Load Cell/Strain Gauge/Pressure Transducer Transmitters, Cal. Resistor, Field Rangeable

APD 4059 CR

Input: 100 Ω to 10,000 Ω Bridges, 0.5 mV/V to 40 mV/V, 1-10 V Excitation
Output: 0-1 V to ±10 V or 0-2 mA to 4-20 mA (Sink or Source)

- Use Internal or External Calibration Resistor
- Sense Lead Compensation
- Easy to Cancel or Tare Out Deadweights
- Drive up to Four 350 Ω Bridges
- Non-Interactive Zero and Span
- One Minute Setup for Hundreds of I/O Ranges
- Removable Plugs for Faster Installation
- Full 3-Way Input/Output/Power Isolation
- Input and Output LoopTracker™ LEDs
- Adjustable Excitation Power Supply

Applications
- Load Cell Weighing Systems and Scales
- Strain Gauge Pressure Sensors and Transducers
- Tanks, Scales, Extruder Melt Pressure, Crane Loads
- Field configurable. Specify following if factory is to set switches
- Power
- API BP4 Spare removable 4 terminal plug, black

Strain Gauge Input Ranges
100 Ω to 10,000 Ω bridges at 10 V
Up to four 350 Ω bridges at 10 V
Minimum: 0 to 5 mV range 0.5 mV/V sensitivity
Maximum: 0 to 400 mV range 40 mV/V sensitivity
Millivolt output range is determined by the sensor sensitivity (mV/V) and the excitation voltage

Input Impedance
200 kΩ typical

Common Mode Rejection
100 dB minimum

Excitation Voltage
Switch selectable: 0-10 VDC in 1 V increments
Maximum output: 10 VDC maximum at 120 mA
Drive capability: Up to four 350 Ω bridges at 10 V
Fine adjustment: ±5% via multi-turn potentiometer
Stability: ±0.01% per °C

Calibration Resistor
Provisions for internal and external calibration resistor.
Test switch shunts calibration resistor across one arm of bridge. Specify value of internal calibration resistor, if required.

Sense Lead Compensation
Better than ±0.01% per 1 Ω change in leadwire resistance
Maximum leadwire resistance: 10 Ω with 350 Ω at 10 V

LoopTracker
Variable brightness LEDs for input/output loop level and status

DC Output Ranges
Voltage (10 mA max.): 0-1 VDC to 0-10 VDC
Bipolar voltage (±10 mA max.): ±5 VDC or ±10 VDC
Current: 0-20 mA DC to 0-20 mA DC
Compliance, drive at 20 mA: 20 V, 1000 Ω drive
Current output can be selectively wired for sink or source

Output Calibration
Multi-turn zero and span potentiometers
±15% of span adjustment range typical
Zero offset switch: ±100% of span in 15% increments

Output Ripple and Noise
Less than 10 mVrms ripple and noise

Linearity
Better than ±0.1% of span

Ambient Temperature Range and Stability
~10°C to +60°C operating ambient
Better than ±0.02% of span per °C stability

Response Time
70 milliseconds typical (14.2 Hz)
DF option: 10 millisecond response time typical (100 Hz)
Contact factory for custom response times

Isolation
1200 Vrms minimum
Full isolation: power to input, power to output, input to output

Applications Link
api-usa.com/apps

Housing and Connectors
IP 40, requires installation in panel or enclosure
For use in Pollution Degree 2 Environment
Mount vertically to a 35 mm DIN rail
Four 4-terminal removable connectors
14 AWG max wire size

Dimensions
8.98" W x 4.62" H x 4.81" D
22.5 mm W x 117 mm H x 122 mm D
Height includes connectors

Power
Standard: 85-265 VAC, 50/60 Hz or 60-300 VDC
D option: 9-30 VDC (either polarity) or 10-32 VAC
Power: 2 to 5 Watts depending on number of load cells

Description
The APD 4059 CR accepts an input from one to four strain gauges, bridge type sensors, load cells, or pressure transducers. It filters, amplifies, and converts the resulting millivolt signal into the selected DC voltage or current output that is linearly related to the input.
The full 3 way (input, output, power) isolation makes this module useful for ground loop elimination, common mode signal rejection or noise pickup reduction.
The adjustable excitation power supply generates a stable source of voltage to drive from one to four 350 Ω (or greater) devices. Sense lead circuitry is included to cancel the effects of leadwire resistance, if required.

Input, output, excitation and zero offset are field configurable, via external rotary and slide switches. Offsets up to ±100% of span can be used to cancel sensor offsets or non-zero deadweights (taring). Non-interactive zero and span simplifies calibration.
The APD 4059 CR can be specified with varying degrees of filtering to tailor the response time to the application. Consult factory for assistance.

Sink/Source Versatility
For maximum versatility the APD 4059 CR milliamp output can be selectively wired for sinking or sourcing. This allows connection to any type of mA input receiving device.

LoopTracker
API exclusive features include two LoopTracker LEDs (green for input, red for output) that vary in intensity with changes in the process input and output signals. These provide a quick visual picture of your process loop at all times and can greatly aid in saving time during initial startup and/or troubleshooting.

Calibration Resistor
The APD 4059 CR has provisions for an internal or external calibration resistor. The internal calibration resistor value can be specified at time of order, or the resistor can be customer installed or changed.

For load cells with their own internal calibration resistor, terminals are provided for wiring connections. The test switch is used to shunt the calibration resistor across one arm of bridge to simulate strain.

Model | Input | Output | Power
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APD 4059 CR | Field configurable. Specify following if factory is to set switches | Bridge mV/mV or mV range | 85-265 VAC or 60-300 VDC
APD 4059 CR D | Field configurable. Specify following if factory is to set switches | Bridge mV/mV or mV range | 9-30 VDC or 10-32 VAC

Options—add to end of model number
- DF 10 millisecond response time, or consult factory.
- DF option will cause output noise levels to be greater than standard specifications.
- Conformal coating for moisture resistance
Precautions

WARNING! All wiring must be performed by a qualified electrician or instrumentation engineer. See diagram for terminal designations and wiring examples. Consult factory for assistance.

WARNING! Avoid shock hazards! Turn signal input, output, and power off before connecting or disconnecting wiring, or removing or installing module.

Précautions

ATTENTION! Tout le câblage doit être effectué par un électricien ou ingénieur en instrumentation qualifié. Voir le diagramme pour désignations des bornes et des exemples de câblage. Consulter l’usine pour assistance.

ATTENTION! Éviter les risques de choc! Fermez le signal d’entrée, le signal de sortie et l’alimentation électrique avant de connecter ou de déconnecter le câblage, ou de retirer ou d’installer le module.

Internal Calibration Resistor

The APD 4059 CR has provisions for and internal shunt/calibration resistor. It can be ordered with the module or installed by the user. The resistor value should match what is specified by the transducer manufacturer.

The calibration resistor can be installed or changed in the field if required by following the procedure below.

1. Remove all power from the APD 4059 CR, unplug all connectors, and remove unit from DIN rail.
2. Using a small flat-blade screwdriver remove the front panel as shown below.
3. Note the locations of the seven tabs attaching the side cover.
4. Using a small flat-blade screwdriver gently pry the tab ends away from the housing. Start with the large tab at the rear of the unit, and work towards the front while gently pulling up on the side cover.
5. When all tabs are unlatched, remove the side cover.
6. To remove the calibration resistor (if one was installed), pull it out of its holder. The calibration resistor should have the leads cut and bent to fit the calibration resistor holder.
7. Align the side cover and snap into place making sure all seven tabs are engaged. Snap front cover back into place. Reinstall unit.

Internal Calibration Resistor

It is generally easier to select ranges before installing the module on the DIN rail. The tables list available settings for excitation voltages, ranges and offsets. Any custom range settings will be listed on the module’s serial number label.

Rotary switches and a slide switches on the side of the module are used to select input and output ranges to match your application.

Switch A: Excitation voltage
Switch B: Input range
Switch C: Input offset
Switch D: Output range
Switch E: Set to “V” for voltage output or “I” for current output

Determine how much output in millivolts the load cell will produce at full load. Multiply the manufacturer’s mV/V sensitivity specification by the applied excitation voltage.

For example, a load cell rated for 3 mV/V sensitivity using 10 VDC excitation will produce an output of 0 to 30 mA for load variations from 0 to 100%.

3 mV sensitivity x 10 VDC excitation = 30 mA range

Switch A Excitation Voltage

Refer to the sensor manufacturer’s recommendations to determine what excitation voltage to use.

Set Excitation rotary switch A to desired excitation voltage. After installation the Excitation fine adjust potentiometer may be used to precisely trim this voltage, if desired.

I/O Range Selection Switches B, D, E

1. From the table at the bottom of the page, find the rotary switch combination that matches your I/O ranges and set rotary switches B and D.
2. For taring, deadweight, zero offset, or a bipolar sensor refer to the “Offset Switch C” section below. Otherwise set switch C to zero.
3. Set switch E to “V” for voltage output or “I” for current output.
4. For ranges that fall between the listed ranges use the next highest setting and trim the output signal with the zero and span potentiometers as described in the Calibration section.

Using Offset Switch C

Offset switch C allows canceling or taring of non-zero deadweights or other sensor offsets such as:

- Compensate for tare weights or scale deadweight to get zero output when a load is on the platform.
- Compensate for low-output sensors (e.g., less than 1 mV/V) that may have large zero offsets. Switch C can realign the zero control so it has enough range to produce a zero output.
- Raising the offset to allow calibration of bipolar sensors such as ±10 mV.
- Lowering the offset to compensate for elevated input ranges such as 10-20 mV.

1. Switch C does not interact with any other switch and is the only switch needed to correct zero offsets. Its purpose is to adjust or cancel effects of the low end of the input range not corresponding nominally to 0 mV. Setting this switch to “0” results in no offset.
2. To RAISE the output zero, rotate switch C from “1” thru “7”, until the Zero control can be set for your application.
3. To LOWER the output zero, rotate switch C from “9” thru “F”, until the Zero control can be set for your application.
4. If switch positions are changed, repeat the calibration procedure on the last page.

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**Precautions, Calibration Resistor, Range Setup**

**APD 4059 CR**

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7. Align the side cover and snap into place making sure all seven tabs are engaged. Snap front cover back into place. Reinstall unit.

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Internal Calibration Resistor
The APD 4059 CR is available with a user-specified internal calibration resistor. The sensor manufacturer should provide the percentage of full-scale output for the transducer when using the internal resistor for calibration.

Load Cells with a Built-In Calibration Resistor
Refer to the load cell manufacturer’s specifications and the wiring diagram when connecting a transducer with its own internal calibration resistor.

The transducer’s calibration resistor wires are connected to terminals 5 and 11 on the APD 4059 CR. If the transducer only has one calibration resistor wire, connect it to terminal 5. No internal calibration resistor should be installed. See instructions on previous page for removal.

Signal Input Terminals
Refer to strain gauge manufacturer’s data sheet for wire color-coding and identification. Polarity must be observed when connecting inputs.

CAUTION: Do not miswire the load cell and never short the excitation leads together. This will cause internal damage to the module.

No Sense Leads
When no sense leads are used, jumper terminals 6 and 12.

With Sense Leads
Some bridges or load cells have one or two sense leads. Sense leads allow the APD 4059 CR to compensate for leadwire resistance effects. Connect the sense leads if used. Polarity must be observed.

Never jumper terminals 6 and 12 when using sense leads.

Output
Polarity must be observed when connecting the signal output. If your device accepts a current input, determine if it provides power to the current loop or if it must be powered by the APD module. Use a multi-meter to check for voltage at the device’s input terminals. Typical voltage may be 9-24 VDC.

Module Power
Check model/serial number label for module operating voltage to make sure it matches available power. Connect power last.

When using DC power, either polarity is acceptable, but for consistency with similar API products, positive (+) can be wired to terminal 5 and negative (-) can be wired to terminal 16. Connect I/O wiring before power wiring.

CAUTION: To maintain full isolation avoid wiring DC power supplies in common with output and unit power.

Shield wires should be grounded at one end only

Colors shown are an example only. See manufacturer’s specifications for wiring designations.

To maintain full isolation avoid combining power supplies in common with input, output, or unit power.

If your load cell has an internal calibration resistor, remove the calibration resistor inside the APD4059 CR

API maintains a constant effort to upgrade and improve its products. Specifications are subject to change without notice. See api-usa.com for latest product information. Consult factory for your specific requirements.

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including nickel, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

Mounting to a DIN Rail
Install module vertically on a 35 mm DIN rail in a protective enclosure away from heat sources. Do not block air flow. Allow 1” (25 mm) above and below housing vents for air circulation.

1. Tilt front of module downward and position against DIN rail.
2. Clip lower mount to bottom edge of DIN rail.
3. Push front of module upward until upper mount snaps into place.

Removal
1. Push up on the bottom back of the module.
2. Tilt front of module downward to release upper mount from top edge of DIN rail.
3. The module can now be removed from the DIN rail.

Output Wiring
Current sinking output switch E set to “I” External device provides power to output loop

Current sourcing output switch E set to “+”

Module powers mA output loop

Voltage output switch E set to “V”

No Sense Leads
M02 option for load cell with built-in cal. resistor. Connect to terminals 5 and 11

With Sense Leads
M02 option for load cell with built-in cal. resistor. Connect to terminals 5 and 11

Module Power

Cu 60/75°C conductors 14 AWG max.
Calibration, Operation, Diagnostics, Load Cell Information

**Basic Calibration**

The Zero, Span, and Excitation potentiometers are used to calibrate the output. This calibration procedure does not account for offsets or tare weights. If your system has an offset, tare weight or deadweight, refer to the Offset Switch procedure.

Note: Perform the following calibration procedure any time switch settings are changed.

To achieve optimum results, the system should be calibrated an exact bridge simulator, pressure calibrator, or calibration weights depending on the application.

1. Apply power to the module and allow a minimum 20 minute warm up time.
2. Using an accurate voltmeter across terminals 10 and 12, adjust the excitation voltage potentiometer on front of the APD 4059 CR for the exact voltage desired.
3. With the input set at zero or the minimum, adjust the front zero pot for a zero or low-end output (for example, 4 mA for a 2-20 mA output or –10 V with a ±10V output).
4. The zero pot may also be adjusted for a zero reading on the output display instrumentation, e.g. control system or process indicator. Adjusting the zero pot this way eliminates calibration errors in the display instrumentation.
5. Set the input at maximum, and then adjust the span pot for the exact maximum output desired. The span control should only be adjusted when the input signal is at its maximum.

**Calibration with a Calibration Resistor**

Use this calibration procedure if your APD 4059 CR was ordered with a calibration resistor. If you installed your own calibration resistor, or if your sensor has its own internal calibration resistor.

Note: Perform the following calibration procedure any time switch settings are changed.

If your sensor has an internal calibration resistor, no calibration resistor should be installed in the APD 4059 CR.

The sensor manufacturer should provide the percentage of full-scale output for the transducer when using a calibration resistor. This is often 80% of maximum output.

1. Apply power to the module and allow a minimum 20 minute warm up time.
2. Using an accurate voltmeter across terminals 10 and 12, adjust the excitation voltage potentiometer on front of the APD 4059 CR for the exact voltage desired.
3. With the input set at zero or the minimum, adjust the Zero pot for a zero or low-end output (for example, 4 mA for a 2-20 mA output or –10 V with a ±10V output).
4. The zero pot may also be adjusted for a zero reading on the output display instrumentation, e.g. control system or process indicator. Adjusting the zero pot this way eliminates calibration errors in the display instrumentation.
5. Set the APD 4059 CR Test toggle switch to the Test position. The calibration resistor is switched into the circuit to unbalance the bridge.
6. Adjust the span pot to the for the % output specified by the transducer manufacturer. This is often 80% of maximum output.
7. Return the Test switch to the opposite position and readjust the zero pot if necessary.

**Diagnostic Voltage Measurements**

Using a meter with at least 10 megohm input impedance, measure the voltage coming from the strain gauge at the locations shown. Sensitivity is measured in mV.

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**Typical Wiring Color Codes for Load Cells**

Always consult manufacturer. Exceptions and or custom wire colors exist!

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**Operation**

Strain gauges and load cells are normally passive devices that are commonly referred to as “bridges” due to their four-resistor Wheatstone bridge configuration. These sensors require a precise excitation source to produce an output that is directly proportional to the load, pressure, etc. that is applied to the sensor.

The exact output of the sensor (measured in millivolts) is determined by the sensitivity of the sensor (mV/V) and the excitation voltage applied.

An additional input, the sense lead, monitors the voltage drop in the sensor leads and automatically compensates the excitation voltage at the module in order to maintain a constant excitation voltage at the sensor.

The APD 4059 CR provides the excitation voltage to the sensor and receives the resulting millivolt signal in return. This input signal is filtered and amplified, then offset, if required, and passed to the output stage. Depending on the output configuration selected, a DC voltage or current output is generated.

**GREEN LoopTracker® Input LED**

Provides a visual indication that a signal is being sensed by the input circuitry of the module. It also indicates the input signal level by changing in intensity as the process changes from minimum to maximum. If the LED fails to illuminate, or fails to change in intensity as the process changes, this may indicate a problem with module power or signal input wiring.

**RED LoopTracker Output LED**

Provides a visual indication that the output signal is functioning. It becomes brighter as the input and the corresponding output change from minimum to maximum. For current outputs, the RED LED will only light if the output loop current path is complete. For either current or voltage outputs, failure to illuminate or a failure to change in intensity as the process changes may indicate a problem with the module power or signal output wiring.