
NI-9474 Getting Started

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Overview

This document explains how to connect to the NI-9474. In this document, the NI-9474 with screw terminal and the NI-9474 with spring terminal are referred to inclusively as the NI-9474.



Note Before you begin, read the **NI-9474 Safety, Environmental, and Regulatory Information** document on ni.com/manuals and complete the software and hardware installation procedures in your chassis documentation.



Note The guidelines in this document are specific to the NI-9474. The other components in the system might not meet the same safety ratings. Refer to the documentation for each component in the system to determine the safety and EMC ratings for the entire system.

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.

Channel-to-COM	30 V DC maximum
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External power supply (V_{sup}) voltage range		5 V DC to 30 V DC
Isolation		
Channel-to-channel		None
Channel-to-earth ground		
Continuous	250 V RMS, Measurement Category II	
Withstand	2,300 V RMS, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test	



Caution Do not connect the product to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories III or IV.



Attention Ne pas connecter le produit à des signaux dans les catégories de mesure III ou IV et ne pas l'utiliser pour effectuer des mesures dans ces catégories.

Measurement Category II is for measurements performed on circuits directly connected to the electrical distribution system. This category refers to local-level electrical distribution, such as that provided by a standard wall outlet, for example, 115 V for U.S. or 230 V for Europe.

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Voltages



Caution Ensure that hazardous voltage wiring is performed only by qualified personnel adhering to local electrical standards.



Caution Do not mix hazardous voltage circuits and human-accessible circuits on the same module.



Caution Ensure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact.



Note When module terminals are hazardous voltage LIVE ($>42.4 V_{pk}/60 V$ DC), you must ensure that devices and circuits connected to the module are properly insulated from human contact. You must use the NI-9927 connector backshell kit with the NI-9474 with screw terminal and the NI-9981 connector backshell kit with the NI-9474 with spring terminal to ensure that the terminals are not accessible.

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI-9474 is suitable for use in hazardous locations; , and hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI-9474 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.

Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe and Internationally

The NI-9474 has been evaluated as equipment under DEMKO ATEX and is IECEx certified. Each NI-9474 is marked and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_a \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$. If you are using the NI-9474

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-9474 meets the following specifications.

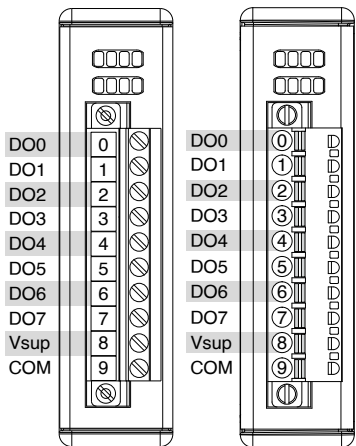
Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	-40 °C to 70 °C
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-78)	10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing
Pollution Degree	2
Maximum altitude	2,000 m

Indoor use only.



Note Refer to the device datasheet on ni.com/manuals for complete specifications.

NI 9474 Pinout



Note You must use 2-wire ferrules to create a secure connection when connecting more than one wire to a single terminal on the NI-9474 with screw terminal or NI-9474 with spring terminal.

Signal	Description
COM	Common reference connection to isolated ground
DO	Digital output signal connection
V _{sup}	Voltage supply connection

Table 1. NI-9474 Signal Descriptions

LED Pattern	Indication
Solid	The channel has been programmed to be in the ON state.
Off	The channel has been programmed to be in the OFF state.

Table 2. LED Indicators

Connecting Digital Devices

You can connect a variety of industrial devices, such as solenoids, motors, actuators, relays, and lamps to the NI-9474. You must connect an external power supply to the NI-9474. The power supply provides the current for the output channels.

Figure 1. Connecting an Industrial Device to the NI-9474



Caution Do not install or remove C Series modules from your system if any external power supplies connected to the V_{sup} and COM pins are powered on.



Attention Ne pas installer ou retirer les modules de la Série C de votre système si une alimentation externe connectée aux broches V_{sup} et COM est sous tension.

Ensure that the devices you connect to the NI-9474 are compatible with the output specifications of the NI-9474. Refer to the device datasheet at ni.com/manuals for output specifications.



Note When the industrial device is off, DO is not connected to COM. For large source impedances, you must use a pull-down resistor between DO and COM. Go to ni.com/r/cseriesdopulsegen for more information.

Increasing Current Drive

Each channel of the NI-9474 has a continuous output current of 1.0 A. If you want to increase the output current to a device, you can connect any number of channels together in parallel.

For example, if you want to drive 4 A of current, connect DO0 through DO3 in parallel, as shown in the following figure. You must turn all parallel channels on and off simultaneously so that the current on any single channel cannot exceed the 1.0 A rating.

Figure 2. Increasing the Current to a Device Connected to the NI-9474

High-Vibration Application Connections

If your application is subject to high vibration, NI recommends that you follow these guidelines to protect connections to the NI-9474:

- Use ferrules to terminate wires to the detachable connector.
- Use the NI-9927 backshell kit with the NI-9474 with screw terminal or the NI-9981 backshell kit with the NI-9474 with spring terminal.

I/O Protection

The NI-9474 provides short-circuit protection.

Each channel has circuitry that protects it from current surges resulting from short circuits over 14 A.



Note Refer to the device datasheet at ni.com/manuals for maximum continuous output current, short-circuit behavior, and short-circuit trip time specifications and information about conditions that may damage the module.



Note Refer to the IEC 61131-2 standard for more information about short-circuit-proof devices.



Note Because the NI-9474 includes internal flyback diodes, you do not need to add external diodes when connecting to switching devices that store energy.

Power Supplies and Overcurrent Conditions

If a short circuit occurs, the current through DO can exceed the current rating for the power supply and the maximum continuous output current for the NI-9474.

If the power supply you are using with the NI-9474 cannot supply more than 14 A, the module may be damaged if a short circuit condition occurs.

Detecting an Overcurrent Condition

If a device connected to the module is not working while the channel is on, the module channel may be in an overcurrent state. Neither the software nor the module LEDs indicate if an overcurrent condition occurs. A channel LED may be on even if the channel is off because of an overcurrent condition.

To determine if the channel is in an overcurrent state, measure the voltage between DO and Vsup. If the voltage is equal to the voltage of the external power supply connected to the module, the channel is in an overcurrent state.

Resetting Channels after an Overcurrent Condition

After you have determined and fixed the cause of an overcurrent condition, reset the channel by turning it off.

Alternatively, you can disconnect the external power supply from the chassis.

However, doing so disconnects power from all the module channels.

Normal operation can resume after you correct the overcurrent condition and reset the channel.

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.

Visit ni.com/register to register your NI product. Product registration facilitates technical support and ensures that you receive important information updates from NI.

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