
NI-9235 Getting Started

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Before You Begin

Read the **NI-9235 Safety, Environmental, and Regulatory Information** and complete the software and hardware installation procedures in your chassis documentation.

Safety Guidelines



Caution Observe all instructions and cautions in the user documentation. Using the product in a manner not specified can damage the product and compromise the built-in safety protection.



Attention Suivez toutes les instructions et respectez toutes les mises en garde de la documentation d'utilisation. L'utilisation du produit de toute autre façon que celle spécifiée risque de l'endommager et de compromettre la protection de sécurité intégrée.

Safety Voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the following limits:

Between any two terminals	±30 V maximum
Isolation	
Channel-to-channel	None
Channel-to-earth ground	
Continuous	60 V DC, Measurement Category I
Withstand	1,000 V RMS, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI-9235 is suitable for use in hazardous locations; , and hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI-9235 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.



Caution Do not disconnect I/O-side wires or connectors unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.



Caution Do not remove modules unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.



Caution Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2, or Zone 2.



Caution The system must be installed in an enclosure certified for the intended hazardous (classified) location, having a tool secured cover/door, where a minimum protection of at least IP54 is provided.



Caution For Division 2 and Zone 2 applications, connected signals must be within the following limits.

Capacitance	0.2 μ F maximum
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Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe and Internationally

The NI-9235 has been evaluated as equipment under DEMKO ATEX and is IECEx certified. Each NI-9235 is marked and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_a \leq 70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. If you are using the NI-9235 in Gas Group IIC hazardous locations, you must use the device in an NI chassis that has been evaluated as Ex nC IIC T4, Ex IIC T4, Ex nA IIC T4, or Ex nL IIC T4 equipment.



Caution Transient protection shall be provided that is set at a level not exceeding 140% of the peak rated voltage value of 85 V at the supply terminals to the equipment.



Caution The system shall only be used in an area of not more than Pollution Degree 2, as defined in IEC/EN 60664-1.



Caution The system shall be mounted in an ATEX/IECEx-certified enclosure with a minimum ingress protection rating of at least IP54 as defined in IEC/EN 60079-15.



Caution The enclosure must have a door or cover accessible only by the use of a tool.

Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in the intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. However, harmful interference may occur in some installations, when the product is connected to a peripheral device or test object, or if the product is used in residential or commercial areas. To minimize interference with radio and television reception and prevent unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

Special Conditions for Marine Applications

Some products are approved for marine (shipboard) applications. To verify marine approval certification for a product, visit ni.com/product-certifications, search by model number, and click the appropriate link.



Notice In order to meet the EMC requirements for marine applications, install the product in a shielded enclosure with shielded and/or filtered power and input/output ports. In addition, take precautions when designing, selecting, and installing measurement probes and cables to ensure that the desired EMC performance is attained.

Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment in which you are using the NI-9235 meets the following specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	-40 °C to 70 °C
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-30)	10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing
Pollution Degree	2
Maximum altitude	5,000 m

Indoor use only.

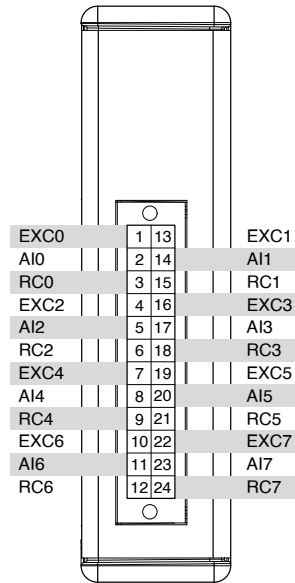


Note Refer to the **NI-9235 Specifications** on ni.com/manuals for complete specifications.

Connecting the NI-9235

The NI-9235 provides connections for eight 120 Ω quarter-bridge input channels.

Figure 1. NI-9235 Pinout

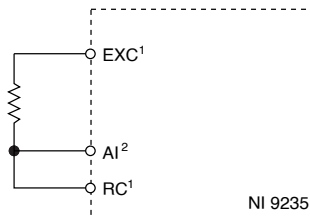


Signal	Description
EXC	Provides the excitation voltage stimulus
AI	Measures the bridge voltage
RC	Provides the quarter-bridge completion

Table 1. Signal Descriptions

Connecting a Quarter-Bridge Sensor

You can connect quarter-bridge sensors to the NI-9235.



You must connect each EXC terminal to only one strain gage to maintain the channel-to-channel crosstalk performance of the module. For the best system accuracy, observe the following conditions when connecting to the NI-9235.

- Set up the connections to EXC and RC with equal lengths of an identical wire type and gauge.
- Connect the AI terminal directly at the sensor instead of shorting AI to RC directly at the terminals.

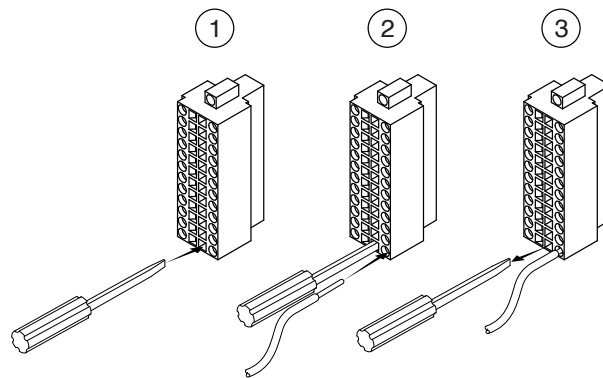
Connecting to a Spring-Terminal Connector

What to Use

- NI-9235 spring-terminal connector
- copper conductor wire with of insulation stripped from the end
- Flathead screwdriver with a 2.3 mm x 1.0 mm (0.09 in. x 0.04 in.) blade, included with the NI-9235

What to Do

Complete the following steps to connect wires to the spring-terminal connector.

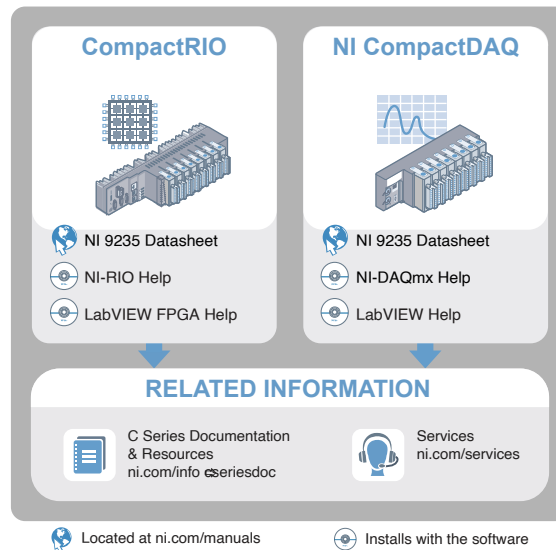


1. Insert the screwdriver into a spring clamp activation slot to open the corresponding connector terminal.
2. Press a wire into the open connector terminal.
3. Remove the screwdriver from the activation slot to clamp the wire into place.

High-Vibration Application Connections

If your application is subject to high vibration, NI recommends that you use the NI-9965 backshell kit to protect connections to the NI-9235.

Where to Go Next



NI Services

Visit ni.com/support to find support resources including documentation, downloads, and troubleshooting and application development self-help such as tutorials and examples.

Visit ni.com/services to learn about NI service offerings such as calibration options, repair, and replacement.

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