminals 2 to 1 and 3:**

- V_o=28V
- I_o=93mA
- P_o=651mW
- U_m = 253V rms or dc

**Terminals 1 to 3:**

- Simple apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW; can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage <28V

**SIL capable**

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MTL4541A/AS – MTL5541A/AS
CURRENT REPEATER
4/20mA passive input for HART® transmitters

The MTLx541A provides an input for separately powered 4/20mA transmitters and also allows bi-directional transmission of HART communication signals superimposed on the 4/20mA loop current. Alternatively, the MTLx541AS acts as a current sink for a safe-area connection rather than driving a current into the load.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

**Number of channels**
One

**Location of transmitter**
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div.1, Group A, hazardous location

**Hazardous area input**
- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 1.0 to 21.5mA

**Input impedance for HART signals**
at terminals 1, 2: > 230Ω

**Maximum input volt drop**
at terminals 1, 2: < 6.6V
i.e. a transmitter load of 330Ω at 20mA

**Safe-area output**
- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 1.0 to 21.5mA
- Safe-area load resistance (MTLx541A)
  - Conventional transmitters: 0 to 360Ω
  - Smart transmitters: 250Ω ±10%
- Safe-area load (MTLx541AS)
  - Current sink: 600Ω max.
  - Maximum voltage source: 24V DC
- Safe-area circuit output resistance: > 1MΩ

**Safe-area circuit ripple**
< 50µA peak-to-peak up to 80kHz

**Transfer accuracy at 20°C**
Better than 20µA

**Temperature drift**
< 1µA/°C

**Response time**
Settles within 200µs of final value after 20ms

**Communications supported**
HART

**LED indicator**
Green: power indication

**Power requirement** (with 20mA signal)
- 50mA at 20V
- 45mA at 24V
- 35mA at 35V

**Power dissipation within unit** (with 20mA signals)
- MTLx541A: 0.8W @ 24V dc
- MTLx541AS: 1.1W @ 24V dc

**Safety description**
Terminals 1 to 2:
- \( U_m = 253V \) rms or dc.
- 8.6V (diode). This voltage must be considered when calculating the load capacitance.
Non-energy-storing apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW, can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage <28V.
The MTLx544 provides fully-floating dc supplies for energising two conventional 2-wire or 3-wire 4/20mA or HART transmitters located in a hazardous area, and repeats the current in other circuits to drive two safe-area loads. For smart transmitters, the unit allows bi-directional transmission of digital communication signals superimposed on the 4/20mA loop current. Alternatively, the MTLx544S acts as a current sink for a safe-area connection rather than driving a current into the load.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

### Number of channels
- Two

### Location of transmitter
- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

### Safe-area output
- **Signal range:** 4 to 20mA
- **Under/over-range:** 0 to 24mA
- **Safe-area load resistance (MTLx 544)**
  - @ 24mA: 0 to 360Ω
  - @ 20mA: 0 to 450Ω
- **Safe-area load (MTLx544S)**
  - Current sink: 600Ω max.
- **Maximum voltage source:** 24V dc
- **Safe-area circuit output resistance:** > 1MΩ

### Safe-area circuit ripple
- < 50µA peak-to-peak

### Hazardous-area input
- **Signal range:** 0 to 24mA (including over-range)
- **Transmitter voltage:** 16.5V at 20mA
- **Transfer accuracy at 20°C**
  - Better than 1.5µA
- **Temperature drift**
  - < 0.8µA/°C
- **Response time**
  - Settles to within 10% of final value within 50µs

### Communications supported
- HART (terminals 1 & 2 and 4 & 5 only)

### LED indicator
- Green: power indication

### Maximum current consumption (with 20mA signals)
- 96mA at 24V dc

### Power dissipation within unit (with 20mA signals)
- MTLx544: 1.4W @ 24V dc
- MTLx544S: 1.9W @ 24V dc

### Safety description (each channel)
- **Terminals 2 to 1 and 3, and 5 to 4 and 6:**
  - $V_o=28V$  $I_o=93mA$  $P_o=651mW$  $U_m = 253V$ rms or dc
- **Terminals 1 to 3 and 4 to 6:**
  - Simple apparatus $\leq 1.5V$, $\leq 0.1A$ and $\leq 25mW$; can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage <28V

### SIL capable
- These models have been assessed for use in IEC 61508 functional safety applications. See data on MTL web site.
The MTLx544A provides an input for separately powered 4/20mA transmitters and also allows bi-directional transmission of HART communication signals superimposed on the 4/20mA loop current, so that the transmitter can be interrogated either from the operator station or by a hand-held communicator (HHC). Alternatively, the MTLx544AS acts as a current sink for a safe-area connection rather than driving a current into the load.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

**Number of channels**
- Two

**Location of transmitter**
- Zone 0, IIc, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

**Hazardous area input**
- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 1.0 to 21.5mA
- Input impedance for HART signals at terminals 1, 2 and 4, 5: > 230Ω
- Maximum input volt drop at terminals 1, 2 and 4, 5: < 6.6V, i.e. a transmitter load of 330Ω at 20mA

**Safe-area output**
- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 1.0 to 21.5mA
- Safe-area load resistance (MTL5544A):
  - Conventional transmitters: 0 to 360Ω
  - Smart transmitters: 250Ω ±10%
- Safe-area load (MTL5544AS):
  - Current sink: 600Ω max.
  - Maximum voltage source: 24V DC
- Safe-area circuit output resistance: > 1MΩ
- Safe-area circuit ripple: < 50μA peak-to-peak up to 80kHz

**Transfer accuracy at 20°C**
- Better than 20μA

**Temperature drift**
- < 1μA/°C

**Response time**
- Settles within 200μA of final value after 20ms

**Communications supported**
- HART

**LED indicator**
- Green: power indication

**Power requirement** (with 20mA signal)
- 70mA at 24V
- 85mA at 20V
- 50mA at 35V

**Power dissipation within unit** (with 20mA signals)
- MTLx544A 1.5W @ 24V dc
- MTLx544AS 2.0W @ 24V dc

**Safety description**

**Terminals 1 to 2 and 4 to 5:**
- $U_i = 253V$ rms or dc.
- 8.6V (diode). This voltage must be considered when calculating the load capacitance.
- Non-energy-storing apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW, can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage < 28V.
The MTLx544D provides a fully-floating dc supply for energising a conventional 2- or 3-wire 4/20mA transmitter located in a hazardous area, and repeats the current in other circuits to drive two safe-area loads. For HART 2-wire transmitters, the unit allows bi-directional transmission of digital communication signals superimposed on the 4/20mA loop current.

### SPECIFICATION

See also common specification

**Number of channels**

One

**Location of transmitter**

- Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
- Div. 1, Group A hazardous location

**Safe-area output**

- Signal range: 4 to 20mA
- Under/over-range: 0 to 24mA
- Safe-area load resistance: @ 24mA: 0 to 360Ω, @ 20mA: 0 to 450Ω
- Safe-area circuit output resistance: > 1MΩ

**Safe-area circuit ripple**

< 50µA peak-to-peak

**Hazardous-area input**

- Signal range: 0 to 24mA (including over-range)
- Transmitter voltage: 16.5V at 20mA

**Transfer accuracy at 20°C**

Better than 15µA

**Temperature drift**

< 0.8µA/°C

**Response time**

Sets to within 10% of final value within 50µs

**Communications supported**

HART (terminals 1 & 2, output Ch 1 only)

### LED indicator

Green: power indication

### Maximum current consumption (with 20mA signals)

- 96mA at 24V dc

### Power dissipation within unit (with 20mA signals)

- 1.4W @ 24V dc

### Safety description

**Terminals 2 to 1 and 3:**

- $V_o=28V$  $I_o=93mA$  $P_o=651mW$  $U_m = 253V$ rms or dc

**Terminals 1 to 3:**

Simple apparatus ≤1.5V, ≤0.1A and ≤25mW; can be connected without further certification into any IS loop with an open-circuit voltage <28V

### SIL capable

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Isolator Applications:

### ANALOGUE OUTPUT - CONTROLLER OUTPUTS, I/P CONVERTERS

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MTL4546/C/Y – MTL5546/Y
ISOLATING DRIVER
for 4–20mA HART® valve positioners
with line fault detection

The MTLx546 accepts a 4/20mA floating signal from a safe-area controller to drive a current/pressure converter (or any other load up to 800Ω) in a hazardous area. For HART valve positioners, the module also permits bi-directional transmission of digital communication signals. Process controllers with a readback facility can detect open or short circuits in the field wiring: if these occur, the current taken into the terminals drops to a preset level. The MTL4546C and the MTLx546Y are very similar to the MTLx546 except that they provide open circuit detection only (i.e. no short-circuit detection).

SPECIFICATION

See also common specification

Number of channels
One

Location of I/P converter
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

Working range
4 to 20mA

Digital signal bandwidth
500Hz to 10kHz

Maximum load resistance
800Ω (16V at 20mA)

Minimum load resistance
90Ω (short-circuit detection at < 50Ω)

Output resistance
> 1MΩ

Under/over range capability
Under range = 1mA
Over range = 24mA (load ≤ 520Ω)

Input and output circuit ripple
< 40μA peak-to-peak

Transfer accuracy at 20°C
Better than 20μA

Temperature drift
< 1.0μA/°C

Input characteristics

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Response time
Settles within 200μA of final value within 100ms

Communications supported
HART

LED indicator
Green: power indication

Maximum current consumption (with 20mA signals into 250Ω load)
35mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit (with 20mA signals into 250Ω load)
0.8W at 24V

Safety description
Vsw=28V Is=93mA Psw=651mW Un = 253V rms or dc

SIL capable
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MTL4549/C/Y - MTL5549/Y
ISOLATING DRIVER

The MTLx549 accepts 4/20mA floating signals from safe-area controllers to drive 2 current/pressure converters (or any other load up to 800Ω) in a hazardous area. For HART valve positioners, the module also permits bi-directional transmission of digital communication signals. Process controllers with a readback facility can detect open or short circuits in the field wiring: if these occur, the current taken into the terminals drops to a preset level. The MTL4549C and MTLx549Y are very similar to the MTLx549 except that they provide open circuit detection only (i.e. no short-circuit detection).

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
Two

Location of I/P converter
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous location

Working range
4 to 20mA

Digital signal bandwidth
500Hz to 10kHz

Maximum load resistance
800Ω (16V at 20mA)

Minimum load resistance
90Ω (short-circuit detection at < 50Ω)

Output resistance
> 1MΩ

Under/over range capability
Under range = 24mA (load ≤ 520Ω)
Input and output circuit ripple
<40µA peak-to-peak

Communications supported
HART

Transfer accuracy at 20°C
Better than 20µA

Temperature drift
< 1.6µA/°C

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Response time
Settles within 200µA of final value within 100ms

LED indicator
Green: power indication

Maximum current consumption (with 20mA signals into 250Ω load)
70mA at 24V dc

Power dissipation within unit (with 20mA signals into 250Ω load)
1.6W at 24V

Safety description (each channel)
V=28V I=93mA P=0.65W Um = 253V rms or dc

SIL capable
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MTL4561 – MTL5561
FIRE AND SMOKE
DETECTOR INTERFACE
two-channel

The MTLx561 is a loop-powered 2–channel interface for use with conventional fire and smoke detectors located in hazardous areas. In operation, the triggering of a detector causes a corresponding change in the safe–area current. The unit features reverse input polarity protection, while ‘no-fail’ earth fault detection on either line can be provided by connecting an earth leakage detector to terminal 3 and/or 6.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
Two, fully floating, loop powered

Location of fire and smoke detectors
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area if suitably certified
Div. 1, Group A, hazardous area

Input voltage
6 to 30V dc

Current range
1 to 40mA, nominal

Quiescent safe–area current at 20°C
< 400µA at Vin = 24V per channel

Integral input polarity protection
Enabled by connecting terminals 3 and/or 6 to an earth leakage detector (see notes)
Fault on either line of each channel proclaimed: unit continues working

Notes:
1. To maintain isolation between the two channels, separate earth leakage detectors are needed.
2. The earth leakage detectors introduce a 100µA, 1Hz ripple to the field circuit.

Minimum output voltage Vout at 20°C
For Vin ≤ 25V: Vout = Vin – (0.38 x current in mA) – 2V
For Vin > 25V: Vout = 22.5V – (0.35 x current in mA)

Maximum output voltage
28V from 300Ω

Transfer accuracy at 20°C
Better than 400µA

Temperature drift
< 4µA/°C (0°C to 60°C)
< 15µA/°C (–20°C to 0°C)

Response time to step input
Sets to within 5% of final value within 1.5ms

Power dissipation within unit
0.7W maximum at 24V with 40mA signal (each channel)
0.9W maximum at 30V with 40mA signal (each channel)

Safety description for each channel
V_o=28V  I_o=93mA  P_o=0.65W  U_m = 253V rms or dc

*Signal plug HAZ1-3 is required for access to this function
Isolator Applications:

### TEMPERATURE INPUT - THERMOCOUPLE AND mV SOURCES, THC

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### TEMPERATURE INPUT - RESISTANCE SENSORS, RTD

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MTL4575 – MTL5575
TEMPERATURE CONVERTER
THC or RTD input + Alarm

The MTLx575 converts a low-level dc signal from a temperature sensor mounted in a hazardous area into a 4/20mA current for driving a safe-area load. Software selectable features include linearisation, ranging, monitoring, testing and tagging for all thermocouple types and 2-, 3- or 4-wire RTDs. (For thermocouple applications the HAZ-CJC plug on terminals 1–3 includes an integral CJC sensor). Configuration is carried out using a personal computer. A single alarm output is provided and may be configured for high or low process alarm or to provide notice of early thermocouple failure.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

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| Calibration accuracy (at 20°C) (includes hysteresis, non-linearity and repeatability) | Inpipe (500ms response):
|                        | mV/THC: ± 15µV or ± 0.05% of input value (whichever is greater) |
|                        | RTD: ± 80µΩ |
|                        | Output: ± 11µA |
| Temperature drift (typical) | Inputs:
|                        | mV/THC: ± 0.003% of input value/°C |
|                        | RTD: ± 7mΩ/°C |
|                        | Output: ± 0.6µA/°C |
| Example of calibration accuracy and temperature drift (RTD input - 500ms response) | Span: 250Ω |
|                        | Accuracy: ± (0.08/250 + 11/16000) x 100% = 0.1% of span |
|                        | Temperature drift: ± (0.007/250 x 16000 + 0.6) µA/°C = ± 1.0µA/°C |

Safety drive on sensor failure
Upscale, downscale, or off

Early burnout
Early burnout detection for thermocouples (when selected)
Alarm trips when loop resistance increase is > 50Ω

Output range
4 to 20mA nominal into 600Ω max. (direct or reverse)

Alarm output (configurable)
Relay ON in alarm, 250mA @ 35V max

Maximum lead resistance (THC)
600Ω

Response time
Configurable - 500 ms default
[Accuracy at 100/200ms - contact MTL]

LED indicator
Green: power and status indication
Yellow: alarm indication, on when contacts are closed

Maximum current consumption (with 20mA signal)
50mA at 24V

Power dissipation within unit (with 20mA signal)
1.2W at 24V

Safety description
Refer to certificate for parameters. Um=253V rms or dc

Configurator
A personal computer running MTL PCS45 software with a PCL45USB serial interface.
MTL4576-RTD – MTL5576-RTD
TEMPERATURE CONVERTER
RTD/potentiometer input, 2 ch

The MTLx576–RTD converts signals from resistance temperature detectors (RTDs) mounted in a hazardous area, into 4/20mA currents for driving safe-area loads. Software selectable features include input type and characterisation, ranging, monitoring, testing and tagging. Configuration is carried out using a personal computer. The MTLx576–RTD is compatible with 2– and 3–wire RTD inputs.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Number of channels
Two

Signal source
2-/3-wire RTDs to BS 60751
Pt 100, Pt 500, Pt 1000
Cu-50 & Cu-53
Ni 100/500/1000 DIN 43760

Location of signal source
Zone 0, IIC, T4–6 hazardous area
Division 1, Group A, hazardous location

Input signal range
0 to 400Ω (0 to 4000Ω Pt & Ni sensors)

Input signal span
10 to 400Ω (10 to 1000Ω Pt & Ni sensors)

RTD excitation current
200µA nominal

Common mode rejection
120dB for 240V at 50Hz or 60Hz

Series mode rejection
40dB for 50Hz or 60Hz

Calibration accuracy (at 20°C)
(includes hysteresis, non-linearity and repeatability)
Input: ± 80mΩ
Output: ± 16µA

Temperature drift (typical)
Input: ± 7mΩ/°C
Output: ± 0.6µA/°C

Example of calibration accuracy and temperature drift (RTD input)
Span: 250Ω
Accuracy: ± (0.08/250 + 16/16000) x 100%
= 0.13% of span
Temperature drift: ± (0.007/250 x 16000 + 0.6) µA/°C
= ±1.0µA/°C

Safety drive on sensor failure
Upscale, downscale, or off

Output range
4 to 20mA nominal into 300Ω max. (direct or reverse)

Response time
Configurable - 500 ms default
(Accuracy at 100/200ms - contact MTL)

LED indicator
Green: power and status indication
Yellow: one provided for channel status
Red: alarm indication

Power requirement, Vs with 20mA signal
60mA at 24V

Power dissipation within unit with 20mA signal
1.4W at 24V

Isolation
Functional channel–channel isolation for safe and hazardous–area circuits

Safety description
Refer to certificate for parameters. Um=253V rms or dc

Configurator
A personal computer running MTL PCS45 software with a PCL45USB serial interface.

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The MTLx576–THC converts low-level dc signals from temperature sensors mounted in a hazardous-area into 4/20mA currents for driving safe-area loads. Software selectable features include linearisation for standard thermocouple types, ranging, monitoring, testing and tagging. Configuration is carried out using a personal computer. The hazardous-area connections include cold-junction compensation and do not need to be ordered separately.

**SPECIFICATION**

See also common specification

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<td>±16µA</td>
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| **Temperature drift (typical)** | Input: ±0.003% of input value/°C  
Output: ±0.06µA/°C |
| **Safety drive on sensor burnout** | Upscale, downscale, or off |
| **Output range** | 4 to 20mA nominal into 300Ω max. (direct or reverse) |
| **Maximum lead resistance** | 300Ω |
| **Response time** | Configurable - 500 ms default  
(Accuracy at 100/200ms - contact MTL) |

**LED indicator**

Green: power and status indication  
Yellow: one provided for channel status  
Red: alarm indication

**Power requirement, Vs with 20mA signal**

60mA at 24V

**Power dissipation within unit with 20mA signal**

1.4W at 24V

**Isolation**

Functional isolation channel–channel for safe and hazardous-area circuits.

**Safety description**

Refer to certificate for parameters. Um=253V rms or dc

**Configurator**

A personal computer running MTL PCS45 software with a PCL45USB serial interface.
Isolator Applications:

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Other mounting and connection accessories for both product ranges are identified within the following pages.
MTL4599 - MTL5599
DUMMY ISOLATOR

The primary function of the MTLx599, which can be used with all other MTLx500 Series units, is to provide termination and earthing facilities for unused cable cores from hazardous areas.

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Weight
60g

MTL4599N GENERAL PURPOSE FEED-THROUGH MODULE

The feed-through termination module allows non-IS connections to the MTL4500 backplanes. The wires from the field are connected using screw terminals. Six terminals are provided for each contact of the multiway connector on the backplane. The terminals and cables conform to IS regulations so that non-IS and IS signals can be mixed on the same backplane.

Note: Must not be used with signals >50V or >0.25A

SPECIFICATION
See also common specification

Weight
60g
MTL4500 - MTL5500 SERIES
COMMON SPECIFICATIONS

Please go to our website at www.mtl-inst.com for the latest information regarding safety approvals, certificates and entity parameters.

Connectors
Each unit is supplied with signal connectors, as applicable. When using crimp ferrules for the hazardous or non-hazardous (safe) signal connectors the metal tube length should be 12mm and the wire trim length 14mm.

Isolation
250V rms, tested at 1500V rms minimum, between safe- and hazardous-area terminals.
50V between safe-area circuits and power supply

Supply voltage
20 – 35V dc

Location of units
Safe area

Terminals
Accepts conductors of up to 2.5mm² stranded or single-core

Mounting
MTL4500
MTL4500 series backplanes
MTL5500
T-section 35mm DIN rail (7.5 or 15mm) to EN 50022

Ambient temperature limits
-20 to +60°C (~6 to +140°F) operating
-40 to +80°C (~40 to +176°F) storage

Humidity
5 to 95% relative humidity

Weight
MTL4500 140g
MTL5500 150g
Approximate (except where indicated)

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DIMENSIONS (mm)

MTL4500
Optional TH5000 tag holder for individual isolator identification.
Accepts tag label 25 x 12.5 ±0.5mm, 0.2mm thick

MTL5500
Optional TH5000 tag holder for individual isolator identification.
Accepts tag label 25 x 12.5 ±0.5mm, 0.2mm thick
**MPA5500**

**A.C. POWER ADAPTOR**

The MPA5500 enables any MTL5500 Series module that is normally powered from a nominal 24V DC supply (i.e. those that are not loop-powered) to be powered from a high-voltage AC supply.

It plugs into the power socket (terminals 13 and 14) of an MTL5500 module and clips securely onto the module housing. The 25V DC power output from the adapter is sufficient to supply a single module and can be connected to any normal AC power source.

**SPECIFICATION**

- **Input voltage**: 85 – 265V AC, (45–65Hz)
- **Efficiency**: 71% typ. at 230V AC
- **Power dissipation**: 1.2W typ at 230V AC.
- **Input terminals**: Cage-clamp terminals accommodating conductors up to 1.5mm² stranded or 16AWG single-core
- **Input protection**: internal fuse, not user serviceable
- **Output voltage**: 25Vdc ± 10%
- **Output current**: 120mA at 25V
- **Ambient temperature**: Operating: –20 to +60°C Storage: –40 to +80°C
- **Mounting**: Plugs into and clips onto MTL5500 Series I/O module
- **Humidity**: 5 to 95% relative humidity (non-condensing)
- **Mechanical**: Ingress Protection: IP20 Material: polycarbonate Weight: 28g approx.
- **Standards compliance**: EN 61326, EN 61010

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**PCS45/PCL45USB CONFIGURATOR FOR MTL CONVERTERS**

The PCS45/PCL45USB configurator allows MTL converters to be configured from a standard PC running a Microsoft® Windows® operating system. It comprises PC software, provided on a CD (PCS45), and an ATEX certified interfacing link (PCL45USB). Converters can be configured from the safe area, while on-line, and configurations can be saved to disk and printed out when required. It is suitable for use with MTL4000, MTL4500, MTL5000 and MTL5500 series products.

**Safe area**

![Diagram of Safe area setup]

**SPECIFICATION**

- **PCL45USB hardware**
  - **Location**: Safe area
  - **Connections**
    - PC side: USB [B(F) socket
    - Converter side: cable with 3.5mm jackplug, 3-pole for MTL4500 and MTL5500 series converters. An adapter cable is provided for other earlier MTL converters.
  - **Cable lengths**: Converter side (fitted): 1.5m USB cable A(M) to B(M) (supplied): 2m
  - **Ambient temperature limits**: –10°C to +60°C operating –20°C to +70°C storage
  - **Humidity**: 5 to 95% relative humidity (non-condensing)
  - **Weight**: 200g
- **PCS45 Configuration software**
  - Compatible with Windows 2000 or Windows XP.
  - Consult MTL for operation with any other operating system, e.g. Windows Vista™.
- **Software medium**: PCS45 supplied on CD
- **Recommended minimum PC configuration**
  - Microsoft Windows 2000 or Windows XP
  - 20MB of available hard disc space
  - CD ROM drive
  - Available USB port
  - Printer (local or network)
**MTL5991**

24V DC POWER SUPPLY

A DIN-rail mounted unit for locations where a dc supply is not readily available. The wide input power supply range makes this unit universally applicable and the 24V dc, 2A output will drive a useful number of MTL5000 and MTL5500 series modules.

**SPECIFICATION**

- **Power supply**: 85 to 264V ac 47 to 63Hz
- **Power dissipation within unit**: 7.2W @ 2A
- **Mounting**: 35mm DIN (top hat) rail
- **Output voltage**: 24V dc nom (23.64 min/24.36 max)
- **Output current**: 2A maximum (1.7A with <105V ac input)
- **LED indicators**: Green: Power indication
- **Weight**: 310g
- **Ambient temperature**: Operating temperature –10°C to +50°C
- **Terminals**: Cage clamp type accommodating conductors up to 2.5mm², stranded or single-core
- **Note**: Segregation between hazardous and safe area wiring must be maintained.

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**MTL5500 SERIES POWERBUS KITS**

PB - 8T,16T,24T,32T

A quick and easy way to distribute DC power to MTL5500 Series modules. Each powerbus kit includes 4 single ferrules, 4 twin ferrules and 2 insulation displacement connectors (Scotchlok).

**SPECIFICATION**

- **Available in 4 different lengths:**
  - PB - 8T = 8 connectors and loops
  - PB - 16T = 16 connectors and loops
  - PB - 24T = 24 connectors and loops
  - PB - 32T = 32 connectors and loops
- **Insulation material**: PVC
- **Conductor**: 24 strands of 0.2mm dia (0.75mm²) standard copper
- **Insulation thickness**: 0.5 to 0.8 mm
- **Current rating**: 12A max
- **Operating temperature range**: -20°C to +60°C
- **Max voltage drop on 32 modules drawing 130mA max**: 0.5V

**CHOOSING A POWERBUS KIT**

Choose a powerbus where the number of power plugs is greater than or equal to the number of isolators to be powered and if necessary cut the powerbus to the required number of terminations.

**Note**: To reduce the risk of excessive voltage drop or overcurrent do not connect powerbuses in series.

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MTL5500 SERIES ENCLOSURES

DIMENSIONS (mm) AND MOUNTING

SPECIFICATION

Construction
Glass reinforced polycarbonate base - DX070
Glass reinforced polyester base - DX170, DX430
Transparent polycarbonate lid

Protection
Dust-tight and water-jet proof to IEC529:IP65

Lid fixing
Captive fixing screws

Weight (excluding barriers/isolators) kg
DX070 0.8
DX170 2.6
DX430 4.1

Items provided
DIN rail - fitted
ETL7000 Earth terminals (2 x) - fitted
"Take care IS" front adhesive label
Cable trunking (except DX070)

Note: Isolators are not included.

Mounting
Wall fixing lugs provided. For further details refer to INM5500.

Tagging and earth rail
Accommodates MTL5500 Series accessories.

Permitted location
- Safe (non-hazardous) area

Note: N. America/Canada - Enclosures are rated NEMA 4X so can be used in Class 1, Division 2 (gases) location, but check with local requirements and ensure all cable entries also conform. Additional warning label will be required on or near the enclosure, see installation details. Not suitable for Class II or III, Division 2 hazardous locations.

Approximate capacities (on DIN rail between earth terminals)
* Use these figures when IMB57 mounting blocks for tagging/earth are included.

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Ambient temperature limits
Dependent on units fitted. See instruction manual INM5500.
MTL5500 SERIES ACCESSORIES

MTL5500 Series isolators mount quickly and easily onto standard DIN rail. A comprehensive range of accessories simplifies earthing and tagging arrangements.

**MOUNTING**

**THR2 DIN rail, 1m length**
DIN rail to EN50022; BS5584; DIN46277

**MS010 DIN rail module spacer, 10mm, pack of 5**
Grey spacer, one required between each MTL5995 and any adjacent module on a DIN rail, to provide 10mm air-circulation space between modules

**EARTH RAIL AND TAG STRIP**

**IMB57 Insulating mounting block**
One required at each end of a tagging strip/earth rail. Suitable for low-profile (7.5mm) and high-profile (15mm) symmetrical DIN rail.

**ERB57S Earth-rail bracket, straight**
Nickel-plated; supplied with two push fasteners, one (14mm, 35mm) earth-rail clamp and one (10mm, 16mm) earth clamp.

**ERL7 Earth rail, 1m length**
Nickel-plated; may be cut to length.

**ETM7 Earth terminal, bag of 50**
For terminating cable screens and 0V returns on the ERL7 earth rail. For cables ≤ 4mm². Exact dimension dependent on manufacturer.

**TAG57 Tagging strip, 1m length**
Cut to size. Supplied with tagging strip label suitable for MTL5000 or MTL5500 modules.

**TGL57 Tagging strip labels, set of 10 x 0.5m**
Spares replacement, for use with TAG57 tagging strip. Suitable for MTL5000 or MTL5500 modules.

**INDIVIDUAL ISOLATOR IDENTIFICATION**

**TH5000 tag holders**
Each isolator may be fitted with a clear plastic tag holder, as shown below. Order TH5000, pack of 20.

**CONNECTORS**

Each MTL5500 unit is supplied with signal and power connectors, as applicable.
Spares replacement connectors are available separately; see ordering information.

See also ‘MTL5500 Series powerbus kits’

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CUSTOM, STANDARD AND UNIVERSAL BACKPLANES FOR EASY DCS INTEGRATION

- Total flexibility
- Reduce wiring
- Simplify installation
- Special functions
- Signal conditioning
- HART® integration

The MTL4500 Series backplanes, enclosures and other accessories provide comprehensive, flexible and remarkably compact mounting facilities for system vendors, original equipment manufacturers and end users alike.

Customised backplanes
MTL provides a complete design and manufacturing service for customised backplanes. Customised backplanes give the vendors and users of process control and safety systems the opportunity to integrate MTL4500/HART® modules directly into their system architecture. As there are no hazardous-area circuits on the backplanes, customised versions can be produced without the need for IS certification, so simplifying design and lowering costs.

Universal custom backplanes
The ‘universal’ backplane allows a fast and economic approach to providing a custom interface. Where tight time schedules exist, the backplane can be installed to allow the panel building and wiring to be completed. The customised adapter card can then be plugged in at any time up to integrated test.

Adapter cards
Adapter cards already exist for many of the DCS companies. In addition there is a range of general purpose cards that offer reduced wiring for use with specific MTL modules. These are also available in left- and right-hand versions to ease panel wiring.

Standard MTL backplanes
Standard MTL backplanes are available to accommodate 4, 8, 16, or 24 modules using screw-clamp connectors for the safe-area circuits. On an individual backplane, any module can be plugged into any position and module types can be mixed. For 8-, 16- and 24-way backplanes, screw-clamp connectors which plug into the backplanes provide primary and secondary 24V dc power supplies. Power to several 8- or 16-way backplanes can be interconnected to reduce and simplify wiring – see instruction manual INM4500 for details.

Optional accessories
Optional accessories include colour coded tagging strip kits for all three sizes of backplane and earth rail kits for 8 and 16-way versions. Mounting accessories are available for surface (all backplanes), T-section and G-section DIN-rail (8- and 16-way versions), and a horizontal plate for mounting 24-way backplanes in 19-inch racks.

Weatherproof enclosures
Weatherproof enclosures are available for applications where separate safe-area enclosures are required for backplanes with modules. Available to accommodate one 4-way or one 8-way backplane, they are manufactured from GRP giving protection against dust and water to IEC529:IP65. The lids are made from transparent high-strength polycarbonate so that LEDs, switches, etc, on the tops of the modules are easy to see.

DCS vendors/systems supported:
ABB Automation
S100, INFI90
Rockwell Automation
Bently-Nevada
Foxboro
IA FBM & FBM2xx
Siemens-Moore
APACS, Quadlog
Honeywell
TDC, Plantscrape
Honeywell-SMS
FSC
ICS
Triplex, Plantguard
Triconex
Tricon, Trident
Yokogawa
Centum XL, µXL, CS1000, CS3000, R3
Yokogawa Industrial Safety Systems
ProSafe & ProSafe RS

MTL CPS STANDARD BACKPLANES

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CPS BACKPLANE dimensions (mm)

Power requirements, Vs
21V dc to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Safe-area connections
CPS: 2.5mm² screw-clamp terminals – 6 positions per module

Power sense
Through separate plug-in crimp connector

Weight (without modules or accessories)
- CPS04: 96g
- CPS08: 225g
- CPS16: 419g
- CPS24: 592g

Backplane accessories

HMP24 mounting plate for 19 inch rack

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ORDERING INFORMATION

MTL4500/5500 Series isolators
Specify part number: eg, MTL4511, MTL5575

Individual isolator identification
TH5000 Tag holder (Pack of 20)

Connectors - MTL4500 & MTL5500
HAZ1-3 Hazardous-area plug, terminals 1, 2 and 3
HAZ4-6 Hazardous-area plug, terminals 4, 5 and 6
HAZ-CJC Hazardous-area plug, terminals 1 and 3 with cold-junction sensor
HAZ-CJC2 Hazardous-area plug, terminals 4 and 6 with cold-junction sensor
SAF1-3 Safe-area plug, terminals 1, 2 and 3
SAF4-6 Safe-area plug, terminals 4, 5 and 6

Connectors - MTL5500 only
SAF7-9 Safe-area plug, terminals 7, 8 and 9
SAF10-12 Safe-area plug, terminals 10, 11 and 12
PWR5000 Power connector, terminals 13 and 14

PowerBus - MTL5500 only
PB-8T Powerbus Kit for up to 8 isolators
PB-16T Powerbus Kit for up to 16 isolators
PB-24T Powerbus Kit for up to 24 isolators
PB-32T Powerbus Kit for up to 32 isolators

MTL5500 Mounting accessories
THR2 1m length of DIN rail to EN 50022; BS 5584; DIN 46277
MS010 DIN-rail module spacer, 10mm (Pack of 5)

MTL5500 Earth-rail and tag strip accessories
IMB57 Insulating mounting block
ERB57S Earth-rail bracket, straight
ERL7 Earth-rail, 1m length
ETM7 Earth terminal, bag of 50
TAG57 Tagging strip, 1m length
TGL57 Tagging strip labels, set of 10 x 0.5m

MTL5500 Enclosures
DX070 Enclosure for MTL5500 x 4
DX170 Enclosure for MTL5500 x 10
DX430 Enclosure for MTL5500 x 26

MTL4500 Standard Backplanes
CPS04 4-way backplane screw-clamp connector
CPS08 8-way backplane screw-clamp connector
CPS16 16-way backplane screw-clamp connector
CPS24 24-way backplane screw-clamp connector

MTL4500 Custom Backplanes
Contact MTL for options and advice

MTL4500 Backplane mounting accessories
DMK01 DIN-rail mounting kit, T- or G-section (Pack of 40)
SMS01 Surface mounting kit (Pack of 40)
HMP24 Horizontal mounting plate and screws for 19-inch rack mounting

MTL4500 Backplane accessories
ERK08 Earth rail kit for CPS08 backplane
ERK16 Earth rail kit for CPS16 backplane
TSK08 Tagging strip kit for CPS08 backplane
TSK16 Tagging strip kit for CPS16 backplane
TSK24 Tagging strip kit for CPS24 backplane
FUS1.0ATE5 Fuse kit for 4- and 8-way backplanes, (10 per pack)
FUS2.0ATE5 Fuse kit for 16-way backplane, (10 per pack)
FUS4.0ATE5 Fuse kit for 24-way backplanes, (10 per pack)
MCK45 MTL4000 backplane conversion kit (16 clip pairs per pack)
MPL01 Module position label (Blank) (50 per pack)

Literature
INM5500 MTL5500 Series instruction manual
INM4500 MTL4500 Series instruction manual

Configurator and software
PCL45USB Configurator, PC interface and software
PCS45 PC software

Please go to our website at www.mtl-inst.com for the latest information regarding safety approvals, certificates and entity parameters.
HART® Multiplexers

MTL provides the connections between HART field instruments, control systems and process automation management software.

Whether for a new installation or the upgrade of an existing facility, MTL provides solutions for traditional I/O and process systems in both IS and general purpose applications.

The HART® protocol is a powerful communication technology used to realise the full potential of digital field devices whilst preserving the traditional 4-20mA analogue signal. HART® provides simultaneous analogue and digital operation so that the 4-20mA analogue signal can be connected to conventional I/O cards or modules for measurement and control, while the digital signal can be used for monitoring process variables, accessing device status and diagnostics, or implementing configuration changes.

MTL’s HART® connections provide the means to make full use of these features. By connecting field instruments, control systems and instrument management software, MTL’s HART® connections allow better use of maintenance resources, reduced commissioning and process down-time, and consequent lower costs for commissioning and loop maintenance.

There are two types of HART® multiplexer to suit new or existing installations:

- The new MTL4850 compact 32-channel module
- The well established MTL4840 Series with 16-channel modularity.

Both of these product lines offer a full range of connection support elements and will link with most instrument management software packages by use of the relevant driver or definition files.

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The MTL4850 HART multiplexer provides a simple interface between smart devices in the field, control/safety systems and HART® instrument management software running on a PC.

The system is based on 32-channel modularity to provide a compact, easily configurable and expandable system. Using a standard RS485 serial link, up to 2016 individual HART devices can be connected to a single network.

For the optimum solution, the MTL4850 mounts directly to either a range of generic or customised connection units/backplanes.

Connectivity to HART Configuration and Instrument Management Software

The online access to the information contained within HART devices allows users to diagnose field device troubles before they lead to costly problems. Software can capture and use diagnostic data from HART field instruments via the MTL HART connection hardware. This allows users to realise the full potential of their field devices to optimise plant assets, which results in significant operations improvement and direct maintenance savings.

IMS products provide essential configuration, calibration, monitoring and maintenance history functions for conventional analogue (4-20 mA) and HART protocol compatible smart process instruments and field devices. They deliver powerful tools to meet the need for standardised instrument maintenance procedures and record keeping mandated by some quality standards and regulatory bodies.

The benefits of utilising these powerful software packages online include:

- Reduced commissioning time and costs
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Reduced documentation
- Reduced process downtime

The MTL4850 offers connectivity to a comprehensive range of FDT based software packages via the comms Device Type Manager (DTM). The DTM can be downloaded from www.mtlinst.com. Other software packages work with the MTL4850 through custom software drivers or by the inclusion of the device description (DD) file for the MTL multiplexers.
SPECIFICATION

Number of channels
32

Channel transmitter type
HART rev 5 – 7

Channel interface
2 connections to each channel field loop (64 total)

Host system interface
RS485 2-wire multidrop
(up to 63 MTL4850 modules can be connected to one host)

RS485 baud rate
38400, 19200, 9600, 1200 baud - (auto-detected)

Address selection
8-bit interface, up to 64 addresses

Alarm output
(Open Collector - Referenced to 0V)

V\text{\text{max}} = 35\text{V}, I_{\text{max}} = 5\text{mA}, P_{\text{max}} = 100\text{mW}

ISOLATION

Channel-to-channel isolation
50V dc

Field loop isolation
50V dc

Module is coupled to loops via capacitor in each connection leg
(i.e. 2 capacitors per channel)

RS485 interface isolation
Between module and interface
25V dc

Alarm output isolation
Between module and output
50V dc

PSU isolation
Between module and PSU input
50V dc

POWER

Supply voltage
19V to 35V dc

Current consumption
60mA at 24V ±10%

Power dissipation
<1.6W at 24V ±10%

PSU protection
Reversed polarity protected
Fused (375mA)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Temperature range
Operating: \(-40°C to +70°C\)
Non-operating: \(-40°C to +85°C\)

Relative humidity
5% to 95% - non-condensing

MECHANICAL

Dimensions
See drawing

Weight
125 g

Compatible FDT Frames include:-

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Approvals

Zone 2 mounting | ATEX & IECEx
Div 2 mounting  | CSA, FM & FMC

For full details of approvals and certification refer to the MTL website - see below.

LED INDICATORS

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<td>green</td>
<td>Off</td>
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<td></td>
<td>On</td>
<td>Multiplexer is receiving power</td>
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<td>FAULT</td>
<td>red</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Multiplexer is in the running state</td>
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<td>Steady</td>
<td>Multiplexer rebuild is in progress</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>flash</td>
<td>No HART loops found</td>
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<td>On (steady)</td>
<td>A fault was detected and multiplexer operation was halted</td>
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<td>yellow</td>
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<td>Short flash (0.25 sec)</td>
<td>Correctly framed message received by the multiplexer</td>
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DIMENSIONS (mm)
MTL4850 BACKPLANE SPECIFICATIONS
GENERAL PURPOSE VERSIONS

HMP-HM64 BACKPLANE

Capacity
2 x MTL4850 HART multiplexer modules

Maximum power requirements
2.9W when equipped with –
2 x MTL4850 HART multiplexer modules

HART interface connectors
4 x DIN41651 20-way HART signal cables
(16 HART signal connections + 4 common returns on each cable. Connections to HART signals via screw terminal interface or custom backplane. Contact MTL for details.)

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
220g approx.

HTP-SC32 BACKPLANE *

Capacity
1 x MTL4850 HART multiplexer module

Maximum power requirements
1.4W

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
330g approx.

COMMON SPECIFICATION HMP-HM64 & HTP-SC32

Power requirements, Vs
21 to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Mounting
Supplied fitted in DIN-rail (T- or G- section) carrier

RS485 port
2.5mm² screw terminals

HCU16 HART CONNECTION UNIT*

Accuracy (HCU16-P250 only)
250Ω ±0.05%

Connectors
2.5mm² screw clamp terminals
3 terminals per channel
20-way HART signal cable (to HMP-HM64)

Weight
383g approx.

HCU16AO CONNECTION UNIT WITH FILTERS

Series impedance
dc < 2Ω
HART signal > 240Ω

Connectors
2.5mm² removable screw clamp terminals
2 terminals per channel in groups of 4 channels
20-way HART signal cable (to HMP-HM64)

Weight
768g approx.

COMMON SPECIFICATION HCU16 & HCU16AO

Capacity
16 channels

Isolation
Channel-to-channel 50V dc

Mounting
Supplied fitted in DIN-rail (T- or G- section) carrier

* for further details of the model options refer to the Instruction Manual INM4850 - available from the MTL website.
MTL4850 BACKPLANE SPECIFICATIONS
INTRINSIC SAFETY VERSIONS

CPH-SC16/CPH-SC32 BACKPLANE

Capacity
16 x MTL4541/A, MTL4546/Y isolators
16 x MTL4544/A, MTL4549/Y (CPH-SC32 only)
1 x MTL4850 HART multiplexer

Power requirements, V
21 to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Maximum power requirements
CPH-SC16 0.65A
CPH-SC32 1.2A

Safe-area connectors
2.5mm² screw terminals (2 terminals/module)

RS485 port
2.5mm² screw terminals

Accuracy
CPH-SCxxR: 250Ω ±0.05% conditioning resistor

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
CPH-SC16 410g approx.
CPH-SC32 470g approx.

CUSTOMISED CONNECTION UNITS

MTL offers a range of general purpose and IS interfaces providing direct connection with control system I/O cables as well as HART® connectivity. For general purpose signals, a number of custom HART® interface termination units are available for most DCS and PLC I/O cards. These replace the existing DCS termination units, saving space and allowing easy upgrading. Please contact MTL for details.

ORDERING INFORMATION

MTL4850
HART multiplexer module
connects with up to 32 loops

HART multiplexer

HMP-HM64 64ch HART backplane
(Links to connection units via signal cable)

HCU16† HART connection unit, 16ch i/p

HCU16-P250† HART connection unit, 16ch i/p

HCU16-S150† HART connection unit, 16ch i/p

HCU16-S200† HART connection unit, 16ch i/p

HCU16AO HART connection unit, 16ch o/p
(With HART filters)

HM64RIB20-xx 20-way HART signal cable
xx = 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.5, 6.0 (metres)

Integrated connection units

HTP-SC32† Integrated HART connection unit, 32ch

HTP-SC32-P250† Integrated HART connection unit, 32ch

HTP-SC32-S150† Integrated HART connection unit, 32ch

HTP-SC32-S200† Integrated HART connection unit, 32ch

HTP-SC32-S240† Integrated HART connection unit, 32ch

† See Notes

MTL4500 Series backplanes

CPH-SC16 16ch backplane

CPH-SC16R 16ch backplane,
(250Ω link conditioning resistor)

CPH-SC32 32ch backplane

CPH-SC32R 32ch backplane,
(250Ω conditioning resistor)

Literature
INM4850 MTL4850 Instruction manual
INA4850 ATEX safety instructions

Notes:

No suffix
No parallel resistor, 0Ω link in series - for use with current inputs
with 250 ohm input impedance or HART compatible outputs

-P250 250Ω parallel resistor, 0Ω link in series - for use with 1.5V system inputs

-S150 150Ω series link, no parallel resistor - for use with current inputs
with 100 ohm input conditioning

-S200 200Ω series link, no parallel resistor - for use with current inputs
with 50 or 63.5 ohm input conditioning

-S240 240Ω series link, no parallel resistor - for use with isolators
connected to field terminals.
Communicate with, configure and monitor HART® smart devices in safe and hazardous areas

**MTL4840 Series**

- **SIL3 rating**
- **Connect up to 7936 loops to a single PC**
- **LED indication of loop being scanned**
- **Easily scalable modular system**

The **MTL4840 HART® connection system** provides a simple interface between smart devices in the field and HART® instrument management software run on a PC.

The system is based on 16-channel modularity to provide a compact, easily configurable and expandable system. Using a standard RS485 serial link, up to 7936 individual HART® devices can be connected to a single workstation.

For the optimum solution, choose from a range of general purpose and IS termination boards. For maximum flexibility the BPMH64 HART® backplane locates an MTL4841 communications module and up to four MTL4842 interface modules. General purpose HART® connection units and IS backplanes are also available, each fitted with an interface cable for connection to the BPMH64 HART® backplane. MTL4841 and MTL4842 modules can also be located on HMU16 termination boards for general purpose applications or on BPMH16 / BPMH16U / BPSH16 / BPSH16-32 backplanes for IS isolator requirements.

The **DIN-rail mounting HCU16** and HCU16AOHART® connect to 16 general purpose field instruments while maintaining channel to channel isolation. Resistor conditioning options are compatible with all I/O cards. It allows pass-through connections for transmitter power supply, input signal and common.

The **HCU16AO unit** includes HART® filters for I/O cards incompatible with HART® signals.

**BPMH16/BPMH16U/BPSH16/BPSH16-32** backplanes with MTL4840 HART® modules fitted, connect either 16 or 32 IS field instruments. Adapter cards are available for the BPMH16U for easy integration to I/O cards and users have a choice of a DIN-rail mounting option.

**Numerous features** may be included in the connection units and backplanes, as required. Channel to channel isolation; resistors where required for HART® signal conditioning; and HART® filters for analogue systems where the output signal interferes with the HART® data or becomes unstable with the presence of the HART® signal.

**Customised backplanes and connection units** are available to provide direct connection from DCS I/O cables, replacing the standard termination board.

**MTL HART multiplexers** are certified by BASEEFA as a safety related sub-system to IEC61508. See the **SR Series Interfaces section** of this catalogue.
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MTL4840 SERIES MODULE SPECIFICATIONS

MTL4841 COMMUNICATIONS MODULE

**Host system interface**
- RS485 2-wire multidrop
- Up to 31 MTL4841 modules can be connected to one host station
- Unit address: switch-selectable on top of module

**Isolation**
- RS485 output isolated from backplane power supply

**Serial communication parameters**
- RS485 Baud rate: 1.2, 9.6, 19.2, 38.4kbaud, switch-selectable on top of module
- RS485 highway length: up to 1km

**MTL system interface**
- Links with up to 16 MTL4842 HART® interface modules via interface bus on backplane/ribbon cable

**LED indicators**
- Green: one provided for power and status indication
- Amber: one to indicate unit is selected by MTL4841
- Red: four to identify loop address

**Power requirements**
- Powered from backplane
- Power consumption: <1.0W

**Instrument management software supported**
- See 'Instrument management software'

MTL4842 HART® INTERFACE MODULE

**MTL systems interface**
- Links up to 16 loops via backplanes
- Receives multiplexer control signals via interface bus from MTL4841 and selects one channel for communication

**Unit address**
- Selectable on top of module

**Interface bus**
- Total length of interface bus between module 1 and module 16 must not exceed 4m

**LED indicators**
- Green: one provided for power
- Amber: one to indicate unit is selected by MTL4841
- Red: four to identify loop address

**Power requirements**
- Powered from backplane
- Power consumption: <0.1W

MTL4000 SERIES MODULES

(See ‘MTL4000 Series’ for detailed specifications and circuit diagrams)

**MTL4041A:** Current repeater, 4/20mA, passive input for smart transmitters

**MTL4041B:** Repeater power supply, 4/20mA, for 2- or 3-wire transmitters

**MTL4041P:** High power repeater power supply, 4/20mA, for 2- or 3-wire transmitters

**MTL4044:** Repeater power supply, 4/20mA, two channel, for 2 wire transmitters

**MTL4046/C:** Isolating driver, for HART® valve positioners

**MTL4046P:** High power isolating driver for HART® valve positioners

COMMON SPECIFICATION

(apply to all MTL4840 and 4000 Series modules)

**Location of units**
- Safe area (MTL4840 can be located in Div2)

**Long-term drift**
- No recalibration necessary

**Ambient temperature limits**
- –20 to +60°C continuous working
- –40 to +80°C storage

**Humidity**
- 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing)

**Mounting**
- On surface or DIN-rail mounted MTL or custom backplanes.
  - Mounting pitch 16mm

**Weight**
- 100g approximately
MTL4840 SERIES BACKPLANES
SPECIFICATIONS
GENERAL PURPOSE VERSIONS

BPHM64 BACKPLANE

Capacity
1 x MTL4841 communications module
4 x MTL4842 HART® interface modules
NB: An MTL4841 module is needed for only one in every sixteen MTL4842 modules

Maximum power requirements
1.35W when equipped with:
1 x MTL4841 communications module
4 x MTL4842 HART® interface modules

HART interface connectors
4 x DIN41651 20-way ribbon cables
[16 HART® signal connections + 4 common returns on each cable. Connections to HART® signals via screw terminal interface or custom backplane. Contact MTL for details.]

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
296g approx.

HMU16/32

Capacity
1 x MTL4841 communications module
2 x MTL4842 interface modules

Power requirements, Vs
21 to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Maximum power requirements
1.2W when fully populated

Interface bus connectors
10-way ribbon socket

RS485 port
2.5mm² screw terminals

Mounting
Supplied fitted with DIN-rail (T- or G-section)

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
330g

COMMON SPECIFICATION BPHM64 & HMU16

Power requirements, Vs
21 to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Mounting
Supplied fitted with DIN-rail (T- or G-section) carrier

Interface bus connector
10-way ribbon socket

RS485 port
2.5mm² screw terminals

HCU16 HART® CONNECTION UNIT

Accuracy (HCU16-P250 only)
250Ω ±0.05%

Connectors
2.5mm² screw clamp terminals
3 terminals per channel
20-way flat cable (to BPHM64)

Weight
383g

HCU16AO HART® CONNECTION UNIT WITH FILTERS

Series impedance
dc<2Ω
HART® signal >240Ω

Connectors
2.5mm² removable screw clamp terminals
2 terminals per channel in groups of 4 channels
20-way flat cable (to BPHM64)

Weight
768g

COMMON SPECIFICATION HCU16 & HCU16AO

Capacity
16 channels

Isolation
Channel to channel 50V dc

Mounting
Supplied fitted with DIN-rail (T- or G-section) carrier

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MTL4840 SERIES BACKPLANES
SPECIFICATIONS
INTRINSIC SAFETY VERSIONS

BPMH16/BPMH16U/BPSH16/BPSH16-32
BACKPLANES

Capacity
16 x MTL4041A, MTL4041B, MTL4041P, MTL4046,
MTL4046C, MTL4046P isolators (except BPSH16-32)
16 x MTL4044 (BPSH16-32 only)
1 x MTL4841 communications module
1 x MTL4842 HART® interface module (2 x MTL4842 on
BPSH16-32)

NB: An MTL4841 module is needed for only one in every
sixteen MTL4842 modules

Power requirements, Vs
21 to 35V dc through plug-in connectors

Maximum power requirements
1.35A (1.55A BPSH16-32)

Safe-area connectors
BPMH16: Elco 8016 38-pin male connector
BPMH16U: To customer’s requirements
BPSH16: 2.5mm² screw terminals (2 terminals/module)
BPSH16-32: 2.5mm² screw terminals (4 terminals/module)

RS485 port
2.5mm² screw terminals

Accuracy
BPSH16-32R: ±0.05% conditioning resistor

Weight (excl. modules and accessories)
350g approx.

ACCESSORIES
(for BPMH16/BPMH16U/BPSH16/BPSH16-32 backplanes)

ERK18 Earth rail kit
TSK18 Tagging strip kit
VMGH16 Vertical mounting plate
SM501 Surface mounting kit for backplanes, pack of 40
DMK01 DIN-rail mounting kit (T- or G-section) for VMGH16
16-way backplanes require 6
ELC38 Elco 8016, 38-way cable plug kit
FUS02 Fuse kit, protects MTL4841/4842, pack of 10
FUS16 Fuse kit, protects module positions 1 to 16, pack of 10

(for MTL4000)
CCH01 Hazardous-area crimp connector
SC01 Hazardous-area screw-clamp connector
CRC01 Large crimps, pack of 100
CRC02 Small crimps, pack of 100
CRT01 Crimp tool for CRC01
CRT02 Crimp tool for CRC02
CRR01 Crimp removal tool for CRC01 and CRC02

CUSTOMISED CONNECTION UNITS

MTL offers a range of general purpose and IS interfaces providing
direct connection with control system I/O cables as well as HART®
connectivity. For IS applications, MTL’s universal backplanes,
with a customised adapter card, give the user a compatible system
connector complete with HART® interface. BPMH16U (see overleaf),
BPM16U and BPM32 (see ‘System Integration’ section) backplanes
may be used for IS signals. For general purpose signals, a range
of custom HART® interface termination units are available for most
DCS and PLC I/O cards. These replace the existing DCS termination
units, saving space and allowing easy upgrading. Please contact
MTL for details.
MTL4840 SERIES ORDERING INFORMATION

MTL4840 Series modules

- MTL4841: HART communications module pre-configured for Cornerstone™ protocol
- MTL4841-AMS: HART communications module pre-configured for AMS Intelligent Device Manager
- MTL4841-PRM: HART communications module pre-configured for PRM
- MTL4842: HART interface module (communicates with up to 16 loops)

The complete system

The following components form a complete system:

- **MTL4840 HART® connection system** – provides simple connection to field instruments, using general purpose and IS termination boards.
- **Personal computer** – running instrument management software and linked to MTL4841 HART communications modules by:
- **Converter** – connecting the computer’s RS232 port to the MTL4840 Series’ backplane RS485 connector.
- **Instrument management software**

General purpose connection units

- BPHM64: 64 ch HART backplane
- HCU16: HART connection unit
- HCU16-P250: HART connection unit
- HCU16-S200: HART connection unit
- HCU16-S150: HART connection unit
- HMU16: 16 ch HART connection unit

MTL4000 backplanes

- BPMH16: 16 ch backplane
- BPSH16: 16 ch backplane
- BPSH16-32: 32 ch HART backplane
- BPMH16U: 16 ch HART backplane

Backplane accessories

- ERK18: Earth rail kit
- TSK18: Tagging strip kit
- ELC38: Elco connector
- FUS02: Fuse kit, pack of 10
- FUS16: Fuse kit, pack of 10
- VMPH16: Backplane mounting plate
- DMK01: DIN-rail mounting kit
- SMS01: Surface mounting kit
- HM64RIB10-xx: Ribbon Cable 10-way
- HM64RIB20-xx: Ribbon Cable 20-way

Isolating interface modules and accessories

- MTL4041A: Current repeater
- MTL4041B: Repeater power supply
- MTL4041P: High power repeater power supply
- MTL4044: Repeater power supply
- MTL4046: Isolating driver
- MTL4046C: Isolating driver
- MT4046P: High power isolating driver
- CCH01: Crimp connector header
- CRC01: Large crimps
- CRC02: Small crimps
- SCC01: Screw-clamp connector
- MPL01: Module position label, blank

Instrument management software

INM4840: MTL4840 instruction manual

APPROVALS - for the latest certification information visit www.mtl-inst.com/support/certificates

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Zener Barriers

Our range of shunt-diode safety barriers are the simplest type of IS interface for protecting electrical circuits in hazardous areas. The compact and inexpensive units are mounted and earthed in one operation, ensuring the safest possible installation with ultra-high reliability.

The MTL7700 Series has an impressive pedigree and the user will benefit from the exceptional application knowledge that MTL has developed in this field.

Note that the well known MTL700 Series of busbar mounted safety barriers continues to be available. For details and specification sheets please visit our web site at http://www.mtl-inst.com
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MTL7700 SERIES

Since its introduction in 1984 the MTL700 Series barrier has established itself as the worldwide standard for safety barriers. Known for its quality and reliability, the MTL700 Series is widely used in applications all over the world.

The MTL7700 Series follows closely in the footsteps of the MTL700, but as a DIN rail mounting barrier, providing quick and easy installation without the need for special hardware.

Removable terminals are used for ease of installation, maintenance and for providing a loop disconnect by simply unplugging the terminals from the side of the module. Wire entry is also angled to assist wiring within limited space enclosures.

MTL7700 barriers clamp simply and securely onto standard T-section DIN rail, simultaneously making a reliable IS earth connection.

For applications where field power is required for switch inputs or 2-wire transmitters, the MTL7700 Series provides a bussed power feed facility. When used in conjunction with the MTL7798 power feed module the user has a fully protected, electronically fused supply to many barriers with no additional wiring required.

MTL7700 active modules are protected with an electronic fuse for the majority of applications. The MTL7798 active fused, power feed module can protect up to 40 other modules using the bussed power facility and provides a clear indication of a trip condition via a red LED.

The MTL774X range of barriers offer a NAMUR compatible input and a choice of relay or solid state output. The solid state outputs are floating so switching to ground or from a power rail into an input is also possible. The solid state interface also provides a high frequency transfer for use in flow or rotation applications.

Dual channel relay or solid state modules offer the highest packing density with only 6.3mm per channel and when used in conjunction with the power bus, offer users the minimum of wiring with the maximum packing density and the lowest cost per channel.

- Removable terminals
- Bussed power feed to other modules
- Relay and solid state switch modules
- Dual channel variants — 6.3mm per channel
- Proximity detector inputs
- Electronic fusing
- Direct replacement for MTL700 Series barriers
- Compatible terminal numbering and safety descriptions
### SPECIFICATIONS

**'Key' barriers shown in blue**

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1. Terminals 3 & 7 connected together
2. All diodes reversed on negative versions. Additional diodes fitted on ac versions.
3. See additional specification.
4. See 'ACTIVE / ELECTRONICALLY PROTECTED BARRIERS'.
5. See additional specification.
6. See additional specification.
7. See additional specification.

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HOW THEY WORK
All MTL7700 Series barriers are based on the same simple principle. Each channel contains two stages of pulse-tested Zener or forward-connected diodes and an ‘infallible’ terminating resistor. In the event of an electrical fault in the safe area, the diodes limit the voltage that can reach the hazardous area and the resistor limits the current. A fuse protects the diodes, and the two stages of voltage limitation ensure continued safety if either stage should fail. No active output-current limiting circuits are employed. All models are certified ‘ia’ for all zones and ‘IIC’ for all explosive atmospheres (except MTL7707P+ and MTL7729P+, ‘ia’ ‘IIA’).

TERMINOLOGY
1. Safety description
The safety description of a barrier, eg ‘10V 50Ω 200mA’, refers to the maximum voltage of the terminating Zener or forward diode while the fuse is blowing, the minimum value of the terminating resistor, and the corresponding maximum short-circuit current. It is an indication of the fault energy that can be developed in the hazardous area, and not of the working voltage or end-to-end resistance.

2. Polarity
Barriers may be polarised + or –, or non-polarised (‘ac’). Polarised barriers accept and/or deliver safe-area voltages of the specified polarity only. Non-polarised barriers support voltages of either polarity applied at either end.

3. End-to-end resistance
The resistance between the two ends of a barrier channel at 20°C, ie of the resistors and the fuse. If diodes or transistors are present, their voltage drop (transistors ON) is quoted in addition.

4. Working voltage (Vwkg)
The greatest steady voltage, of appropriate polarity, that can be applied between the safe-area terminal of a ‘basic’ barrier channel and earth at 20°C for the specified leakage current, with the hazardous-area terminal open circuit.

5. Maximum voltage (Vmax)
The greatest steady voltage, of appropriate polarity, that can be applied continuously between the safe-area terminal of any barrier channel and earth at 20°C without blowing the fuse. For ‘basic’ barriers, it is specified with the hazardous-area terminal open circuit; if current is drawn in the hazardous area, the maximum voltage for these barriers is reduced. The ‘ac’ channels of ‘basic’ barriers and most channels of overvolt-protected barriers withstand voltages of the opposite polarity also – see circuit diagrams.

6. Fuse rating
The greatest current that can be passed continuously (for 1000 hours at 35°C) through the fuse.

7. Star connection
In star-connected barriers, the two channels are interlocked such that the voltage between them cannot exceed the working voltage, Vwkg; this allows for higher cable capacitance or inductance.

8. Maximum safe-area voltage (Uₘ)
The maximum permissible safe-area voltage (Uₘ) for MTL7700 Series barriers is 250V ac/dc.

GENERAL SPECIFICATION
Ambient temperature and humidity limits
-20 to +60°C continuous working
-40 to +80°C storage
5–95% RH

Leakage current
For ‘basic’ barriers with a working voltage of 5V or more, the leakage current decreases by at least one decade per volt reduction in applied voltage below the working voltage, over two decades. For the MTL7755ac/7756ac it decreases by at least one decade for a 0.4V reduction in applied voltage.

Terminations
Removable terminals accommodate conductors up to 2.5mm² (13AWG). Hazardous-area terminals are identified by blue labels. Removal force >15N

Colour coding of barrier label
Grey: non-polarised
Red: positive polarity (MTL7706 negative to transmitter)
Black: negative polarity
White: dummy barrier, MTL7799

Weight
140g approx

Mounting and earthing
By 35mm Top Hat DIN rail

DIMENSIONS (MM)

MTL7700 SERIES KEY BARRIERS SUMMARISED

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ACTIVE / ELECTRONICALLY PROTECTED BARRIERS

The following barriers have built-in overvolt protection, allowing their use with unregulated power supplies. In many applications, eg, sensor inputs or controller outputs, there is insufficient power available to blow the barrier fuse and this additional protection is not necessary. However, where the barrier is connected to a power supply, eg, for energising transmitters, switches, solenoids or local alarms, overvolt protection allows the barriers to be used with unregulated supplies and also gives protection against faulty wiring during commissioning.

**MTL7706+ for ‘smart’ 2-wire 4/20mA transmitters**

The MTL7706+ is a 1-channel shunt-diode safety barrier, with built-in electronic overvolt protection, for energising a 2-wire, 4/20mA transmitter in a hazardous area. It is powered from a positive supply of 20–35V dc and delivers a 4/20mA signal into an earthed load in the safe area. It is proof against short circuits in the field and in the safe area and is extremely accurate. The MTL7706+ will pass incoming communication signals up to 10kHz from a ‘smart’ transmitter, while in the outgoing direction it will pass signals of any frequency likely to be encountered.

Since the MTL7706+ has no return channel for energising the load, the entire output of the single ‘28V’ channel is available to power the transmitter, providing high output capability. This channel is negatively polarised, and the safe-area signal is in fact the very current that returns through it from the hazardous area, the novel circuit being energised by a built-in floating dc supply derived from the external dc source of power.

To prevent any leakage through the zener diodes and maximise the output voltage available at 20mA, the floating supply is given a rising voltage/current characteristic. A separate circuit limits the current to a very low resistance – the supply current is limited automatically to 50mA, protecting the fuse and power supply and enabling the loop to continue working.

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**MTL7707P+ FOR SWITCH INPUTS AND SWITCHED OUTPUTS**

The MTL7707+ is a 2-channel shunt-diode safety barrier similar to the MTL7787+ but with built-in electronic overvolt protection. It is intended primarily for safeguarding a hazardous-area switch controlling a relay, opto-coupler or other safe-area load from an unregulated dc supply in the safe area.

The outgoing channel accepts supply voltages up to +35V and is protected against reverse voltages; the return channel is unaffected by voltages up to +250V.

In normal operation the protection circuit introduces only a small voltage drop and shunts less than 1mA to earth, so its overall effect is minimal. If the supply voltage exceeds about 27V, however, causing the Zener diodes to conduct – or if the safe-area load has a very low resistance – the supply current is limited automatically to 50mA, protecting the fuse and power supply and enabling the loop to continue working.

**BASIC CIRCUIT**

![BASIC CIRCUIT Diagram](image)

**ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION**

**Safety description**
- 28V 300Ω 93mA
- Supply voltage: 20 to 35V dc w.r.t earth
- Output current: 4 to 20 mA
- Voltage available to transmitter and lines:
  - 16.2V @ 20mA with 250Ω load (negative w.r.t. earth)
  - 11.0V @ 20mA with 500Ω load (negative w.r.t. earth)

**Accuracy**
- ±2µA under all conditions

**Safe-area load resistance**
- 0 to 500Ω

**Supply current**
- 45mA typical at 20mA and 24V supply
- 60mA maximum at 20mA and 20V supply

**MTL7707P+ FOR SWITCH INPUTS AND SWITCHED OUTPUTS**

The MTL7707P+ is a two-channel shunt-diode safety barrier similar to the MTL7787P+, but is designed for use with group IIB gases and features built-in electronic overvolt protection allowing use with unregulated power supplies up to 35V dc. It is intended primarily as a low cost solution for driving IIB certified 2-wire 4/20mA transmitters, but can also be used with controller outputs with current monitoring, solenoid valves and switches. To protect the fuse and enable the loop to continue working, the supply current is limited automatically at 50mA should the output be short-circuited or excess voltage applied.

**ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION**

**Safety description**
- 28V 300Ω 93mA, terminals 1 to 3
- 28V Diode, terminals 2 - 4

**Supply voltage**
- 10 to 35V dc with respect to earth

**Output current**
- Up to 35mA available

**Maximum voltage drop (at 20°C, current not limited)**
- lout x 345Ω + 0.3V, terminals 1 to 3
- lout x 25Ω + 0.9V, terminals 4 to 2

**Supply current**
- lout + 1.6mA, supply <26V
- Limited to 50mA, supply >28V or low load resistance

**MTL7787P+ FOR SWITCH INPUTS AND SWITCHED OUTPUTS, 2W TRANSMITTERS (IIB GASES)**

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION**

**Safety description**
- 28V 300Ω 93mA, terminals 1 to 3
- 28V Diode, terminals 2 - 4

**Supply voltage**
- 10 to 35V dc with respect to earth

**Output current**
- Up to 35mA available

**Maximum voltage drop (at 20°C, current not limited)**
- lout x 345Ω + 0.3V, terminals 1 to 3
- lout x 25Ω + 0.9V, terminals 4 to 2

**Supply current**
- lout + 1.6mA, supply <26V
- Limited to 50mA, supply >28V or low load resistance

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The MTL7742 is a single channel switch/prox input barrier with an open collector solid state interface to the safe area equipment. The solid state switch is especially useful for high frequency switching apparatus including pulse and rotational sensors. The power bus terminal can be used to connect power to the module and the input power supply range makes the module suitable for use with unregulated supplies.

MTL7743 2 CHANNEL PROXIMITY SENSOR OR SWITCH INPUT AND RELAY OUTPUT

The MTL7743 is a dual channel switch/prox sensor input barrier with relay interface. This module is ideal for applications where high channel packing densities are required for digital inputs. Power is connected using the power bus terminal.

MTL7741 PROXIMITY SENSOR OR SWITCH INPUT AND RELAY OUTPUT

The MTL7741 is a single channel switch/prox input barrier with changeover relay contacts acting as the safe area interface. Relay contacts provide a universal interface capable of switching a wide range of signals including ac, low level and high level voltages. Phase reversal is achieved by connecting the normally open or normally closed contacts as required. The power bus terminal may be used to connect the module to a power source.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

Safety description
28V 164Ω 171mA, terminals 1 to 3
28V Diode, terminals 4 to 2
Supply voltage
10 to 35V dc with respect to earth
Output current
Up to 35mA available
Maximum voltage drop (at 20°C, current not limited)
lout x 218Ω + 0.3V, terminals 1 to 3
lout x 20.1Ω + 0.9V, terminals 4 to 2
Supply current
lout + 1.6mA, supply <26V
Limited to 50mA, supply >28V or low load resistance

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

Safety description
10V 19mA
Supply voltage
22.9 to 30V dc with respect to earth
Input characteristics
Relay energised if input >2.1mA(<2kΩ)
Relay de-energised if input <1.2mA(>10kΩ)
Relay Contacts
50V ac 0.5A. Resistive
30V dc, 1A. Resistive
Supply current
26mA maximum @ 24V
Response time
<10ms

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

Safety description
10V 19mA
Supply voltage
22.9 to 30V dc with respect to earth
Input characteristics
Relay energised if input >2.1mA(<2kΩ)
Relay de-energised if input <1.2mA(>10kΩ)
Relay Contacts
50V ac 0.5A. Resistive
30V dc, 1A. Resistive
Supply current
45mA maximum @ 24V
Response time
<10ms
MTL7744 2 CHANNEL PROXIMITY SENSOR OR SWITCH INPUTS WITH SOLID STATE OUTPUTS

A dual channel version of the MTL7742. This module provides two solid state interfaces for prox/switch inputs. Power is connected via the power bus.

BASIC CIRCUIT

![BASIC CIRCUIT Diagram](image)

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

**Safety description**
- 10V 19mA
- 10V 19mA

**Supply voltage**
- 20 to 35V dc with respect to earth

**Input characteristics**
- Output energised if input >2.1mA (<2kΩ)
- Output de-energised if input <1.2mA (>10kΩ)

**Output characteristics**
- Operating frequency: dc to 2.5kHz
- Max off-state voltage: 35V
- Max off-state leakage: 10µA
- Max on-state voltage drop: 1.41V @ 50mA, 1.22V @ 2mA, typically <1V
- Max on-state current: 50mA

**Supply current**
- 29mA maximum @ 24V

MTL7745 PROXIMITY SENSOR OR SWITCH INPUT WITH RELAY OUTPUT AND LINE FAULT DETECT

The MTL7745 is a single channel switch/prox input barrier providing line fault detection. Proximity detectors or switches fitted with end-of-line resistors may be connected. Short circuit or open circuit conditions in the field wiring will generate an alarm condition. The LFD relay contacts close when a fault is detected allowing the contacts to be connected in parallel to provide a common alarm. The power bus terminal can be used to connect power to this module.

BASIC CIRCUIT

![BASIC CIRCUIT Diagram](image)

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

**Safety description**
- 10V 19mA

**Supply voltage**
- 22.9 to 30V dc with respect to earth

**Input characteristics**
- Output energised if input >2.1mA (<2kΩ)
- Output de-energised if input <1.2mA (>10kΩ)

**LFD relay + Red LED**
- Energised if input <50µA or <100Ω

**Relay contacts**
- 50V ac 0.5A. Resistive
- 30V dc, 1A. Resistive

**Supply current**
- 38mA maximum @ 24V

**Response time**
- <10ms

MTL7798 POWER FEED AND PROTECTION MODULE

The MTL7798 power feed module incorporates both voltage and current sense mechanisms to protect barrier circuits by activating a solid state trip mechanism when fault or overload conditions occur in the power source circuit. Resetting the module after tripping is achieved by interrupting the supply to the unit. A red LED indicates a circuit trip condition and a green LED the availability of power at the outputs. Bussed power for other modules is sourced from the top of the unit using the Bus Power Link BPL7700 or via terminals 1 and 2.

BASIC CIRCUIT

![BASIC CIRCUIT Diagram](image)

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION

**Input voltage range (terminals 5&6)**
- 20 to 26.8V

**Maximum input voltage capability**
- 45V

**Power source requirements**
- >1.8A

**Trip mechanism**
- Minimum trip 26.8V @ 20°C (+18mV/°C)

**Output current range**
- 0 to 800mA

**Maximum voltage drop**
- 20mV @ 0mA, 1.0V @ 800mA load

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MTL7700 Series barriers protect devices located in all normally occurring explosive atmospheres, including air/flammable gas mixtures, dusts and fibres. Applications covered include the protection of installations incorporating uncertified devices ('simple apparatus') such as thermocouples, switches and resistive sensors, or separately certified 'energy storing' (or 'voltage producing') apparatus including ac sensors, transmitters and current-to-pneumatic (I/P) converters. Recommended choices for specific applications are discussed briefly in the following pages.

### Analogue Inputs (High Level)

#### 2-wire transmitters, 4/20mA, conventional and smart

The recommended barrier for use with 'conventional' and 'smart' 4/20mA transmitters (fed by a 26V regulated supply) is the MTL7787+. This provides up to 12.9V (14.6V for MTL7787P+) at Vwkg and 20mA for a transmitter and its lines as well as 5V for the typical 250Ω load. This application and this barrier is suitable for use with the optional power bus facility.

The MTL7706+ is recommended for applications where an unregulated supply of up to 35V is used. It provides 16.0V for conventional and Smart transmitters at 20mA, as well as 5V for a typical 250Ω load. With the MTL7706+ terminal 3 is negative with respect to earth, so the connections to terminals 3 and 4 should be reversed.

#### Vibration probes

The 3-wire transmitters used with vibration monitoring equipment are invariably supplied by a –24V dc power supply – hence the recommended barrier choice is the negatively-polarised MTL7796–.

### Analogue Inputs (Low-Level)

#### Thermocouples and mV sources

The recommended barrier for thermocouples and mV sources is the MTL7760ac. This 2-channel non-polarised barrier retains the ‘earth-free’ nature of the signal and, providing the receiver’s input ‘floats’, rejects common-mode ac and dc interference up to at least 7V and is unaffected by earth faults on the primary element.

#### AC sensors, photocells, microphones and turbine flowmeters

The MTL7760ac is the recommended choice for these devices. While many of these are designated ‘simple apparatus’ and thus do not need certification, note that some ac sensors may be subject to a significant level of inductance and will therefore need to be designed and certified for hazardous-area locations.

#### Slidewire displacement transducers

The simplest choice is the MTL7760ac. This barrier supplies power and brings back a unipolar signal.
RTDs
For 3-wire RTDs, a single MTL7755ac barrier is the most economical choice. This is suitable for use with a floating bridge – the two leads from the bridge arms are protected by the barrier with the third (supply) lead being earthed through the barrier. The barrier has a low end-to-end resistance of only 19Ω/channel to minimise span changes and its channels track within 0.15Ω (between –20°C and +60°C) to minimise zero shift with temperature.

If the bridge circuit is already earthed, the third barrier channel provided by an MTL7756ac is needed. For extreme accuracy, 3 channels and an earth-free bridge can be used, a configuration that cancels out the small errors due to barrier leakage.

Channels 1 and 2 (those between terminals 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 respectively) track to within 0.15Ω (between –20°C and 60°C).

4-wire constant-current circuits do not need matched barrier resistances and can be protected by two MTL7761ac barriers. If the increase in loop resistance is too great, use two MTL7755ac barriers instead.

**STRAIN-GAUGE BRIDGES**

**Single strain-gauge bridges**
This shows an arrangement using two or three barriers, which is safe in IIC gases. With the MTL7761ac, the circuit is powered from a 14V, 230Ω source; if the bridge resistance is 230Ω, then the bridge voltage is 7V. If the bridge resistance is 350Ω, then the bridge voltage is 8.4V.

An MTL7764ac can be used to sense the bridge supply voltage.

An MTL7761ac is used here for the mV output.

An MTL7766Pac provides 12.3V for a 350Ω bridge with a 20V supply. MTL7761Pac’s can be used for the sense and pick-off circuits.
**STRAIN-GAUGE BRIDGES (CONT)**

**Double strain-gauge bridges**

Quite frequently there is a demand to monitor two load cells, and a possible circuit, safe in IIC, is shown.

Here, the lower voltage drop of the MTL7766Pac is an advantage.

The MTL7766Pac supplies power to the bridge(s) while two MTL7761Pac barriers interface with the sense and pick-off circuits.

Using 350Ω bridge systems, the following voltages are available from an MTL7766Pac with a ±10V supply:

- 1 bridge: 13.11V
- 2 bridges: 9.75V

**ANALOGUE OUTPUTS**

**Controller outputs (I/P converters)**

The single-channel MTL7728+ with a voltage drop of 6.66V at 20mA is the recommended choice for most controller outputs. Higher-power versions are available: the MTL7728P+ (5.1V drop) is suitable for IIC applications; the MTL7729P+ (3.68V drop) for IIB applications.

For controllers with an output circuit separated from the 0V rail by the control transistor, the 2-channel MTL7787+ is the preferred choice as the return channel can handle up to 26.6V allowing the control signal to be turned off completely. The voltage drop is 8.1V at 20mA. A higher-power version of the latter, the MTL7787P+, is also available. The return channel of these barriers handle up to 26.4V and the maximum voltage drop is only 6.38V.

The MTL7787+ and MTL7787P+ are also suitable for controllers containing a resistor which enables the return current to be monitored for high-integrity operation.
**DIGITAL (ON/OFF) INPUTS**

**Switches**
The normal choice is the MTL7787+/7787P+ with a regulated supply. The MTL774X modules are recommended for applications where an unregulated supply of up to 30V for relay output modules, or 35V for solid state output modules, is used.

The MTL7789+ offers a dual channel passive barrier for switch inputs where the input current for each channel is <10mA.

**Switches / Proximity detectors**
MTL's range of new switch/prox input barriers provide the user with a choice of relay and solid state outputs in single and dual channel versions.

The MTL7741 is single channel with a changeover relay output.

The MTL7742 has a single channel solid state switch that can be configured to switch from a power rail or down to ground. This is also ideal for high switching frequency applications.

The MTL7743 and MTL7744 are dual channel versions affording very high packing densities. Power must be provided to these modules using the power bus facility.

The MTL7745 is a single channel proximity input (or switch input if ‘end of lines’ resistors are fitted) with relay contacts providing switch and line fault status. The LFD relay contacts close when a fault is detected.

**DIGITAL (ON/OFF) OUTPUTS**

**Alarms, LEDs, solenoids valves, etc**
For these applications, the MTL7728+ is recommended. Higher-powered versions are available: the MTL7728P+ is suitable for IIC applications; the MTL7729P+ for IIb applications.

If the control switch is to earth, then the 2-channel MTL7787+ barrier should be used, or, alternatively, the MTL7787P+ higher-power version. If the supply is poorly regulated use the MTL7707+.

The MTL7707+ is recommended for applications where an unregulated supply of up to 35V is used.
**POSITIVE DC SYSTEMS**

*Low-level to 12V dc systems*

The two channels of the MTL7764+ and MTL7767+ can be combined safely in IIC.

The MTL7764+ can be used for low-level logic return signals whilst the MTL7767+ is used for 6V dc and 12V dc systems.

*18V dc systems*

The single-channel MTL7722+ is recommended for 18V dc systems.

**AC AND DC SYSTEMS**

*High-level ac and dc systems*

The versatile star-connected MTL7765ac and MTL7778ac allow Vwkg to be developed from each channel to ground but only allow Vwkg to be developed between channels. This provides some common-mode voltage capability and can allow higher cable parameters to be used.

**NEGATIVE AND FLOATING POWER SUPPLIES**

*Digital (on/off) outputs*

The MTL7728– is used with a negative power supply and positive earth. Typically used for digital inputs or outputs, as shown.

The MTL7728– can also be used with floating power supplies, for transmitters.

**SPARE CABLE CORES AND SCREENS**

The MTL7799 dummy barrier is used primarily for securing and earthing unused cables and screen connections. Hazardous area terminals 3 and 4 are internally connected to the DIN-rail mounting/earth connection. It also provides a power bus connection for direct connection of power for modules such as the MTL7743 and MTL7744 where no power supply screw terminal is provided.
POWER BUS APPLICATIONS

The PB7700 power bus is invaluable for saving installation time and wiring when connecting a 24V dc power source to a number of barriers.

Typical applications include hazardous-area switches, 4/20mA transmitters and proximity detectors. The diagram illustrates the configuration for 4 barriers but up to 40 barriers can be served by this method.

The MTL7798 power feed module would normally be used with standard barriers such as MTL7787+ and MTL7787P+ because the current/voltage trip protection mechanism of the MTL7798 protects the fuses in the barriers.

The MTL7799 dummy barrier can be used instead of the MTL7798 for direct ‘feed-through’ connection of a 24V dc supply onto the power bus. Looping the power feed to each end of the bussed power allows the removal of individual barriers without loss of power to others in the chain.

Other units that can use the power bus facility:

- MTL7706
- MTL7707+
- MTL7707P+
- MTL7741
- MTL7742
- MTL7743
- MTL7744
- MTL7745
- MTL7787+
- MTL7787P+
- MTL7788+
- MTL7788R+
- MTL7789+

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MTL7700 SERIES ACCESSORIES

MOUNTING/EARTHING ACCESSORIES

MTL7700 Series barriers mount easily and quickly onto standard DIN rail which also acts as the intrinsically safe earth.

THR2 standard DIN rail
THR7000 plated rail
Specially nickel-plated T-section (35mm x 7.5mm) DIN rail for use in potentially corrosive atmospheres. Supplied in 1 meter lengths.

ISP7000 insulating spacers
Attached to the base of a DIN rail at either end or at intervals (depending upon DIN rail length) to isolate the IS earth from a structural earth.

ERB57S Earth-rail bracket, straight
Nickel-plated; supplied with two push fasteners, one 14mm earth-rail clamp and one 10mm earth clamp for cables ≤16mm².

ETL7000 earth terminal
Provides connection for routing the IS earth from the DIN rail to an appropriate plant earth. Maximum cable cross-section is 10mm². Two recommended per discrete length of DIN rail. See instruction manual INM7700 for more details.

BPL7700 Power Bus link
When a number of barriers use a common power supply, the optional power link (BPL7700) can be used. Typical applications include hazardous area switches, solenoids and 4–20mA transmitters. The barriers it can be used with are the MTL7706, MTL7707+, MTL7787+, MTL7787P+, MTL7789P+ and MTL774X. See next page for further details.

IMB57 Insulating mounting block
One required at each end of a tagging strip/earth rail. Suitable for low-profile (7.5mm) and high-profile (15mm) symmetrical DIN rail.

ERB57O Earth-rail bracket, offset
Nickel-plated; supplied with two push fasteners, one 14mm earth-rail clamp and one 10mm earth clamp for cables ≤16mm².

ETM7 earth terminal
For terminating cable screens and 0V earth returns and securing spare cores to the earth rail. A maximum of two ETM7’s per barrier can be accommodated.
TAGGING ACCESSORIES

Two methods of tagging are available which can be used separately or together:

1) Individual barrier identification
   **TH7700 barrier identifiers**
   TH7700 barrier identifiers are supplied clipped on to the tops of individual barriers to provide transparent holders for identification labels.

2) Tagging strip method
   **TAG57 Tagging strip, 1m length**
   Cut to size. Supplied with reversible tagging strip label suitable for either MTL5000 or MTL7000 Series module spacing.
   **TGL7700 Tagging strip labels, set of 10 x 0.5m**
   For use with TAG57 tagging strip. Tags are reversible - one side for MTL7700, the other for MTL700.

HOW TO ORDER

MTL7700 barriers
Select by barrier number and polarity, e.g. MTL7728+

**Mounting accessories**
- THR2 Standard DIN-rail, 35 x 7.5mm
- THR7000 T-section DIN-rail, specially-plated, 35 x 7.5mm, 1m length
- ISP7000 Insulating spacer

**Standard earthing/earth-rail accessories**
- ETL7000 Earth terminal, DIN-rail mounted
- IMB57 Insulating mounting block
- ERB57S Earth-rail bracket, straight
- ERB57O Earth-rail bracket, offset
- ERL7 Earth rail, 1m length
- ETM7 Earth terminal, pack of 50

**Standard tagging accessories**
- TAG57 Tagging strip, 1m length
- TGL7700 Tagging strip labels, set of 10 x 0.5m

**Bussed power links**
- BPL7700 Pack of 100

**Enclosures**
- DX070 Enclosure, for MTL7700 x 5
- DX170 Enclosure, for MTL7700 x 13
- DX430 Enclosure, for MTL7700 x 33

**Spares (all in packs of 10)**
- SAF7712 Safe-area terminals 1 & 2
- HAZ7734 Hazardous area terminals 3 & 4
- SAF7756 Safe-area terminals 5 & 6
- HAZ7778 Hazardous area terminals 7 & 8
- TH7700 Tag holder

**Literature**
- INM7700 Instruction manual, MTL7700 Series
- INA7700 ATEX information, MTL7700 Series
- INM57ENC Instruction manual, MTL5000/7000 Series Enclosures
- CD7700... Customer drawings

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**Note:** For FM compliance, the MTL7700 Series barriers shall be installed in compliance with the enclosure, mounting, spacing and segregation requirements of the ultimate application.

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**Note 3:** The circuit configuration for the output parameters given in the table ‘Maximum Cable Parameters’ are as follows:

- Single channel barrier.
- First channel of a dual/triple channel barrier.
- Second channel of a dual/triple channel barrier.
- Third channel of a dual/triple channel barrier.
- Both channels of a dual channel barrier connected in parallel, with respect to earth.
- Three channels of a triple channel barrier connected in parallel, with respect to earth.
- Both channels of each switch input connected together.
- Both channels of a dual channel barrier interconnected, with no earth return.
- Two channels of a triple channel barrier interconnected, with no earth return. This assumes two of the channels are in parallel.

### CORRELATION BETWEEN MTL7700 — MTL7000 — MTL700 BARRIERS (IIC)

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