NI-9381 Getting Started

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Before You Begin

Read the **NI-9381 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

Isolation	
Channel-to-channel	None
Channel-to-earth ground	None

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The NI-9381 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4 hazardous locations; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nA IIC T4 Gc and Ex nA IIC T4 Gc hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the NI-9381 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-9381 has been evaluated as Ex nA IIC T4 Gc equipment under DEMKO 12ATEX 1202658X and is IECEx UL 14.0089X certified. Each NI-9381 is marked ⟨Ex⟩ II 3G and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of -40 °C ≤ Ta ≤ 70 °C . If you are using the NI-9381 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

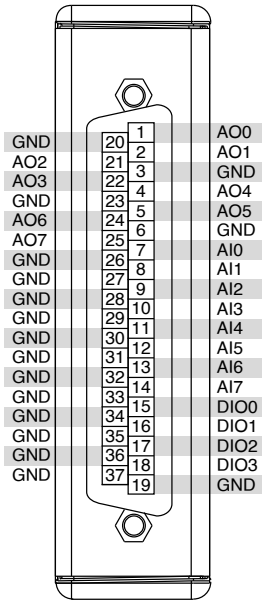
Ensure that the environment in which you are using the NI-9381 meets the following specifications.

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.

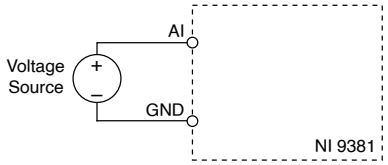
NI 9381 Pinout



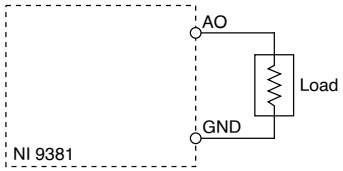
Signal	Description
AI	Analog input signal connection
AO	Analog output signal connection
DIO	Digital input/output signal connection
GND	Ground connection

Table 1. Signal Descriptions

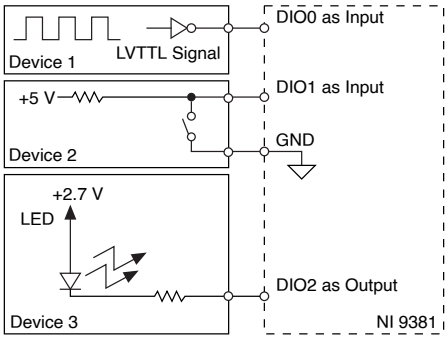
Single-Ended Connections



Analog Output Connections



Digital Input/Output Connections



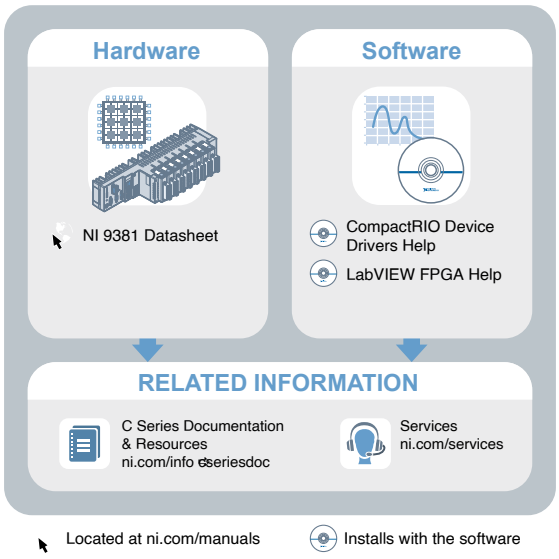
Timing Guidelines

When using the AI, AO, and DIO channels on the NI-9381 concurrently, follow these guidelines to ensure high accuracy.

- Use a single I/O Node to access AI and AO operations to ensure proper sequencing.
- Configure the line direction of the DIO channels before performing operations on other channels or stop all operations to change the line direction of a DIO channel.

Tip Refer to the **NI CompactRIO Device Drivers Help** on ni.com/manuals for more information about NI-9381 timing.

Where to Go Next



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