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1.1 Overview

The ADAM Series is a set of intelligent sensor-to-computer interface modules containing built-in microprocessor. They are remotely controlled through a simple set of commands issued in ASCII format and transmitted in RS-485 protocol. They provide signal conditioning, isolation, ranging, A/D and D/A conversion, data comparison, and digital communication functions. Some modules provide digital I/O lines for controlling relays and TTL devices.

Software Configuration and Calibration

ADAM modules contain no pots or switches to set. By merely issuing a command from the host computer, you can change an analog input module to accept several ranges of voltage input, thermocouple input or RTD input. All the module's configuration parameters including I/O address, speed, parity, HI and LO alarm, calibration parameters settings may be set remotely. Remote configuration can be done by using either the provided menu-based software or the command set's configuration and calibration commands.

By storing configuration and calibration parameters in a nonvolatile EEPROM, modules are able to retain these parameters in case of power failure.

Watchdog Timer

A watchdog timer supervisory function will automatically reset the ADAM modules in the event of system failure. Maintenance is thus simplified.

Power Requirements

Although the modules are designed for standard industrial unregulated 24 V_{DC} power supply, they accept any power unit that supplies power within the range of +10 to +30 V_{DC}. The power supply ripple must be limited to 5 V peak-to-peak, and the immediate ripple voltage should be maintained between +10 and +30 V_{DC}.

Connectivity and Programming

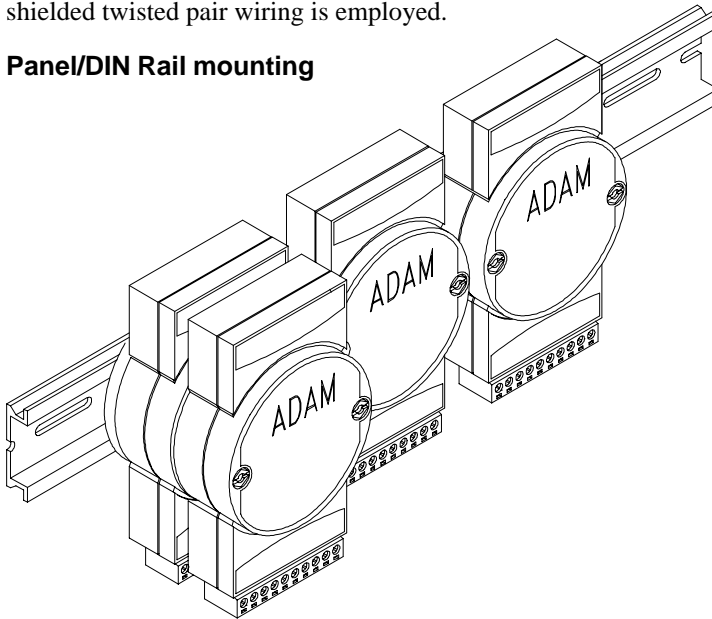
ADAM modules can connect to and communicate with all computers and terminals. They use RS-485 transmission standards, and communicate with ASCII format commands. The command set for every module type consists of approximately ten different commands. The command set for input modules is larger because it incorporates alarm functions. All communications to and from the module are performed in ASCII, which means that ADAM modules can be programmed in virtually any high-level language.

RS-485 Network

The RS-485 network provides lower-noise sensor readings, as modules can be placed much closer to the source. Up to 256 ADAM modules may be connected to an RS-485 multi-drop network by using the ADAM RS-485 repeater, extending the maximum communication distance to 4,000 ft. The host computer is connected to the RS-485 network with one of its COM ports through the ADAM RS-232/RS-485 converter.

To boost the network's throughput, the ADAM RS-485 repeaters use a logical RTS signal to manage the repeater's direction. Only two wires are needed for the RS-485 network: DATA+ and DATA-. Inexpensive shielded twisted pair wiring is employed.

Panel/DIN Rail mounting



ADAM modules mount on any panel, on provided brackets, on DIN rails or may be stacked together.

The RS-485 network, together with screw-terminal plug connectors, allows for system expansion, reconfiguration and repair without disturbing field wiring.

Protection against the environment

Hardened plastic packing forms the outer shell of every module. Since all configuration is controlled by software, the module is not designed to be opened. This greatly enhances resistance against corrosive materials, moisture and vibration. ADAM modules' low power requirements help them to operate in temperatures from 0 to 70°C and in humidities from 0 to 95% (non-condensing). They're built compactly using automated SMT technology so you can pack them into water-tight and explosion-proof industrial enclosures.

1.2 Applications

- Remote data acquisition
- Process monitoring
- Industrial process control
- Energy management
- Supervisory control
- Security systems
- Laboratory automation
- Building automation
- Product testing
- Direct digital control